

Barrington Middle School
BMS Connected Learning Newsletter
3/29/2026

The BMS Learning Community is Respectful, Responsible, and Ready to Excel!

Mission:

Barrington Middle School's Mission is to empower all students to excel in character, citizenship, collaboration, creativity, communication, and critical thinking, so that they may positively impact the future.

Welcome

Bienvenidos, Yōkoso, Benvenuto, 欢迎, Labas, Jasu,
 स्वागत छ ।, सुस्वागतम्, Hosgeldin, Üdvözlöm, Bem-vindo,
 Swagatam ಸ್ವಾಗತಂ, Ahlan wa sahan, Hoş geldin, Bienvenue, اهلا...مرحبا, 欢迎,
 Welkom, Καλώς ορίσαστε, khosh amadid (خوش آمدید), Herzlich willkommen!, नमस्ते (Namastē), ಸ್ವಾಗತಂ,
 B'ruchim haba'im (ברוכים הבאים), Ahlan wa Sahlan,
 Bienvenidos, வணக்கம் (Vanakkam), ಸ್ವಾಗತಂ, 환영합니다, , ברוכים הבאים
 Witamy, Nnọ, ようこそ。Hoşgeldiniz, Merhaba, Привіт, dobro pozhalovat, dobro pozhalovat, Noqpi

To BMS!

This year, we would like to celebrate and recognize the various languages spoken at Barrington Middle School. If you would like to include the language spoken in your home, please complete the following link.

[Let's Celebrate the Languages Spoken at BMS 2025 - 2026](#)

~ BMS Important Dates ~

Important Dates:

- Choral Festival, Wednesday, April 1, 2026 and Thursday, April 2, 2026
- Unified Basketball/Assembly, Wednesday, April 1, 2026
- T2 Grades Published, Thursday, April 2, 2026 at 3:30 pm
- Good Friday/No School: Friday, April 3, 2026
- RICAS ELA: Tuesday, April 7, 2026 - Wednesday, April 8, 2026
- April Vacation: Monday, April 20, 2026 - Friday, April 24, 2026

~ 2 Week Outlook ~

Day/Date	Monday 3.30.2026	Tuesday 3.31.2026	Wednesday 4.1.2026	Thursday 4.2.2026	Friday 4.3.2026
Odd/Even	Odd	Even	Odd	Even	
Activities or Events			Choral Festival	Choral Festival	Good Friday No School

			BMS Unified Basketball Game 2:00 - 3:00	T2 Grades Published	
Day/Date	Monday 4.6.2026	Tuesday 4.7.2026	Wednesday 4.8.2026	Thursday 4.9.2026	Friday 4.10.2026
Odd/Even	Odd	Even	Odd	Even	Odd
Activities or Events		RICAS ELA Day 1	RICAS ELA Day 2		
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~ BMS New News ~					
Family Survey-Works: We would love your family's feedback in survey-work. Please consider completing the form. Your feedback is invaluable as we review the data to identify how we can improve our home-to-school partnerships. Click here for the survey.					
RICAS ELA Testing April 7th We will be starting RICAS ELA testing on Tuesday of next week. We deeply appreciate how seriously our students take this test. As a result of their hard work we may have to have students test for longer periods of time (they get as long as they need). In order to help support their best efforts we ask that for Tuesday, April 7th you all: • Send your student in with a bag lunch from home if possible • All students who get school lunch will be getting a boxed lunch on Tuesday • Charge the chromebook at home overnight • Bring a water bottle We hope to begin at 8:45am to be as least disruptive as possible we ask families to make every effort to be on time to school.					

For every other day of RICAS we run as close to a “normal” school day as possible.

Outdoor Equipment:

Every day when students have finished eating we allow ½ of the cafeteria outside for some movement. If any families are willing to donate outside equipment for student use we would greatly appreciate it. It gets a lot of love. Thanks for considering - Ms. Slaughter

Items for donation:

- Football
- Four square ball
- Soccer ball
- Tennis ball
- Frisbee

Garden Time!:

BMS has 6 raised beds next to the Lincoln Ave driveway. The harvest is donated to TapIn from April-October. The garden is student-run, but we need a little help from parent volunteers.

- seeking volunteers 12:10-1:30 or 2:25-3:10pm- day is flexible

[Garden Volunteer Form](#)

-seeking seed donations: spinach, lettuce, kale, swiss chard, radish, snow/sugar snap peas, cherry tomato only, zucchini and yellow squash, cucumber, and pole beans- green not wax. Donations can be brought to the office or Ms. Teixeira Room 1215.

Thank you for your support!

Questions? texeiraj@barringtonschools.org

BMS/HMS Community Book Club:

BMS is teaming up with HMS and the Barrington Public Library to engage in a community book club. We are reading Sara Pennypacker's new World War II historical fiction novel, *The Lions' Run*. We will meet at 4:00 PM at the Barrington Public Library on Thursday, April 16th.

There will be two more meetings at the library on Tuesday, May 6, and Thursday, May 21, to work with podcasting equipment.

Sara Pennypacker will be doing an author visit at Barrington Public Library on Sunday, May 31 at 1 PM. Please include this [sign-up link](#) on your Canvas page for students to sign up for the book club and possibly get a book.

Donations to the RICAS Cafe:

This year the BMS Culture Committee is in need of donations to help provide our teachers a "RICAS Cafe" to recharge during the testing days on April 7 and 8. Please review the items needed so we can make this opportunity happen for our BMS teachers. Your donations are greatly appreciated!

Please visit the [“RICAS Cafe Sign-up Genius: Link”](#) to preview & pledge a donation.

Thank you for your support!

BMS Library March Newsletter:

[Click here](#) for the latest BMS Library news!

~ BMS Current and Relevant News ~

Book Drive:

The BMS Community Service club [is holding a book drive until April 10th!](#) Please donate any new or gently used books (there is a basket outside each cluster). Thank you for supporting your community!

2025-2026 BMS Yearbook:

The absolute last day to order this year’s BMS yearbook is April 27! We do not order extra yearbooks as we charge exactly the cost of the yearbook (this is not a fundraiser). Yearbooks are \$40.

Click here to order now before it’s too late! www.coffeepond.com/order_yb1.aspx

Order password: **BMS26**

April’s School Breakfast and Lunch Menus from Chartwells:

I’m excited to share our April school [breakfast](#) and [lunch menus](#) and highlight a few special initiatives we’re featuring this month.

Global Eats Focus – Exploring China, Mexico, and the Caribbean

Throughout April, our menus will spotlight recipes inspired by global flavors, giving students the opportunity to experience foods from China, Mexico, and the Caribbean. This initiative not only introduces diverse culinary traditions but also helps broaden students’ understanding of global cultures through food.

Bloom Into Breakfast – New Huevos Rancheros Recipe on 4/7

As part of our Bloom Into Breakfast promotion, we’re thrilled to debut a new brunch for lunch item: Huevos Rancheros, which will be served on April 7th. We’re looking forward to offering students a new fresh and flavorful option, as historically brunch for lunch is one of our most popular menu items.

Scholastic Book Fair:

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to BMS! The Fair is scheduled to run from **Tuesday, April 28 through Friday, May 1, 2026**. Look for more information coming soon!

~ BMS Student Activities ~

New Spring BMS Enrichment Offering:

[Sign up on myschoolbucks](#)

Pickleball with Ms. Cimini

Tuesday/Thursday 3:20-4:20PM: (14 students)

This after-school enrichment program introduces middle school students to the fast-growing sport of pickleball in a fun, supportive, and active environment. Open to all skill levels, the course focuses on building fundamental skills such as serving, rallying, positioning, and game strategy while promoting teamwork, sportsmanship, and confidence. Students will participate in engaging drills, partner activities, and modified games designed to improve hand-eye coordination, agility, and overall fitness. As the program progresses, students will have opportunities to apply their skills in friendly matches and mini-tournaments.

Whether students are new to pickleball or looking to improve their game, this enrichment offers a great way to stay active, learn a new sport, and connect with peers after school.

May 26, May 28

June 2, June 4

Monday June 8, Tuesday June 9, Wednesday June 10, Thursday June 11

~ Spotlight on Learning ~

This week we would like to shine our BMS spotlight on the BMS Science and Engineering Fair team. Vivian Vigneault and Joey Kim won First Grant Junior Division and Anton Chen, Cameron Hagar and Paloma Lovera won Second Grant Junior Division. Special Awards from the Bristol County Water Authority, the Southeastern New England Marine Educators, Coastal Resources Management Council, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the RI Nuclear Science Center were also bestowed upon our team. Congratulations on a very successful competition!

This week, we would like to shine our BMS Spotlight on Patty Ridlon. I'd like to shout out Patty Ridlon who presented at the annual Rhode Island Science of Reading conference this past weekend. The event was well attended and filled with some great presenters and learning. Thank you Patty and the RISOR team for an amazing day! Dr. Fernandes

Do you know of a BMS Faculty/Staff/Student member who is shining bright? If you do, please complete the form below and we can include the nomination in an upcoming newsletter.

[BMS Spotlight Nomination](#)

~ Community News ~

BEF Annual Giving Drive:

[The Barrington Education Foundation's Annual Giving Drive](#) is now underway. BEF funds innovative programs, classroom resources, and enrichment opportunities for Barrington Public Schools. Last year alone, BMS received more than \$13,000 in BEF grant funding supporting projects across science, art, music, and the school garden. Our goal this year is to raise \$15,000 to provide even more funding for our schools. Please consider supporting BEF and helping expand opportunities for Barrington students. You can donate now at the following link: [BEF 2026 Annual Giving Drive](#)

Thank you very much for your continued support of BEF and our schools.

News from the Barrington Farm School:

Why compost?

This is a great time of year to start thinking about your yard and garden and how you want to care for the plants in your outdoor spaces. Adding compost to your soil provides valuable nutrients and diverse microorganisms that promote healthy soil and strong plants and reduce weeds, pests, and diseases. This can reduce or eliminate the need for synthetic chemicals and results in more robust plants and higher, more nutrient-dense crop yields. Using compost instead of synthetic chemicals also provides a healthier environment for your family and pets.

-Contributed by Barrington Farm School

East Bay Lacrosse:

[Click here for registration information.](#)

Adaptive East Bay Lacrosse for All:

[Click here for more information.](#)

Row with East Bay Rowing:

[Click here for registration information.](#)

Summer Camps offered by the Town of Barrington:

- Cool Kids Camp (ages 5 - 7)
- Camp Endeavor (ages 8 - 11) - included on the same flyer as Cool Kids Camp
- Pickleball Camp (ages 7 - 12)
- BEST Theatre Camp (ages 8 - 18)

Families can learn more and register at: <https://secure.rec1.com/RI/barrington-ri/catalog>

Barrington Pop Warner Registration:

Pop Warner Football and Cheerleading registration now open! [Click here for details.](#)

Nayatt 5K:

[April 11! Click here for more information.](#)

Soccer Rhode Island:

[Click here for information regarding SRI's TOPSoccer Regional Series.](#)

BHS Color Run:

On behalf of the BHS Parents Association, all are invited to join their [upcoming color run](#). The event is on May 2nd and we are offering a discounted family pricing option.