



Mettawee Messenger

January 12, 2023 Principal: Brooke DeBonis 645-9009

Principal's Corner:

Pokemon Cards

It has been brought to my attention that the Pokemon cards are becoming an issue in school and on the bus. We know that students are excited to talk about their Pokemon cards with their peers. We want to allow students this opportunity to talk about their cards since this brings them joy, but we are concerned that students are now trading the cards with each other. This becomes a huge problem since the cards are worth different amounts of money. In addition, students get upset with the trading decisions and would like to trade back the cards. The teachers, staff, and bus drivers are hearing conflicts with the Pokemon cards. I want to set clear expectations that we will not allow any trading of the Pokemon cards and they cannot be out on the bus. Students can discuss the cards at appropriate times during the school day. I am hoping that we can continue to allow Pokemon cards in school as long as there is no trading between the students. Thank you for your cooperation.



Parent Interviews

I am hoping to interview parents as part of a course from University of Washington's Center for Educational Leadership that I am taking with other leaders across the BRSU. I have written a letter that is included in this week's messenger to explain further. Please let me know if you are open to

having me interview you for 15-20 minutes so I can learn more about your child's experience at Mettawee.

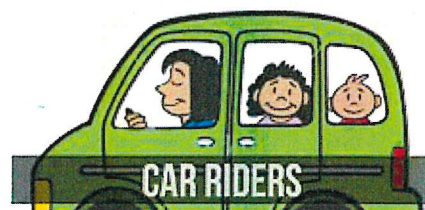
THANK
YOU!

Bromley and Merck Field and Forest start tomorrow!

(Please be aware that the weather looks rainy for tomorrow and Bromley could cancel. Being prepared with a back up plan would be helpful.)

JISP PICK UP

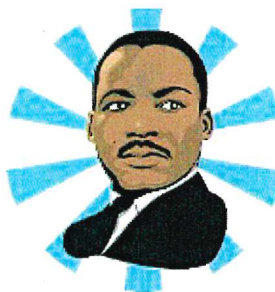
If you have a student participating in Bromley or Riley Rink JISP you can park



your car in the parking lot, walk to the cross walk, and we will call your child out to meet you. Regular pickups can be in the pick up lane and we will call your children out as usual.

Please be patient as dismissing 116 students to multiple programs does create 5-10 minutes of controlled chaos as you can imagine, especially with all the gear involved!

Thank you so much to India Farmer for coordinating rides for skiers and boarders and for the parents who have volunteered to drive. We couldn't do this without you.



NO SCHOOL ON
MONDAY, JANUARY
16TH IN HONOR OF
MARTIN LUTHER KING
JR.



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2022-2023 Yearbook

We are starting to pull together this year's yearbook and need your help! If you have any pictures of sporting events, field trips, JISP, or special events please send them to mettaweeyearbook@gmail.com for consideration for the yearbook. Thank you so much for your help!



JISP CALENDAR

- **Riley Rink: 1:00-3:00**

January 6th, January 13th, January 20th,
January 27th

February 3rd, February 10th, February 17th
March 3rd

- **Bromley Mountain: 1:00-3:00**

January 13th, January 20th, January 27th
February 3rd, February 10th, February 17th
March 3rd, March 10th

- **Merck Field & Forest at Mettawee:
11:40-3:00**

January, 13th, 20th, 27th
February 3rd, February 10th
March 3rd, March 10th



January 13th - Bromley JISP begins

January 13th - Merck Field & Forest begins

January 16th - No School - Martin Luther King Jr Day

February 16th - Evening Conferences

February 17th - Parent Conferences - No School

February 13th - 17th - Scholastic Book Fair

February 20th-24th - February Break

Winter Clothing

Please be sure your child comes to school prepared to spend time outside. They should have snow pants, a jacket, a hat, mittens or gloves, and boots. If you need help with any of these items please be sure to reach out to the school. We go outside for recess, walks, fresh air, and learning every day unless the weather does not permit it.





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ILLNESS REMINDER

As we kick off the 2023 portion of our school year we wanted to remind you that hand washing and staying home when you are not feeling well are the best ways to reduce the amount of germs in our building and keep everyone healthy and ready for their best learning.

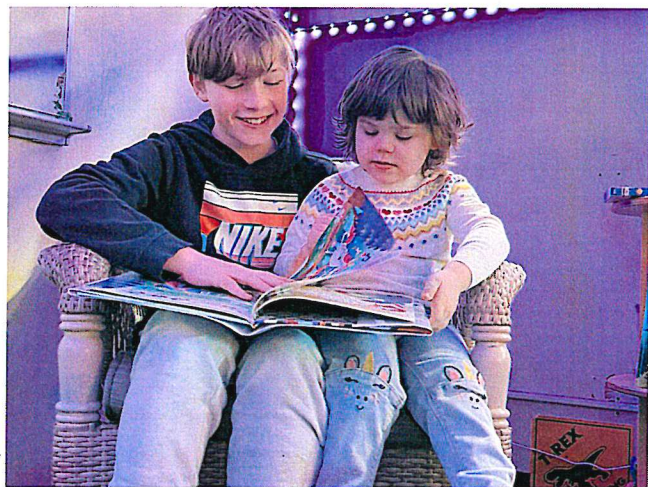
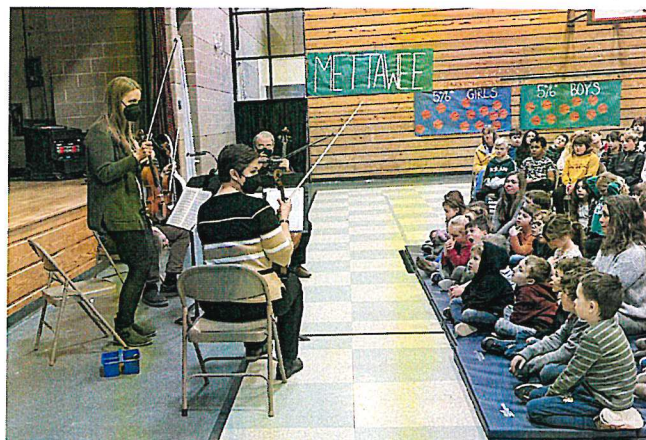


If you keep your child home due to illness, or for any other reason, please call the school at 802-645-9009 so that we know where your child is and that they are safe.

If you send your child to school sick, or they become sick during the school day, we will call home and ask that they be picked up.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Thank you Taconic Music for sharing your music with our students on this snowy morning.



When a 4 year old climbs in your lap with a unicorn book, you read it.



Happy Early Release Day!
Thank you for your flexibility and be safe.



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Basketball Business

Kindergarten practice schedule:

Wednesdays from 2:30-3:30

First practice - January 11th

Last practice - February 15th

1st and 2nd Grade practice schedule:

Tuesdays from 2:30-3:30

First practice - January 10th

Last practice - February 14th

3rd and 4th Grade practice schedule:

Monday, January 23rd - 2:30-3:45

Monday, January 30th - 2:30-3:45

Monday, February 6th - 2:30-3:45

Monday, February 13th - 2:30-3:45

Tuesday, February 14th - 3:30-4:45

5th and 6th Grade Girls practice schedule:

Monday and Wednesday - 4:00-5:30

5th and 6th Grade Boys practice schedule:

Monday and Wednesday - 5:30-7:00

Game Schedules:

3/4 Boys and Girls

January 17th - Home vs.

Manchester Rec. boys at 4:30

January 24th - Home vs. Poultney girls at 4:30

February 7th - Away vs. Poultney boys at 4:30



5/6 Girls

January 9th - Home vs. Castleton/Orwell at 5:00

January 11th - Home vs. Poultney at 5:00

January 18th - Away vs. Manch. Rec. (MEMS) at 6:00

January 23rd - Away vs. Fair Haven/Benson at
Castleton Elementary (Rte 30) at 4:30

January 30th - Home vs. Wells at 4:30

February 1st - Home vs. Fair Haven/Benson at 5:00

February 6th - Away vs. Middletown Springs at 4:30

February 8th - Away vs. Poultney at 5:30

February 13th - Home vs. Manchester Rec. at 5:00

February 15th - Away vs. Castleton/Orwell at
Castleton Elementary (Rte 30) at 4:30

March 11-March 17th - Ed. Glodzik Tournament -
W. Rutland - TBD

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1/12/23

Dear Mettawee Community Families,

The Bennington/Rutland Supervisory Union school leaders are taking a course through the University of Washington's Center for Educational Leadership. As part of our professional learning, we have been meeting with students in small groups to hear their stories about their experiences in school. Our next step as part of this process is to interview parents/guardians as well.

The type of interview questions we are asking are:

1. For your child(ren), what was one of their best days at school?
2. What are some examples of things (events, people, times of day, etc.) at school that help them feel happy or proud?
3. What is an example of a day at school that didn't go so well for your child(ren)?
4. What are some suggestions for improving your child's overall school experience?

I would be very grateful if you would allow me to interview you. This could be done by phone, remotely, or in person. The interview would take approximately 15-20 minutes. If you are able to fit this into your busy family schedule, please let me know what times of day are best for you by calling (802)-645-9009, or by sending an email to bdebonis@brsu.org. I look forward to working with you!

Sincerely,

Brooke DeBonis

Principal

Dear Parent/Guardian,
Happy Winter from Come Alive Outside! Your child brought home the CAO winter passport. Please take time to look through this activity booklet. Here is a link to the fun introduction video - <https://bit.ly/passvidwinter23>. If your child happens to lose their copy you will find digital and print and fold versions at - <https://comealiveoutside.com/passports/>. Register your passport and we will send your child a CAO sticker and you will receive our newsletter with additional experiences to try. If your child earns 30 points you can visit any of the four prize centers around the county to claim a prize. Complete the online end survey by April 14th and your child will be entered in the grand prize drawings. Have fun exploring the local parks and your community this winter!

Myra, CAO Program Director



YOUTH GUITAR WORKSHOP

AFTER SCHOOL AT PAWLET LIBRARY

8-week series:

Wednesdays, 3:30-4:30 PM

Ages 8-12

Starts February 1, 2023

Don't have a guitar? No problem!
There are 5 guitars available for
students to take home while
registered for this free program.



**ON
TONE**
Music

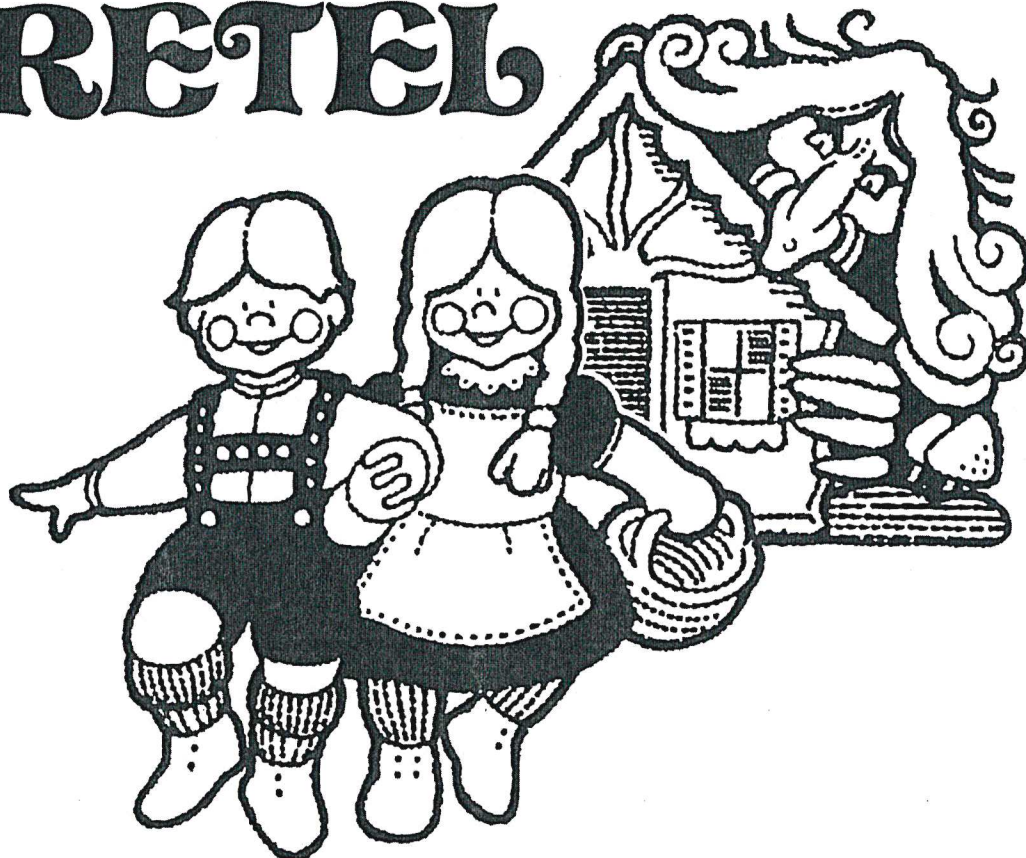
Carl Diethelm from On Tone Music will be helping students get started and advance in guitar practice in a small group setting.

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED

For more information, visit
www.pawletpubliclibrary.com or call
802-325-3123



HANSEL and GRETEL



Conceived and Written by
Jim Caron

MISSOULA
CHILDREN'S
THEATRE

Music and Lyrics by
Michael McGill

A PRODUCTION OF MCT, INC.

**Saturday January 21, 2023 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. at
the Dorset Playhouse**

**Buy Tickets online at www.dorsetplayers.org
Or call 802-867-5570 or 802-867-5777**

**Presented by Sheila Childs
Sponsored by Bank of Bennington**

PRESS RELEASE

Missoula Children's Theatre holds auditions for Hansel and Gretel at the Dorset Playhouse

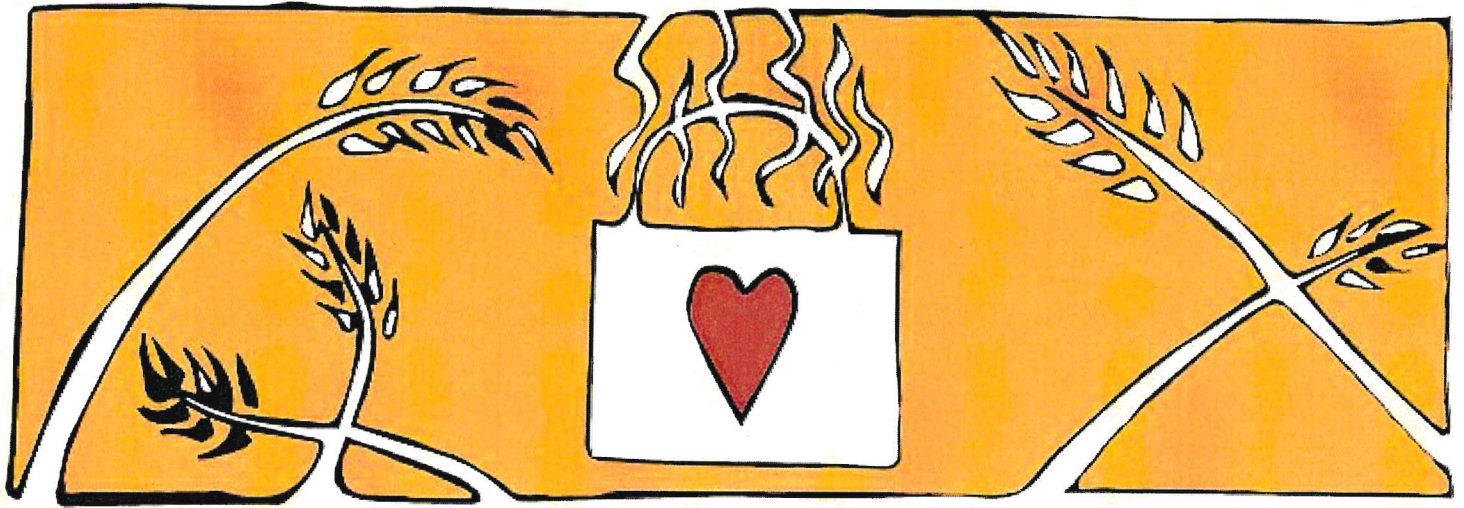
The Dorset Players will be holding auditions for the Missoula Children's Theatre production of Hansel and Gretel on January 16 at 4:00, at the Dorset Playhouse, 104 Cheney Rd., Dorset VT.

Those auditioning should arrive at 4:00 and plan to stay for the full two hours. Some of the cast members will be asked to stay for a rehearsal immediately following the auditions.

Among the roles to be cast are those intrepid adventurers — Hansel and Gretel, their Granny, the Wildwood Witch and her loyal servants, the crafty cooks, modern day campers — somehow lost in time in the wood, lots of Rascals, denizens of the deep and a flock of cuddly Wallybirds. Students ages kindergarten through eighth grade are encouraged to audition. No advance preparation is necessary. Assistant Directors will also be cast to aid in rehearsals throughout the week and to take on essential backstage responsibilities.

The Missoula Children's Theatre touring productions are complete with costumes, scenery, props and makeup. The MCT Tour Actor/Directors will conduct rehearsals throughout the week from January 16 - January 20 each day.

HANSEL and GRETTEL will be presented on January 21 at the Dorset Playhouse, 104 Cheney Rd., Dorset, VT at 2:00 and 7:00. This production is sponsored by Sheila Childs and The Bank of Bennington.



EVERYONE EATS !

FREE RESTAURANT-PREPARED MEALS

for those who have been negatively impacted by COVID-19 or who are experiencing food insecurity

Wednesdays

@ COMMUNITY FOOD CUPBOARD

Pick up meals 2 - 4 PM

40 Jeff Williams Way, Manchester Center

Meals provided by The Works Café & Moonwink

Thursdays

@ COMMUNITY FOOD CUPBOARD

Pick up meals 10 AM - 12 PM & 2 - 4 PM

40 Jeff Williams Way, Manchester Center

Meals provided by Sam's Wood Fired Pizza,
Cold Cow Creamery & New Morning Natural Foods

ADDITIONAL FOOD RESOURCES:

For Everyone Eats
meal delivery in
Bennington, contact:
Becky Arbella, Shires
Housing
(802) 442-8139 x3



Visit:
bit.ly/benn-food



For updates and schedule changes, visit: www.facebook.com/everyoneeatstheshires



New Local School Competition!

*Who will win the trophy for total
fundraising and on & off-snow points?*

STRATTON.com/24



**STRATTON
COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION**

EVERY CHILD DESERVES
A STRONG FOUNDATION

This is a great way
for your school to
join together as a
team to ski and
snowboard for an
epic amount of time
and support your
peers and local
community.

The Stratton
Community
Foundation cares
about the youth and
families of southern
Vermont.



MARCH 18-19, 2023

"SNOW MUCH OF A GOOD THING!"

Your **ONLY** chance to ski Stratton at night

The 24H bib is your two-day access to lifts
All Day Saturday, Saturday Night, All Day Sunday

Team Costume Contest

Outdoor Dance Party

Team Trivia at Grizzly's

Downhill Ski & Snowboard Race

Ski boot & snowboard boot race

Uphill Snowshoe or Skinning

Free Tubing

Scavenger Hunt

Rest between runs through the night in the base lodge

24H bib draw for prizes

Fireworks, Food, Outdoor DJ, Giveaways

- Start or join a team of 1-15 members
- Each member of your team must register
- Sign up for \$0 and agree to fundraising minimum pp
- Local students must raise \$200 minimum pp
- Non-Student must raise \$300 minimum pp
- Kids 11 and younger can register and participate with no fundraising requirement but sure would be cool if they did!

**Attention students attending a school within the
footprint of the Stratton Community Foundation:**

Register using your school email address and code:
LOCALVT2023 and we will decrease your fundraising
requirement to \$200 – but you can always raise more!

**JOIN US ON SUNDAY MORNING FOR ATHLETE APPRECIATION
BREAKFAST AND CHARITY PRESENTATION AT GRIZZLY'S**

Questions Call (802) 297-2096 or email
info@strattonfoundation.org

The Stratton Community serves: Arlington, Danby, Dorset, Jamaica, Landgrove, Londonderry, Manchester, Newfane-
Newbrook, Peru, South Londonderry, Stratton, Sunderland, Townshend, Wardsboro, Weston, Windham and Winhall.



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TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS

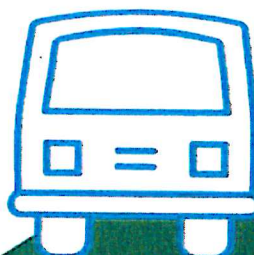
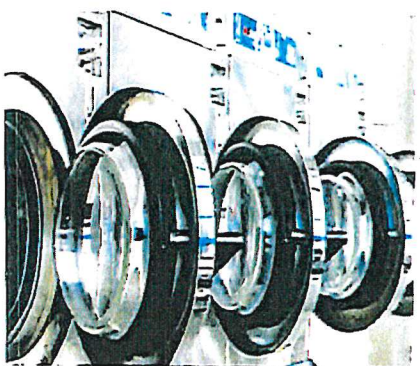
10 AM - 2 PM

BEGINNING OCTOBER 11, 2022

This is a new, **FREE** service, open to
ALL in the Bennington community!

Transportation will be provided
to and from local grocery stores
and/or laundry mats.

This service is made possible
with grant funding awarded
to Sunrise, through the VT
Department of Health.
Questions? Call today!



Call
Green Mountain
1 day ahead,
to schedule
your trip!
802-447-0477