Barrington Middle School
BMS Connected Learning Newsletter
4/26/2026
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, Ⲛⲟϥⲣⲓ

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:

- BMS SIT: Tuesday, April 28, 2026 from 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm
- BMS Book Fair: Tuesday, April 28, 2026 through Friday, May 1, 2026
- Day Without Hate: Friday, May 1, 2026
- 8th grade orientation at Barrington High School: Wednesday, May 6, 2026 at 6:00 pm
- 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 4.27.2026	Tuesday 4.28.2026	Wednesday 4.29.2026	Thursday 4.30.2026	Friday 5.1.2026
Odd/Even	Odd	Even	Odd	Even	Odd
Activities or		Book Fair	Book Fair	Book Fair	Book Fair

Events		**BMS SIT 3:30pm - 4:30pm**			

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 Events			**RISS Survey**		

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 ~

A Day Without Hate:

The BHS Chain Reaction Club is organizing our annual “A Day Without Hate” celebration on Friday, May 1. This day will be an incredible opportunity for every member of our district community to come together to say that we will not tolerate violence or hate, and we will reach out to friends and acquaintances and say, "We're all in this together." Below are some resources with ideas about how you can celebrate A Day Without Hate in your classroom/team/school.

What you can do:

1. Wear white on DWOH - Friday, May 1, and encourage your students to do the same.
2. One of the hallmarks of DWOH are the "Peace Posters." We transform the school environment by covering the buildings with posters with messages of unity, respect and nonviolence. Hold a Peace Poster Party for your class, club, team, department or organization.
3. Come to the District Peace Poster Party on **Thursday, April 30, 5:00 - 7:00 PM** in the BHS cafeteria. You can hang your poster up at BHS or bring it back to your school to hang up the next day.
4. Check out the Day Without Hate resource kit. It has ideas broken down by grade level.
5. Check out the blog post on the Rachel’s Challenge web site about what we’ve done in previous years.

6. Please share photos/videos of how you celebrate. Email us at chainreaction@barringtonschools.org.

Find more information about DWOH on the Chain Reaction Club site. Feel free to reach out to us with any questions and please share pictures and videos with us. Thanks!

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR PARENT NIGHT! WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29th!

The Book Fair will be open from 5-6:15pm! Students who bring in a parent to shop with them will get a prize from the Fair! **Palagis Ice Cream Truck** will be visiting the Fair as well. Hope to see you there!

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

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.

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

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 Scholastic Book Fair:

The Scholastic Book Fair is open! Students may peruse and purchase items starting Tuesday, April 28 through Friday, May 1, 2026. Use this link https://www.scholastic.com/bf/barringtonmiddleschool1 to preview what books will be at the Fair, start your Wish List and fund your ewallet for easy shopping! Happy Reading!

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!

Student Volunteer Opportunity:

Hampden Meadows PTO wants YOU (our BMS students!) to volunteer at this year's Tough Tiger!
Sign up here to volunteer:
https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054FA9AF2EA7FEC61-56518605-tough

~ BMS Current and Relevant News ~

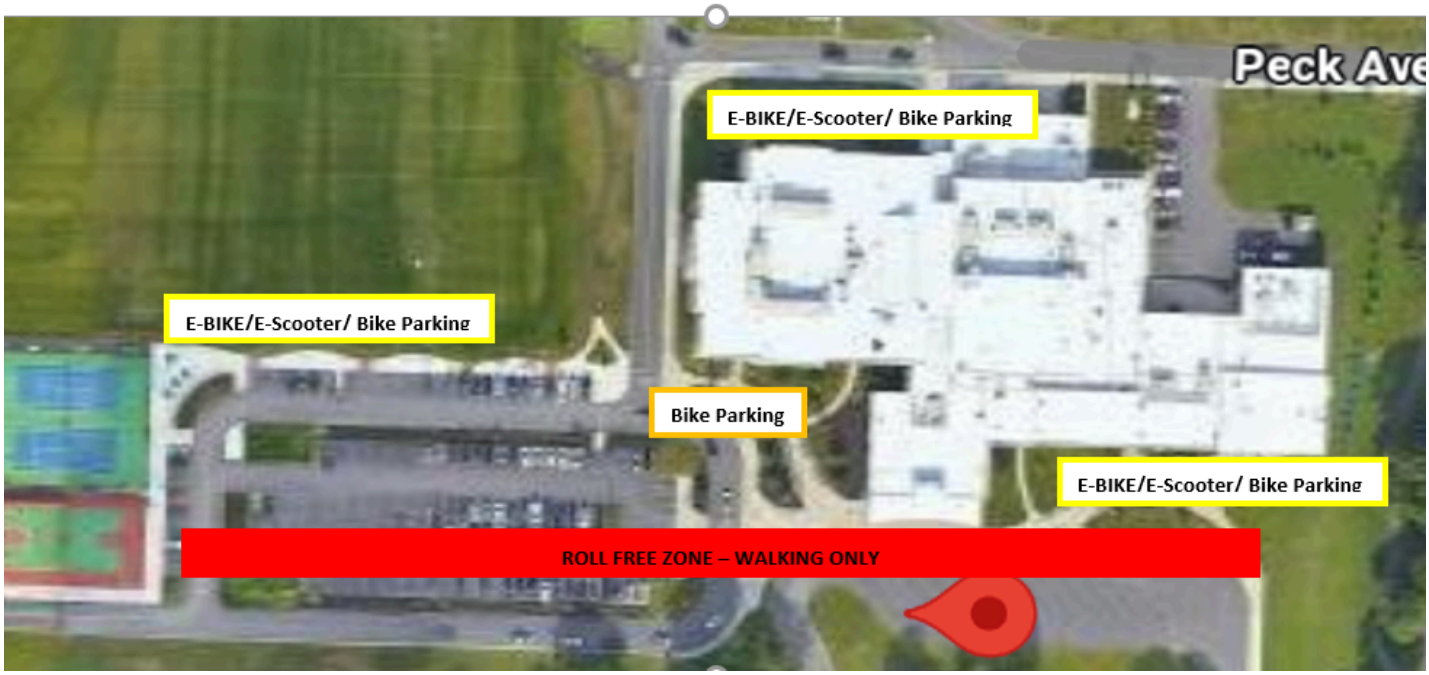
Author Sara Pennypacker is coming to the public library:

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



Chartwells School Lunch News:

Chartwells is excited to introduce a new menu promotion launching this month called **Foodie Fest**. Foodie Fest focuses on **elevating flavors in familiar student favorites**, giving classic meals a fun and flavorful twist. **Foodie Fest menu items will be featured every Thursday throughout the month of May**, and we look forward to bringing this experience to our students.

BMS Lunch Menu - May 2026

BMS Breakfast Menu - May 2026

~ BMS Student Activities ~

BMS Spring Tennis:

BMS Spring Tennis will be starting next week! Tennis will be held Monday and Wednesday after school each week (due to a scheduling conflict I can no longer due 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 1

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 Mrs. Montana. Mrs. M spends countless hours organizing and coaching our Science Olympiad team. She is patient, dedicated, and supportive. Under her guidance, we learn the values of hard work, perseverance, collaboration, and friendship. She is the rock of the BMS Science Olympiad team and deserves a medal herself! We are grateful for Mrs. M and the opportunity to be part of this wonderful club. Thank you, Mrs. M! (Nominated by a member of the Science Olympiad Team)

This week, we would like to shine our BMS Spotlight on Ember Sturniolo for using her creativity to write and illustrate a very professional graphic short story called Psyche's Savior. She is a budding author/artist from the Lime Cluster. Great work, Ember! (Nominated by Ms. Taglione)

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.

News from the Barrington Farm School:

How to compost?

Backyard composting can be a convenient composting option if you have a little yard space and want to generate a nutrient-dense soil amendment for your own use. Each container of food scraps should be mixed with approximately 3-4 times as much carbon-rich material (leaves, wood chips, etc.). Not adding enough carbon is the number one reason people end up with a smelly mess instead of a healthy compost pile. Stirring the pile occasionally to incorporate air and adding enough water to keep the pile moist but not soggy can speed the decomposition process too. If you want to learn more about backyard composting, as well as other composting options in our community, please join us at our Compost Open House on Wednesday, May 6, 3-6pm at the Barrington Farm School. Questions? Email compost@barringtonfarmschool.org.

- Contributed by Barrington Farm School

- Li'l Rhody Compost Week
- Volunteer Day at Barrington Farm School - Sat, May 2, 2026 10-1
- Community Compost Demo and Open House - Wed, May 6. 2026 3-6

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.

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.