



# Mettawee Messenger

June 1, 2023 Principal: Brooke DeBonis 645-9009

## Principal's Corner:

### Introduction of New Staff

#### **5/6 Grade Co-Teacher - Sarah Dunbar**

We would like to welcome Sarah Dunbar to the Mettawee Community School as a 5/6 co-teacher for this coming school year. Sarah received her bachelor's degree at Castleton University. She taught previously at Springfield School District as a 3rd and 5th grade teacher. Sarah is a team player, has a lot of knowledge to share, and is eager to work in our school.

Miss Dunbar will be working with Mandy Thomas and Heather McGann. She will plan, teach, and assess the 5th and 6th graders. We plan to have Sarah teach all content areas in 5th and 6th grade. Our plan is that the students will be divided into small groups so Mandy and Sarah will teach the 5th grade math at the same time and then Sarah and Heather will teach math at the same time. We are looking forward to the collaboration between Sarah and our 5th and 6th grade team.

#### **Special Education Teacher - Annie Myott**

We are delighted to welcome Annie Myott back to Mettawee. Annie was a 4th grade teacher for the 2021-2022 school year. Annie received her bachelor's degree at St. Michael's College. She previously taught at the Wells Village School, Manchester Elementary/Middle School, and here at Mettawee. Annie will be working with students in K-6th grade as a special education teacher. She knows our staff and many of our students and is eager to be back here for this coming school year!

#### **Reading Specialist - Phoebe McChesney**

In the Fall, Phoebe McChesney will begin a new professional chapter as our part time reading specialist supporting our students in grades K-6.

### Parent Climate Survey Reminder



As we approach our last few weeks of school, we would like to hear about your

experience with the school this year. We have determined that the most efficient way to gather your feedback is through a survey designed to be completed by families.

The "School Climate Survey: Family" obtains parent perceptions of school climate within the following five subscales: teaching and learning, school safety, interpersonal relationships, institutional environment, and parent involvement. This 21-item survey uses a 4-point rating scale (from Strongly Disagree to Strongly Agree). Parents, caregivers, or guardians of enrolled students can complete the survey without training via this [Google Form](#).

The time to complete the survey is approximately 10-15 minutes. **The survey will be open from Tuesday, May 30th through Friday, June 9th.**

Your responses are valued and will be helpful in improving student relationships, learning conditions, and the overall school environment.





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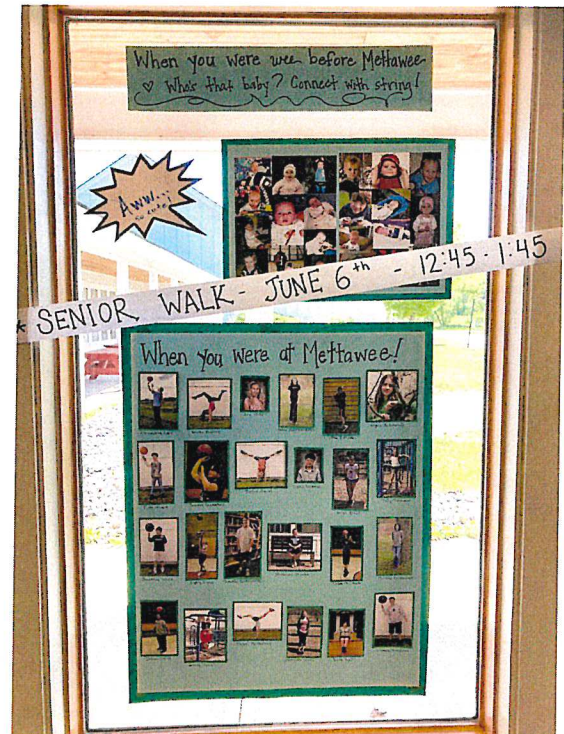
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## Spring Concert

*Our spring concert made the front page of the digital Manchester Journal. Thank you Ms. Hoyt for once again filling our halls with the sound of music. Thank you to our parents for supporting your musicians and thank you to our students for working so hard to prepare for the concert.*

*The link to the article is below.*

[Manchester Journal Spring Concert Article](#)



## Senior Walk 2023

On June 6th, the 2017 Mettawee Community School 6th grade graduates will walk the halls together, one last time, as 2023 high school graduates. The sea of caps and gowns of different colors represent the many schools our students attend once they leave us. Graduates will march to Pomp and Circumstance as they pass by their former teachers and our inspired students holding congratulatory signs and cheering with joy and pride. What a special day. Come join us if you would like.

## Last Day of After School Program

The last day of the After School Program will be Friday, June 9th. Please make arrangements for after care for the remainder of the school year.



## Graduation Ceremony

We will celebrate our graduates on June 15th at 6:30. All are welcome to attend.





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## Last Day of Preschool



The last day of the Mettawee  
Preschool Program is  
**Wednesday, June 14th.**

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

June 16th - 12:30 Dismissal

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

## LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

The Agency of Education  
approved our snow day waiver  
so we have confirmation that  
our last day of school will be

**LAST DAY  
of SCHOOL**

Friday, June 16th. We will dismiss at 12:30.

## Summer Camp Flier Season!

There will be a separate  
email following your Big  
Blue Messenger email  
that is specifically for  
Summer Camps that  
happen in our  
general area.



June 6th - Senior Walk 12:45 - 1:45

June 9th - Last day of After School Program

June 9th - 3rd Grade to Hildene 9:00-1:00

June 13th - Books & Beyond Ceremony 1:00

June 14th - Field Day 12:00



our babies have hatched!!!

They are bringing everyone so much joy.

## Important Dates for the End of the 2023 School Year

**4th Grade to Montpelier State House - Monday, June 5th - All Day**

**Senior Walk - Tuesday, June 6th - 12:45-1:45**

**6th Grade Class Trip - Thursday & Friday, June 8th & 9th**

**3rd Grade to Hildene - Friday, June 9th - 9:15-2:10**

**Last Day of Mettawee Afterschool Program - Friday, June 9th**

**Books & Beyond - Tuesday, June 13th @ 1:15**

**Field Day - Wednesday, June 14th @ 12:00**

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**End of Year BBQ - Thursday, June 15th @ 11:30**

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**Last Day of School- K-6 - Friday, June 16th @ 12:30**

**Girls on the Run Ceremony - Friday, June 16th @ 6:00**





at the The Dorset Village Library

# KIDS CLUB

**LEARN TO YOYO!**

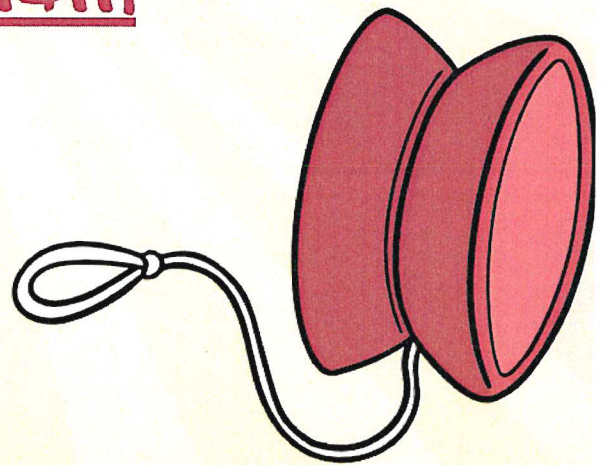
**LEARN THE BASICS OR SOME FANCY TRICKS!**

**TAUGHT BY FOX AND RYAN SPAHR!**

**WEDNESDAY June 14th**

**3:30 to 4:30**

**Bring your own yoyo or  
borrow one from us!**





## Summer's Almost Here!!

Be sure to take a break from the fun and join us for breakfast & lunch

Free Summer Meals will be available

### MEMS

from July 11th - July 27th, 2023 on  
Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

### Currier

July 11th - July 20th, 2023 on  
Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

Open to ALL children 18 & younger

One breakfast and lunch meal per child per day  
Meals must be consumed on site

Meal Modifications & Accommodations Upon Request

Contact Stephanie Gates at [sgates@brsu.org](mailto:sgates@brsu.org) for more info  
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