



# Mettawee Messenger

April 13, 2023 Principal: Brooke DeBonis 645-9009

## Principal's Corner:

### End of the Year Dates



It is hard to believe that you will be receiving our end of the year dates in Big Blue this week. We wanted to be sure you marked these dates on your calendar early so you will not miss out on the fun. Let's hope warm spring days are in our future!

\*Disclaimer: We have not heard back from the Agency of Education about our request to not make up our last snow day. If they decline our request, our last day will be Tuesday, June 20 with a 12:30 dismissal. (Monday, June 19th is a Federal Holiday and there would be no school)

Important Dates for the End of the 2023 School Year	
Kindergarten Screening	Friday, May 5th
5th Grade Field Trip: Fort Ticonderoga	May 16th - All Day
Memorial Day Ceremony	Thursday, May 25th @ 8:30
Spring Concert (K-6)	Thursday, May 25 @ 6:30
Memorial Day-No School	May 29th
6th Grade Class Trip	June 8th and 9th
Last Day of Mettawee After School Program	Friday, June 9th
Books & Beyond	June 15th @ 1:30
Field Day	June 16th @ 12:00
Last Day of School- Preschool	Wednesday, June 14th
End of Year BBQ	June 15th @ 11:30
6th Grade Graduation	June 15th @ 8:30
Last Day of School- K-6	Friday, June 16th @ 12:30
Guns on the Run Ceremony	Friday, June 16th @ 6:00



## Spring Break

I hope all of you have a fantastic spring break. We hope all of our students get outside and enjoy the fresh air. I challenged all of our students to do one physical activity each day over break.



## Spring Break Activities

There are all sorts of fliers for Spring Break activities in the area if you are sticking around and looking for something to do!



## Garden Plot Help Needed

Looking for soil/compost/composted manure.



Janna Webb and Amanda Bickford are partnering with our students to build a community perennial tea garden at Mettawee. Please stop by

the library to see all of our plants started by kindergarten. Students in all grades have had the opportunity to try tea and learn more about the natural world around our school throughout the school year. And soon, will be able to harvest their own tea, right at school.

Mrs. Webb and Mrs. Bickford are seeking a few yards of high-quality soil to start a garden at the school.

Please call the school or email [abickford@brsu.org](mailto:abickford@brsu.org) if you can help.

## Team Up Together Tiger Performance

We are excited to invite the Tiger Theatre group from Plymouth State University to our school on April 26th during our All School Meeting time.

The program focuses on  
TOGETHERNESS, INSPIRATION, GIVING TO OTHERS,  
EMPATHY, and RESPECT.





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## Vermont 802 Smiles Comes to MCS

Following your Messenger you will find a letter from our dental hygienist, Amy Maier! She will be providing free dental screenings, free fluoride application, and basic instruction on brushing and flossing. It's not too late to sign up. Learn more about Amy and this program in her letter or you can email our school nurse, Mrs. Mayer, with any questions. It's not too late to sign up!



## Let's Light Up The Night Spring Dance

April 28th 6:00-8:00

\$1 per person or \$5 per family max  
We are asking for non perishable food donations for the food cupboard.

There is more information following your Messenger.

Please sign up to help if you can.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050544ACA82FA1FC1-spring>



## Basketball and Soccer Uniforms

If you have a soccer or basketball uniform at home, please return it to Mrs. Webb as soon as possible. Thank you!



## Mettawee Kindergarten Registration

Friday, May 5th!

If you have a child who will be 5 years old by September 1, 2023, and you live in the Mettawee School District, we would love to see you. Call the school at 645-9009 or email Cheryl Chalmers at [cchalmers@brsu.org](mailto:cchalmers@brsu.org) for more information or to schedule an appointment. If you currently have a registered preschool student who will be age eligible for kindergarten next year you will also need to make an appointment for kindergarten registration.



## - It's that time of year - Summer Camp Flier Season!

There will be a separate email following your Big Blue Messenger email on Thursdays that is specifically for Summer Camps that happen in our general area. Each week the latest fliers for summer camps and activities will be added to the front of the pile. Be aware, these are only the fliers that organizations send to us. There are likely many more opportunities out there if you look around.







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If you have any reason to communicate with the school via email about absences or dismissal plans please be sure to

include at least three people:

Mrs. Chalmers - [cchalmers@brsu.org](mailto:cchalmers@brsu.org)

Mrs. Hammell - [hhammell@brsu.org](mailto:hhammell@brsu.org) and your child's classroom teacher. This way if anyone is absent we can be sure that the information gets to the appropriate people.

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It's a bluebird day at Mettawee



April 17th - 21st - Spring Break

April 26th - Tiger Program 1:50

April 28th - Spring Dance 6:00-8:00

May 5th - Kindergarten Registration

May 5th - NO Kindergarten Classes

May 25th - Memorial Day Ceremony

May 25th - Spring Concert 6:30

May 29th - Memorial Day - No School

June 9th - Last day of After School Program

June 13th - Books & Beyond Ceremony 1:00

June 14th - Field Day 12:00

June 14th - Last day of Preschool

June 15th - End of Year BBQ 11:30

June 15th - 6th Grade Graduation 6:30

June 16th - Last day of school (hopefully)

June 16th - 12:30 Dismissal

June 16th - GOTR / Heart and Sole Ceremony 6:00

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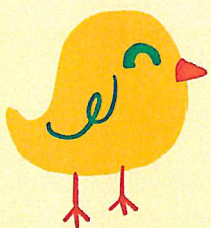
# METTAWEE KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION!

Friday,  
May 5th



**ALL METTAWEE SCHOOL DISTRICT FAMILIES WHO  
HAVE A CHILD THAT WILL BE 5 YEARS OLD BY  
SEPTEMBER 1, 2023 ARE ELIGIBLE FOR  
KINDERGARTEN. PLEASE ATTEND REGISTRATION  
DAY ON FRIDAY, MAY 5TH. CALL OR EMAIL THE  
SCHOOL FOR AN APPOINTMENT. IF YOUR CHILD IS  
AN AGE ELIGIBLE PRE-SCHOOL STUDENT, YOU WILL  
ALSO NEED TO CALL FOR AN APPOINTMENT.**

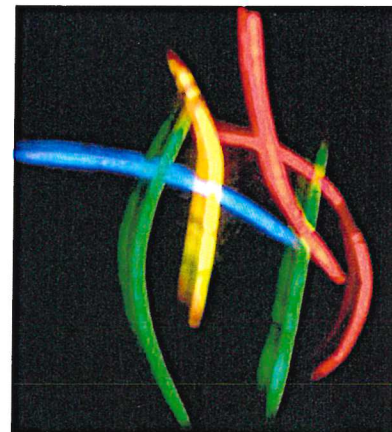
For more info, contact:  
Mrs. Chalmers  
802-645-9009  
[cchalmers@brsu.org](mailto:cchalmers@brsu.org)







# LET'S DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY AT THE SPRING DANCE



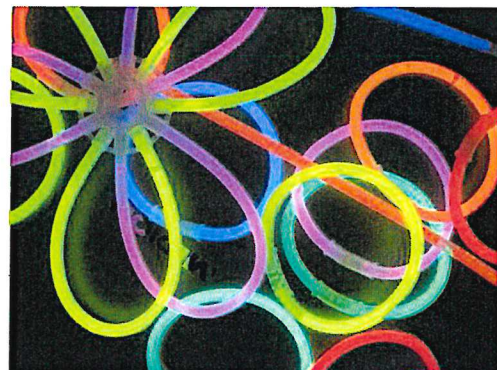
FRIDAY, APRIL 28TH FROM 6-8PM

GRADES K-6! K-3 MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT

\$1 ADMISSION/\$5 PER FAMILY.



PLEASE BRING A  
NON-  
PERISHABLE  
ITEM FOR THE  
FOOD PANTRY.



Volunteers needed- Reserve your spot on the signup genius

## MEET AMY - SCHOOL DENTAL HYGIENIST

Hello Parents!

Please allow me to introduce myself. My name is Amy Maier and I am a registered dental hygienist. I am so excited to be part of the *Mettawee Community School Dental Health Program* sponsored by the Stratton Community Foundation.

**I am here to help serve your child's dental needs and concerns.**

I have helped hundreds of local children achieve their **best healthy smiles!**

I absolutely love dentistry (practicing for 22 years).

In the schools, I partner with the **Vermont 802 Smiles Program** and am able to offer your child:

- ☒ Free screenings (a quick look to see the health of your child's mouth)
- ☒ Free fluoride application (safe up to 4-times per year)
- ☒ Basic instructions on brushing and flossing

I make every screening visit so incredibly fun, and even if your child currently sees a dentist - they can still see me!

**SIGN UP TODAY:** It's not too late to get your child registered to meet with me during the school day. If you haven't had a chance to return the consent form or need a new form, please call the school. I will be available at your school on select Thursdays and Fridays. I can provide help in finding a dental home for your child too!

Warmly,

Amy Maier, Registered Dental Hygienist

**"Amy Maier has been a welcome addition to the health office at Fisher Elementary School. Her kind and gentle way of treating the children really put them at ease!" - Laurie Distasio, School Nurse in Arlington**

**VISIT VERMONT802 SMILES WEBSITE:** <https://www.healthvermont.gov/wellness/oral-health/vermont-802-smiles-network>

Be on the lookout for more information about free dental sealants to prevent tooth decay and gum disease for your child at the beginning of the 2023-24 school year!



## 2023 Kids Summer Lunch Program

Beginning on **June 22rd**, a **10 week** special summer lunch supplement will be available to elementary and high school students in the towns of Danby, Pawlet, Rupert, Manchester, and Dorset. **Children ages 5-up are eligible.**

Bags of "lunch box" type ingredients will be distributed at the Manchester Fire House on Thursday 11- 4 pm for Manchester and Dorset residents. Danby residents will pick up at the Masonic Building 12-2 pm. Pawlet/Rupert residents pick up at the Mettawee School 12-1 pm. Every **Thursday** a bag of lunch food and snack items will be available to applicants. Bags will contain fresh fruits, a milk and dozen egg coupon for Stewart's, sandwich materials, soup and other snacks to assist with healthy summer lunches. **Please let us know if you need a substitution for peanut butter. Also, if you will be away, and not planning on picking up, please indicate on this form or let is know a week before your scheduled time away.**

If you would like your child/children to receive this supplement please fill out this form. **Your must return this form by May 15th. Complete area below, take a photo of completed form and text to me at 802-318-8962 or email to [famallen4@comcast.net](mailto:famallen4@comcast.net). Application can be mailed to me at 292 Eagle Ridge, Dorset VT 05251 If you have any questions, please contact me at [famallen4@comcast.net](mailto:famallen4@comcast.net).**

NAME	AGE	GRADE COMPLETED	SCHOOL ATTENDED
1			
2			
3			
4			
5			

I will pick up my child's/children's lunch **each Thursday** (or have someone else pick up) during the summer at the **Circle ONE:** Manchester Fire House; Danby, Masonic Building Mettawee School  
If transportation an issue for you please let us know.

PARENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHYSICAL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_





# **JOIN GRANVILLE SOCCER!**

**Granville JR/SR High Modified (7th and 8th Grade)**

**and**

**Granville Varsity (9th - 12th grade)**

No experience required.

Cleats provided, if needed.

Soccer parents willing to car pool.

Amazing soccer coach wanted.

(Coaches, we will help you get NYS certified)

May 31st, 2023 Deadline.

Be part of a 3-year vision to become a competitive team.

**Join the Granville Pride Facebook Group for details.**

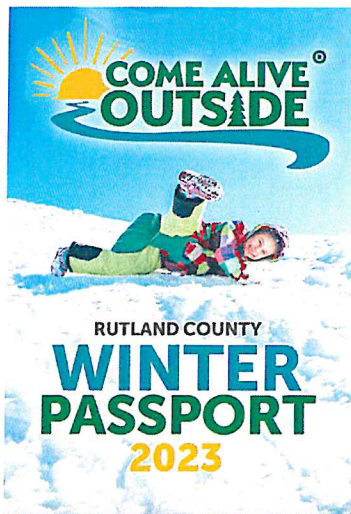
<https://facebook.com/groups/GranvillePrideNY>

**No FB? Go here-> <https://tinyurl.com/granvillesoccer>**

# WIN THIS PADDLE BOARD!

## Grand Prize Drawing April 17th

- 1 Complete 30 points of activities in the CAO passport
- 2 Ask your parent/guardian to fill out the survey to be entered in the drawing



Need a passport? Pick one up at: Rutland Library, Phoenix Books, Wild Kind Toys, Rutland Rec or on the Come Alive Outside website.

More information at [comealiveoutside.com/passports/](https://comealiveoutside.com/passports/)



# MAKE YOUR OWN STUDIO SHOW!

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APRIL SPRING BREAK CAMP AT GNAT-TV

YOU CAN MAKE YOUR OWN  
TV SHOW! JOIN GNAT-TV FOR  
AN IMAGINATIVE WEEK OF  
LEARNING HOW TO PRODUCE  
YOUR OWN SHOW!

April 17th-21st | 9 AM - 3 PM

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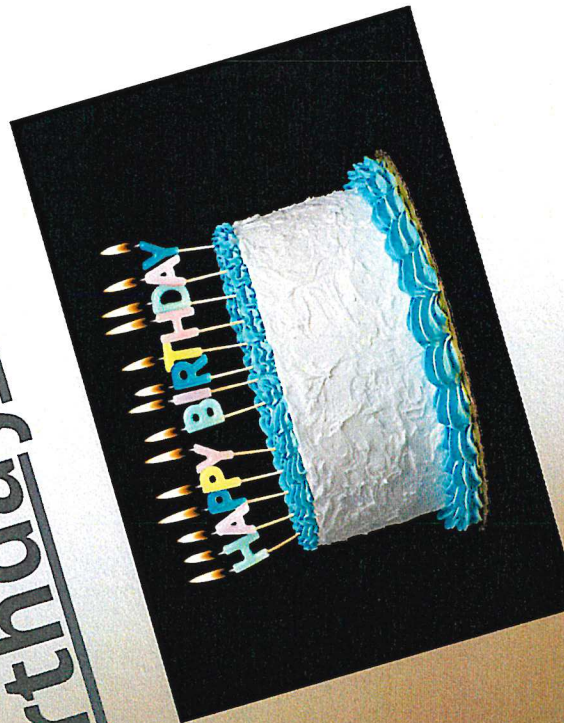
 **gnat.tv**



Monday, April 24th  
3 - 5:30 pm

# Bard's Birthday Bash

THE COMPLETE WORKS OF  
WILLIAM  
SHAKESPEARE





# POETRY

## Favorite Poem Project

SHARE YOUR FAVORITE POEM (WRITTEN BY YOU OR SOMEONE ELSE)

AT THE MANCHESTER COMMUNITY LIBRARY

ON FRIDAY, APRIL 28TH AT 5PM

IN THE HUNTER COMMUNITY ROOM





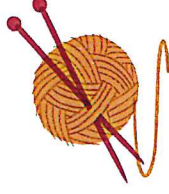
Wunderle's  
Big Top  
Workshop



Music



Trish Weill's  
Fiber Arts  
workshop



# SPRING SPECTACULAR FAMILY FUN DAY

Saturday, May 6th  
10:00am - 4:00pm

FOOD!!!

THE  
MANCHESTER COMMUNITY  
LIBRARY



# CINCO DE MAYO

**FRIDAY,  
MAY 5TH  
5:00 -  
7:00PM**

**BEER TASTING  
CHIPS AND DIPS  
MUSIC**



THE MANCHESTER COMMUNITY  
**LIBRARY**

 **LEVEL 3**  
BREWING  
— COMPANY —

 Invisible Mountain  
Brewing

THE  
**AVOCADO**  
PIT