



Mettawee Messenger

June 8, 2023 Principal: Brooke DeBonis 645-9009

Principal's Corner:

Thank you to all of you!



Thank you to the Mettawee teachers, staff members, and parents who have worked together to support all of our students. The teachers have spent their time creating engaging

assignments, supporting student learning, connecting with families, and having fun with their students. Our paras have worked hard to support the students individually, in small groups, and the whole class. They have overseen recess, covered classrooms, rode buses, provided child care, and are always there to give a hand to all of our students and the whole school community. Our kitchen staff have worked hard to produce breakfast and lunch to all of our students, clean the kitchen, support our backpack program, and provide healthy meals and snacks for everyone. Our custodians have worked hard to keep our building safe and clean. They have put in extra time to set up and take down for all of our school wide events. I would like to thank Mrs. Chalmers and Mrs. Hammell for being team players, great communicators, and for carrying out all the tasks that I need them to do each and every day. Lastly, I want to thank all the parents for their support, communication, problem solving, and for attending parent conferences and school wide events. Thank you for your partnership this school year. I am grateful for all of you and I am looking forward to being the principal for the 2023-2024 school year.

Graduation

Our sixth grade graduation will be celebrated on June 15th at 6:30. We will be sharing speeches, handing out awards, giving out the diplomas and having cake together. We will be honoring our 6th graders and giving them positive encouragement as they transition into 7th grade!

*Class
of
2023*

Best Wishes



I would like to wish Sheryl Porrier a happy and relaxing retirement. Sheryl always goes above and beyond for her students and our school. She is a thoughtful

teacher who will be missed so much!

I would like to wish Barb Conrad well as she retires to help care for her grandchildren. Barb has been a devoted para and cares deeply about the students in our community. We will miss her. We are hoping Mrs. Porrier and Mrs. Conrad will come back as substitutes in our school next year.

I would also like to wish Susi Garvin well. She will travel out west to support her husband in his new job. Susi is a fantastic reading teacher who will be greatly missed.

Lastly, I wanted all of you to know that Heidi Hammell will be transitioning to a new job that will support the social/emotional well being for early education students outside the school setting. She has been a huge support for me as well as the whole school for the last 7 years. Heidi has been an amazing administrative assistant and we will all miss her so much.



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We are happy for all of these employees and we want to thank them for all the love and support they have given to our school community!

Last Day Expectations

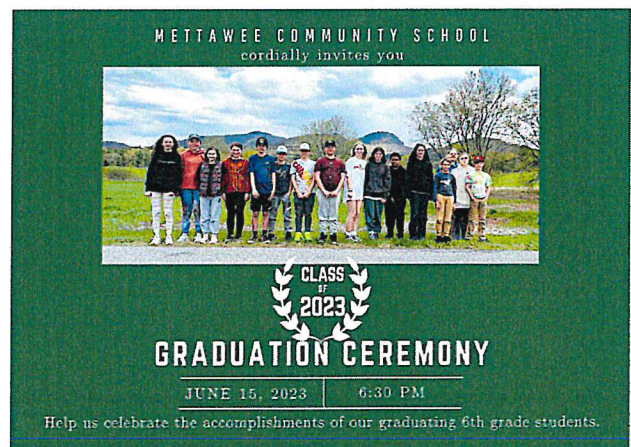
On the last day of school we will dismiss students at 12:30 (Friday, June 16th). The Extravaganza is back! Our Staff will be performing skits to entertain our students as well as celebrate our staff who are leaving Mettawee. We will serve a bagged lunch for our students and they will have some outdoor time together to close out the year. We will end our day with a final goodbye at 12:30.



We are hoping that everyone is able to have a relaxing summer and will be ready for the 2023-2024 school year.



RSVP's for this event were closed on Wednesday due to the need to order food. If you did not RSVP and would like to come, please bring your own lunch so we don't run out of food.



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 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.



June 9th - Last day of After School Program

June 9th - 3rd Grade to Hildene 9:00-2:15

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

June 16th - 12:30 Dismissal

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

Last Day of Preschool



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

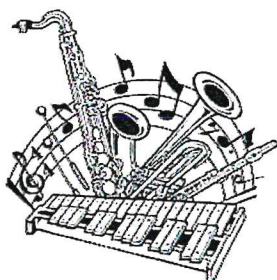
LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

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

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



Band Students



If you are a band student, please read through the letter from Ms. Hoyt following your Messenger.

Senior Walk 2023



Congratulations to the 2017 Mettawee Graduates now graduating from high school.

These students represent Granville High School, Salem High School, Long Trail School, Burr and Burton Academy, Hartford High School, and Fair Haven High School.

You're Invited!



Books and Beyond Awards Ceremony **Blanket Yourself with Words**

Tuesday, June 13, 2023

@ 1:15PM

Mettawee Community School Multipurpose Room

Students are invited to wear **a word shirt**
(for example: Mettawee shirt, team jersey, brand, or positive saying)
to blanket themselves in words at the ceremony.

All participants will be recognized with ribbons and
personal books chosen at the Book Fair.

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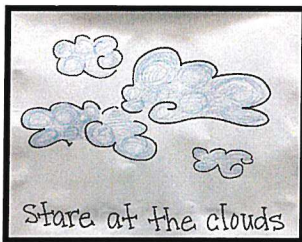
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Theme of the Month

Mindfulness

Strive to focus on the present.



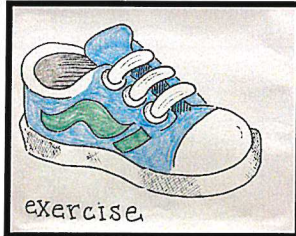
Stare at the clouds



think positive



Listen to music



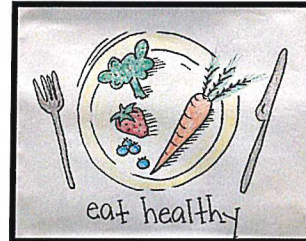
exercise



Enjoy nature



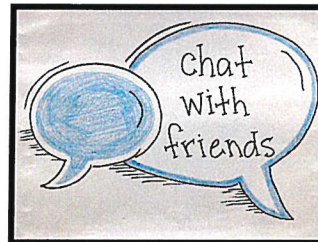
Take care of a plant



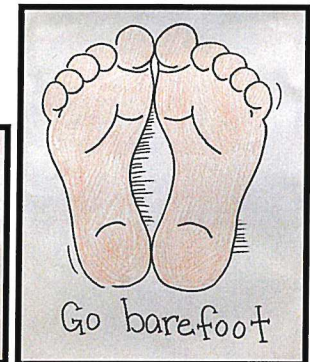
eat healthy



open your mind



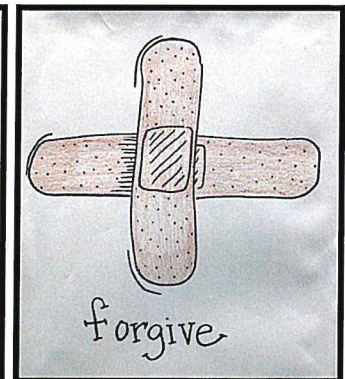
chat with friends



Go barefoot



play with a pet



forgive



Dear Mettawee Band Students and Families,

Thank you for a wonderful concert! It felt so good to showcase our students on stage. We had a slow start and lots of hurdles to cross mid-year but the progress and enthusiasm was obvious and exciting. I'm really proud of our musicians.

Please carefully review the following information about your instrument:

If your instrument was provided through the school:

All students who are using school-owned instruments must **return the instruments and books to Ms. Hoyt by FRIDAY, JUNE 9.**

If you rented an instrument through Ellis Music or John Keal Music Company:

If you plan to play in band next year, I strongly recommend that you continue renting throughout the summer months. Summertime is a great time to learn new music, especially on rainy days or to entertain family and friends. When school starts in the fall, we will begin band rehearsals in early September. You will be ready to start right away and will not need to order an instrument or sign a new contract. Your rental payments will continue to accumulate toward owning the instrument. These companies also offer buy-out options at affordable rates for customers in good standing.

If you plan to return your instrument to the music company you must call the company to cancel your contract and arrange pick-up at the school. After June 15th, you will be responsible for any returns and possible shipping to the company.

Ellis Music Company (802-234-6400)

John Keal Music (800-544-6631)

If you are using an instrument that you already own:

Keep practicing and have a wonderful, musical summer vacation! Send me an email if you would like new music or a lesson. (lhoyt@brsu.org)

A MESSAGE FOR 6TH GRADERS: Participation in music at your new school is a great way to meet friends and be involved in the school community. I am happy to help ease the transition for you, making a connection with your new teacher and helping you find an instrument. Please get in touch with me if you would like to talk!

Contact me with any questions as soon as possible & have a safe and healthy summer.

Thank you for supporting music at Mettawee!

Lisa Hoyt, lhoyt@brsu.org

802-325-2479 home phone

Important Dates for the End of the 2023 School Year

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

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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





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 for more info
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Join us for the 3rd Annual Spring Festival @ *Wind Valley Farmstead*

Saturday
June 10th
11am-3pm



1546 County Rt. 153
Salem Ny

Join us for a 3rd year of fun on the Farm!

Come see all the Goats and new babies of the season, Shop the Wind Valley Farm store along with **LOTS of other Local Vendors** that will be set up around the farm, Wicks from the Sticks Crafts, Face painting, **Music, Food Trucks & Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream Cart** for lunch and treats, Plus MUCH MORE!
Salem FFA will be hosting COW PLOP BINGO!

Tickets at the Gate till 12pm OR Contact the Farm FB Page to get yours today!!

The Cow will enter the ring at 12:15! Let's Support the Farm Kids!