Barrington Middle School
BMS Connected Learning Newsletter
5/3/2026
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 స్వాగతం, Ahlan wa sahlan, Hoş geldin, Bienvenue, مرحبا....اهلا, 欢迎,
Welkom, Καλώς ορίσατε, khosh amadid (خوش آمدید), Herzlich willkommen!, સ્વાગત (Namastē), స్వాగతం,
B'ruchim haba'im (ברוכים הבאים), Ahlan wa Sahlan,
Bienvenidos, வணக்கம் (Vanakkam), స్వాగతం, 환영합니다, , ברוכים הבאים
Witamy, Nnọọ, ようこそ。Hoşgeldiniz, Merhaba, Привіт, dobro pozhalovat, dobro pozhalovat, Ⲛⲟⲩⲣⲓ

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:

- 8th grade orientation at Barrington High School: Wednesday, May 6, 2026 at 6:00 pm
- RISS Survey: Wednesday, May 6, 2026
- Holocaust/Anti-Semitism Presentation: Monday, May 11, 2026
- Math RICAS: Tuesday, May 12, 2026 - Wednesday, May 13, 2026
- BMS PTO Meeting: Tuesday, May 19, 2026 at 6:00 pm in the auditorium
- 7th Grade Family Information Night: Tuesday, May 19, 2026, beginning at 7:00 pm in the school's auditorium.

~ 2 Week Outlook ~

Day/Date	Monday 5.4.2026	Tuesday 5.5.2026	Wednesday 5.6.2026	Thursday 5.7.2026	Friday 5.8.2026
Odd/Even	Even	Odd	Even	Odd	Even
Activities or			RISS Survey		

Events					

Day/Date	Monday 5.11.2026	Tuesday 5.12.2026	Wednesday 5.13.2026	Thursday 5.14.2026	Friday 5.15.2026
Odd/Even	Odd	Even	Odd	Even	Odd
Activities or Events	Holocaust and Antisemitic Presentation	Math RICAS Day 1	Math RICAS Day 2 BMSLC 7:20 - 8:20		

Stay Connected with BMS:

- Barringtonmiddle.org
- BMS Morning TV Show
- BMS Daily Announcements 2025 - 2026
- BMS Club/Activities Schedule 2025 - 2026
- @bms_ri
- #bmsshines

~ BMS New News ~

Final Week for the Jack-Pot-Raffle:

Our 8th graders are in the final stages in raising funds for their 8th Grade Washington, DC trip. Please consider supporting this event by purchasing Jack-Pot-Raffle tickets!

Extra tickets will be available upon request by using this link:

Each ticket sells for $20.00. On May 9, 2026, we will be pulling the lucky numbers:

Grand Prize: $1,000
2nd Place Prize: $500
1st Place Prize: $250

Rhode Island Student Survey (RISS)

The Rhode Island Student Survey (RISS) is a confidential, statewide questionnaire administered each spring to middle and high school students. The survey helps schools and state agencies understand student experiences related to health, well-being, and school climate. All responses are anonymous—no names or identifying information are collected—and results are used only to guide programs that support youth.

Families have the option to review a sample copy of the survey in person at the school before it is administered. If you prefer that your child not participate, please complete the attached opt-out form and return it to the main office by the indicated deadline.

Parent Letter RI Student Survey 2026

Parent RISS Opt-Out Form: 2026

Your partnership helps us better understand and support Rhode Island students. Please contact the school office if you have any questions or would like to schedule a time to review the survey.

The survey is scheduled to be administered in school on Wednesday, May 6, 2026

Holocaust and Antisemitism Presentation:

In order to continue to educate our school community on the history of antisemitism and how to be upstanders against hate, On Monday, May 11, 2026 we will have a special presentation for our 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students on the topic of the Holocaust and Anti-Semitism. This special event is in collaboration with Sandra Bornstein Holocaust Education Center.

Prior to the speaking event, your child's Social Studies teacher will be providing students with historical context. The goal for these important presentations is to build awareness on the Holocaust, the ongoing impact of Antisemitism, and how we can work to continue to build an environment at Barrington Middle School where all people from all backgrounds feel welcomed.

Below is a brief overview of who our speakers will be and their respective topics:

Grade 6: Lilliane Birch (2nd Generation survivor speaker)
Students will hear about her mother, who survived Auschwitz. The lesson focuses on understanding antisemitism and why Jews were targeted.

Grade 7: Jeanne Gottfried (2nd Generation survivor speaker)
Students will hear about her mother, who survived the Kindertransport. The lesson focuses on propaganda, discrimination, and the urgency of trying to flee, including a letter activity.

Grade 8: Fran Denerstein (2nd Generation survivor speaker, born in Bergen-Belsen)
This lesson introduces prewar Jewish life and then explores hiding and survival, helping students understand both what was lost and the experiences of Jews in Poland and Lithuania. Her parents were from both of these countries.

Is your student not returning to BMS or not moving on to BHS in the fall?

Moving over the summer? Changing schools? If your BMS student will not be returning to BMS next year or attending a different school, please email Kelly Nelson in our School Counseling office

at nelsonk@barringtonschools.org to let her know. This will help with a smooth transition. Please plan to have your student return any BMS library books or property including their chromebook and charger before their last day.

News from Student Assistance:

Here is a link to some emerging substances to know about and discuss with your child. It is proven to be most effective to have small ongoing conversations about substances before your child is exposed to them. Just because it is legal, does not mean its safe!

Attention 7th Grade Families:

We would like to invite you to a special event for our current 7th-grade families regarding 8th-grade course offerings.

On **Tuesday, May 19, 2026 from 7-8 pm** in the BMS Auditorium we will be hosting a special night for our current 7th-grade families. The goal for this night is to review unique 8th-grade programming. In particular, we will review:

1. BMS World Language Elective Program (new to the 2026 - 2027 school year)
2. Pre-Algebra/Algebra Course Considerations and Selection Process

We do encourage adult family members to attend this special event, as there is new information for our 7th-grade families to consider for their rising 8th-grade children.

BMS Media Center Newsletter:

Click here for the latest news from librarian Mrs. Roy and the BMS library!

Attention 8th Grade Families:

For planning purposes, please see the important year-end dates for our 8th graders.

- 8th Grade BHS Orientation: Wednesday, May 6, 2026 at 6:00 pm in the BHS Auditorium
- 8th Grade Kendbrin Field Day: Monday, June 15, 2026, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm (New Date)
- 8th Grade Semi-Formal Dance: Wednesday, June 17, 2026, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm
- 8th Grade Bridge Ceremony: Thursday, June 18, 2026, from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm

Attention 8th-Grade Families: If you are interested in serving on the Semi-Formal planning team, please complete the form below. Family members will partner with teachers to plan for a special 8th-Grade Semi-Formal Dance!

8th Grade Semi-Formal Planning Team: 2026

Volunteers needed for One Amazing Night:

BMS's largest community event of the year is happening on **Monday, June 8, 2026 from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm**.

To make this evening a success, please consider volunteering for a slot that evening. Volunteers should be 18 years or older. We welcome children to help their adult volunteers at stations. Thank you! **One Amazing Night Volunteer Sign up**

BMS Scholastic Book Fair:
The Scholastic Book Fair was a tremendous success! Many thanks to the administration, students and their families for their support! In case you missed out on the book you wanted, or perhaps you have funds remaining in your ewallet, there is still time to make a purchase through our BMS Scholastic Fair page! From now until May 10th, 25% of all purchases made through our Fair link will go directly back to our school. Also, Scholastic will ship books free to your home. It's a win-win! Use the following link to access the BMS Fair Page:
https://shop.scholastic.com/stf/fund?orgUCN=600092595

Thank you again for your support!
-The BMS PTO Book Fair Team

Garden Time!:
Garden Volunteer Form
Seeking seed and/or plant 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. Texeira Room 1215.
All harvest from the BMS Garden is donated to TapIn.
Thank you for your support!
Questions? texeiraj@barringtonschools.org

BMS Yearbooks:

The deadline for ordering yearbooks has passed.

In the event that extra yearbooks do become available after the April 27th deadline, the following protocol has been established for parents to request to purchase a yearbook:

1. Families who request to purchase an extra yearbook, if they become available, shall be placed on a waiting list on a first come, first served basis.
2. In the event that an extra book does become available, families from the waiting list shall be notified, in order, based upon the date of the request.
3. If families indicate their intent to purchase a book, they must bring a check made payable to "Barrington Middle School" in the amount of $40.
4. Families will have 48 hours to pay and collect their requested book. Once the 48 hour window has expired, that specific book will be offered to other families on the waiting list.
5. The school will communicate to families once yearbooks have been sold out.

Once communication has been sent to families indicating that yearbooks have been sold out, we are respectfully requesting that families not inundate the Coffeepond representatives, BMS' yearbook advisor, and or our office staff with phone calls and or email requests for books.

The end of the academic year is a busy time for all parties involved and we need to respect the professional responsibilities of the above stated individuals.
We appreciate your understanding and cooperation with this protocol, in order to make this process as equitable, and efficient to all of our families.

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!

~ BMS Current and Relevant News ~

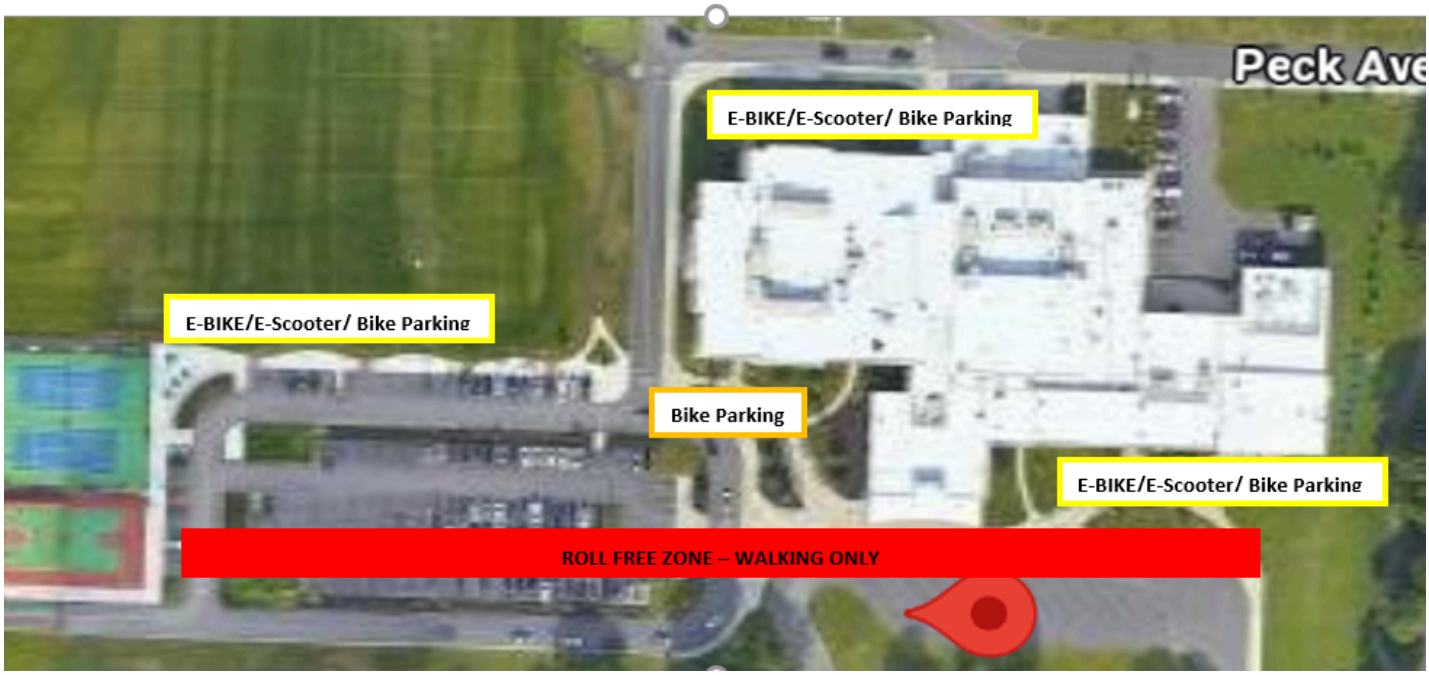
Author Sara Pennypacker is coming to the public library:

Author Sara Pennypacker is coming to the Barrington Public Library on Sunday, May 31st at 1pm! To prepare for her visit, we have free copies of her latest book *The Lions' Run* available for a community book club on Thursday, May 7th. We have changed the date from April 14th until May in order to give readers enough time to finish the book. Please use this link to sign up, and stop by the BMS Library for a copy of the book to read.

Spring Transportation:

In order to maintain a safe arrival and dismissal process for the entire school community the front of the school is a ROLL FREE ZONE. This zone stretches 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. This will ensure the only transportation happening in this zone is on foot (no rolling wheels of any kind). See above map above. Students riding scooters, bikes, skateboards, etc. must WALK their method of transportation until they get to the edge of the ROLL FREE ZONE.

ROLL FREE ZONE 2025-2026



~ BMS Student Activities ~

BMS Spring Tennis:

BMS Spring Tennis has started! Tennis will be held Monday and Wednesday after school each week (due to a scheduling conflict I can no longer do Tuesdays). There will be a new Sign-Up Genius each week and all abilities and grade levels may sign up for either day (Monday or Wednesday) but please limit your student's sign up to one day per week to give others a chance to participate. The Spring Tennis Program will last for five weeks. There is no cost to participate! Again, there will be a new sign-up sheet in the Connected Newsletter each week so keep an eye out for that. Please reach out to Riley Spillane (spillaner@barringtonschools.org) with any questions.

HERE is the Sign-Up Genius for Week 2

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 ~

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 ~

HMS Tough Tiger Time!:
HMS Tough Tiger is being held on Sunday, May 17, 2026. Click here for more info.

Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive:

On Saturday, May 9, the National Association of Letter Carriers will once again conduct its annual **Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive**, collecting non-perishable food donations from homes across the country and delivering them to local food pantries.

In Barrington, *all donations benefit Tap-In (Touch a Person in Need)*. This drive provides critical support for Tap-In's food pantry and helps local individuals and families facing food insecurity in East Providence, Barrington, Warren, and Bristol.

Families who would like to participate can simply place bags or boxes of non-perishable, unexpired food items by their mailboxes on the morning of Saturday, May 9, and letter carriers will collect them during their regular routes.

News from the Barrington Farm School:

How to compost?

In most types of composting, the decomposition process is done primarily by microbes that are too small to see, but vermicomposting is more fun to watch because in this method, organic matter is broken down by earthworms – most commonly Red Wigglers! While worms can technically break down any type of organic matter, to avoid odors and pests, vermicomposting is generally not used to process meat or dairy. But, vermicomposting is one of the fastest composting methods for breaking

down fruit and vegetable scraps, coffee grounds, and crushed eggshells, as well as shredded paper and cardboard. Worms can consume half their body weight per day, so a 1-pound starter set of worms in a one square foot vermicomposting bin can process about a half pound of food scraps each day. Vermicomposting can be done in a container indoors or outside, as long as temperatures are between approximately 55 and 80 degrees. The food scraps and worm bedding should be kept moist but not soggy. Learn more about vermicomposting and other composting methods Barrington Farm School's Community Composting Demonstration and Open House on May 6, 3-6pm.

- Li'l Rhody Compost Week
- Community Compost Demo and Open House - Wed, May 6. 2026 3-6

Marine Summer Camp:
Coming this summer to Barrington! Programs for ages 5-14 taking place at Barrington Beach.

Environmental Justice/Planet Health Author Event:
The Town of Barrington Public Library is hosting a free all-ages event on May 14 featuring Meera Subramanian, author of the graphic novel, *A Better World Is Possible: Global Youth Confront the Climate Crisis*. We would love to fill the Library auditorium with young people from Barrington who are concerned about environmental justice and the health of the planet.

Folks can register here.