Barrington Middle School
BMS Connected Learning Newsletter: Week of 11.1.2026
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.

Important Dates

- No School- Election Day- Tuesday, November 3, 2026
- Student Council Town Hall Debate- Thursday, November 5, 2026
- No School- Veterans Day- Wednesday, November 11, 2026
- Picture Retake Day - Tuesday, November 17, 2026
- Fall Festival- Tuesday, November 24, 2026, 4th period
- BMS SIT- Tuesday, November 24, 2026 from 3:20 am - 4: 20 am.
- No School- Thanksgiving Break- Wednesday, November 25, 2026 - Friday, November 27, 2026.

2 Week Lookout

Week of 11.1.2026:

Day/Date	Monday 11.2.2026	Tuesday 11.3.2026	Wednesday 11.4.2026	Thursday 11.5.2026	Friday 11.6.2026
Odd/Even	S Odd		O Even	A Odd	R Even
Activities or Events		No School Election Day		Student Council Town Hall Debate	

Week of 11.8.2026:

Day/Date	Monday 11.9.2026	Tuesday 11.10.2026	Wednesday 11.11.2026	Thursday 11.12.2026	Friday 11.13.2026
Odd/Even	S Odd	O Even		A Odd	R Even
Activities or Events			Veterans Day No School		

BMS Connected Learning Briefs

Note: Please scroll down for our extended version!

BMS Trusted Adult: Students are thinking of one or two adults at BMS they trust. They'll name them on the Trusted Adult Form this Friday after morning announcements.

BMS Library Newsletter: Check out our latest library newsletter

BMS Shark Tank: We're looking for volunteer "Sharks" to give friendly feedback on 8th grade pitches. No experience is needed. The presentations are **November 20, 10:10 a.m.–12:10 p.m**. See below for more information on how to sign up or email Mrs. Polando at polandok@barringtonschools.org.

Picture Retake Day: Retakes are the morning of **Tuesday, November 17**.

SOAR Like an Eagle Tutoring: Our grant-funded tutoring program is back. Families of recommended students will get an email from Dr. Fernandes (fernandesb@barringtonschools.org) soon.

Yearbook – 8th Grade Baby Pictures: Upload one baby or toddler photo of your 8th grader. You'll need to be signed into your student's school Gmail account.

BMS Spotlight on Learning: Thank you to Meg Snyder, Amy Boyle, Mark Aubin, Colleen Deluski, Barbra Nozaki and Jeff Blanchet for teaming up to support Blue cluster math (nominated by Julie Gladding). Thank you also to Kylie Garrepy for her positivity and support of colleagues.

BMS Important (but older) Information

Eagle Honor Society: Interested students can complete the form below.

BMS Yearbook: Order now for $40 at www.coffeepond.com with code BMS27. They sell out!

BMS Procedures: Please don't use the parking lot for drop-off or pick-up. Early dismissals need a note or email to bmsattendance@barringtonschools.org, and the last one is at 2:45 p.m. Students must walk wheels through the Roll Free Zones.

Eagle Apparel: Get Eagle gear from Liv Rhode Island. 10% goes back to BMS.

Community Information

Americanism Essay Contest: The Elks invite students to write about a Constitutional right and how it affects their family.

Composting Info from Barrington Farm School: Learn simple ways to cut food waste at home this November.

BMS Connected Learning Extended Version

BMS Trusted Adult- Message to our Students:

Today we want you to think about something important: your **trusted adult**.

A trusted adult is someone here at BMS you feel comfortable going to. You might go to them when you need help, when something's on your mind, or when you just need someone to listen. It could be a teacher, a counselor, a coach, someone in the front office, a custodian, a cafeteria worker, or anyone else in our building who makes you feel seen, heard, and supported.

Your trusted adult will check in with you, listen without judging, and help you find support when you need it. That includes times when you or a friend might not be safe. Having someone in your corner can make a big difference on a tough day, and on good days too.

So here's your challenge for this week: think of **one or two adults** in our building you would want as your trusted adult. Who do you feel comfortable talking to? Who always seems to have your back?

On **Friday, right after morning announcements**, you'll fill out the Trusted Adult Form and name the adults you picked. Start thinking about it now.

Remember: you are never alone at BMS. There is always someone here in your corner.

BMS October Library Newsletter:
Please see a link to our most recent BMS Library October newsletter!

BMS Shark Tank:
The 8th Grade Shark Tank classes are looking for volunteer "Sharks" to participate in the student Shark Tank Presentations. In your role as a Shark, you'll listen to student pitches and offer helpful, supportive feedback guided by an easy rubric. You don't need any prior business or technical experience; we're simply looking for friendly faces who are excited to encourage our students' creativity and learning!

The Shark Tank presentations will take place on **November 20th from 10:10 am to 12:10 pm** in

the Student Union. If you are able to volunteer, please sign up using this **Sign-up Genius Link**. Feel free to contact me, Mrs. Kellie Polando at polandok@barringtonschools.org if you have any questions or encounter any difficulties with the link.

School Picture Retake Day:

School pictures were distributed about a week ago. **Picture retake day will be Tuesday, November 17, 2026** in the morning. Please click here for more information!

SOAR Like an Eagle Tutoring Program:

Dear Families, We are excited to announce that our SOAR Like an Eagle Tutoring Program at BMS will continue this year thanks to grant funding.

The SOAR framework connects the tutoring program's expectations directly to Barrington Middle School's mission and the 6 Cs.

S – Show Character & Citizenship

Students demonstrate responsibility, respect, integrity, and accountability in their work and interactions.

O – Own Your Learning (Critical Thinking)

Students take ownership of their academic growth by asking questions, problem-solving, reflecting on mistakes, and setting goals.

A – Actively Collaborate & Communicate

Students work productively with peers and staff, listen actively, share ideas clearly, and support one another's success.

R – Reach Higher Through Creativity & Effort

Students challenge themselves to think creatively, persist through difficulty, and strive for continuous improvement.

Our teachers have made recommendations for students to attend a variety of tutoring opportunities both before and/or after school. Please be on the lookout for an email from Dr. Fernandes, our program coordinator in the near future. If you have any questions about the program, please email Dr. Fernandes at fernandesb@barringtonschools.org.

We look forward to working together and building more resilient learners.

BMS Yearbook - 8th Grade Baby Pictures:

It's tradition! See how much the 8th graders have grown! Each year we have pages in the yearbook dedicated to 8th grade baby/toddler pictures and it's always fun to see how far they've come. Please complete this form and upload your child's baby/toddler photo directly. To avoid confusion, please ensure only one photo is uploaded per student.

PLEASE NOTE: You need to be signed into your or your child's gmail account. If not, you will not

be able to upload the photo.

BMS Best Buddies:

BMS Best Buddies' next whole-school event is scheduled for:

- **Wednesday, November 18**
- 3:15 -4:00 pm
- Cafeteria

Everyone is welcome!

BMS Spotlight on Learning:

This week, we would like to shine our BMS Spotlight on Meg Snyder, Amy Boyle, Mark Aubin, Colleen Deluski, Barbra Nozaki, and Jeff Blanchet .Today I would like to send a huge thank you to Meg Snyder, Amy Boyle, Mark Aubin, Colleen Deluski, Barbra Nozaki, and Jeff Blanchet! Over the last month we all worked together to continue quality math instruction for the students on Blue cluster and it could not have happened without everyone's support and eagerness to help! For Meg and Amy, thank you for jumping into teaching the Algebra classes! You both did so without question or complaint and the students were so lucky to have you! For Mark, thank you so much for working with my 6th grade students during this time. I am sure they enjoyed having you work with them and I know they loved teaching you our number-sense games! For Colleen and Barbra, thank you for all of your help and support during the pre-algebra classes, it was great having someone to collaborate with and a friendly face in those classes everyday that I was there! And finally to Jeff, our fearless leader. Your unwavering support did not go unnoticed and it meant more to me than you know! (Nominated by Julie Gladding).

This week, we would like to shine our BMS Spotlight on Kylie Garrepy. Kylie is a great colleague! She is always willing to share resources and give support to others! We all benefit from her positive outlook and willingness to listen! She offers kinds words to those who are feeling down! Thanks Kylie! (Nominated by a member of our BMS Learning Community).

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

BMS Important (but older) Information

Eagle Honor Society:
Greetings, Barrington Middle School Students!

We hope this correspondence finds you well. We wanted to provide all students with information about Eagle Honor Society— an organization that celebrates the highest standards of a middle school student here at BMS.

To be considered for membership, students must submit a portfolio that highlights their academic success, demonstrates their commitment to service, provides evidence of the pillars of excellence, and includes a recommendation from a staff member.

Students will be celebrated at an end-of-year ceremony and memorialized on a banner that will hang in the school hallway.

If you are interested, please complete THIS FORM indicating your intent.

BMS Yearbook:
Order a 2026-2027 yearbook at www.coffeepond.com. Code BMS27 Only $40!
Trust me! Buy it now! Every year, students and families put this off and then there is a desperate rush for them at the end of the year and they are not available. You can avoid this by buying it now!

BMS Procedures

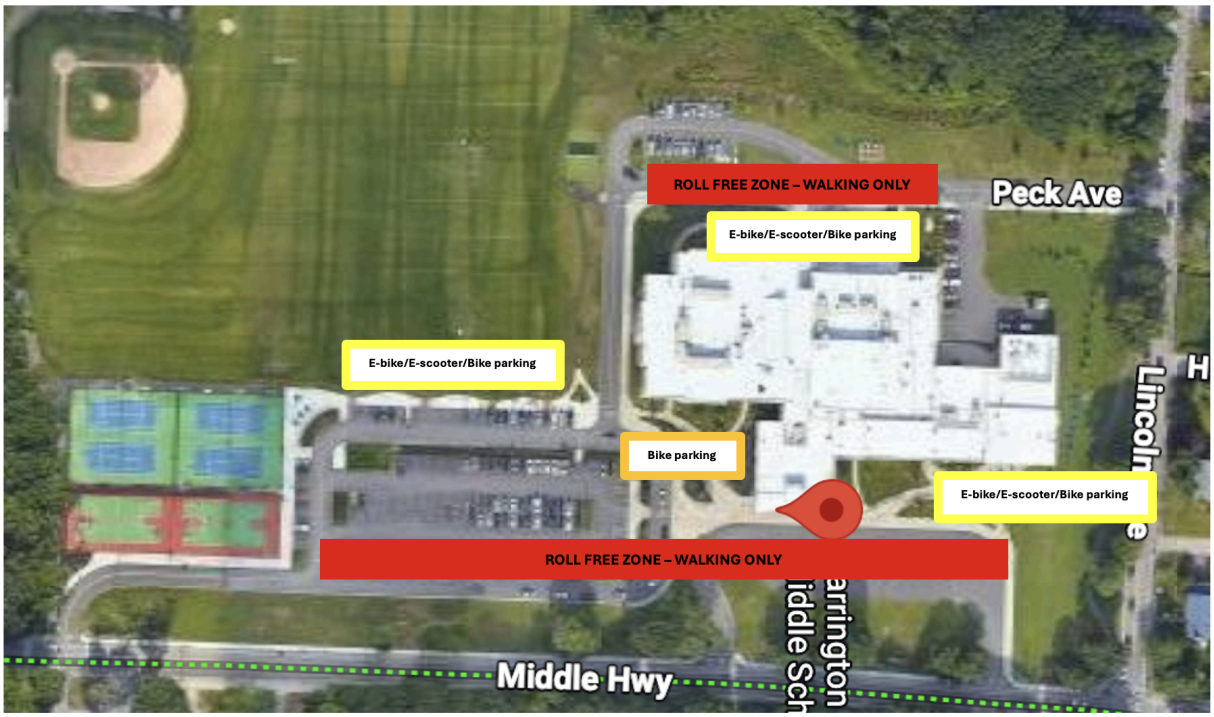
- The BMS parking lot **may never be used** for dropoff and pickup of students. We have safety protocols in place and dropping off and picking up students in the parking lot is not safe for students nor for staff who are arriving and leaving from school.
- **Dropoff/Pick Up Process** - If you choose to drop-off and pick-up your student from BMS, please see this map for directions. **Barrington School District Transportation Information**
- **Early Dismissal**: Handwritten notes brought to the office before homeroom or emails to bmsattendance@barringtonschools.org are needed every time you need to dismiss your student prior to the end of school. Middle School level students are **not** allowed to bike home early, even with permission by note. ID and a physical presence is required to dismiss your student early. Please note that the **last early dismissal of the day is at 2:45 pm**. Please click here for full details about dismissing your student early from school.

Electric Scooter, Electric Bike and anything with wheels Information:

In order to maintain a safe arrival and dismissal process for the entire school community the front and the back of the school will both be a ROLL FREE ZONE. In the front of the school this zone will stretch in the sidewalk area from the dismissal lane for car pick up across the front doors of the school to the sidewalk closest to Lincoln Ave. In the back of the school this zone will stretch from

the sidewalk area in front of the doors by the gym exit to the corner of the building.

This will ensure the only transportation happening in this zone is on foot (no rolling wheels of any kind). See map below. Students riding scooters, bikes, skateboards, etc. must WALK their method of transportation until they get to the edge of the ROLL FREE ZONE.



Eagle Apparel:

We are excited to introduce a brand new collection of Barrington Eagles apparel and accessories from Liv Rhode Island, a Barrington family-owned and operated company. 10% of each sale goes back to BMS - show your Eagle pride and click Eagles Apparel to get your gear!

Community Information

Americanism Essay Contest:
The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America is sponsoring an Americanism Essay Contest. The theme this year is “Explain a Constitutional Right or Privilege and How it Affects You and Your Family”. Click here for more information and the application form.

Composting Info from Barrington Farm School:

Why compost?

November is a great time to cultivate gratitude for all that we have and to be more mindful about how we use it, particularly when it comes to food. Did you know that in the U.S. the average household throws out around 3 pounds of edible food each week, plus another 1-2 pounds of inedible food scraps? That's hundreds of pounds each year! Every day, your household can choose how to use the food resources in your home to benefit your family and your community – or not. The Institute for Local Self-Reliance has developed a Hierarchy to Reduce Food Waste and Grow Community to help us think about how we use our food resources and work toward using them more beneficially.

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