Barrington Middle School
BMS Connected Learning Newsletter
4/12/2026
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:

- BMS Family/Friends Coffee House- Thursday, April 16, 2026 from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm
- April Vacation: Monday, April 20, 2026 - Friday, April 24, 2026
- BMS Book Fair: Tuesday, April 28, 2026 through 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.
- BMS SIT: Tuesday, May 28, 2026 from 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm

~ 2 Week Outlook ~

Day/Date	Monday 4.13.2026	Tuesday 4.14.2026	Wednesday 4.15.2026	Thursday 4.16.2026	Friday 4.17.2026
Odd/Even	Even	Odd	Even	Odd	Even
Activities or				Coffee House	

Events				**6:00 pm - 7:30 pm**	

Day/Date	**Monday 4.20.2026**	**Tuesday 4.21.2026**	**Wednesday 4.22.2026**	**Thursday 4.23.2026**	**Friday 4.24.2026**
Odd/Even					
Activities or Events	**~ Spring Break ~**				

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 ~

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

BMS School Work Survey — Deadline: Friday, April 17

We'd love to hear from you! Only 6% of BMS families have completed our School Work Survey so far, and every response helps our team of teachers and students make meaningful improvements for your child.

As a bonus, the cluster with the highest family response rate wins extended outdoor recess — so students are counting on you!

Click here for the survey. | Click here to enter the “extended” recess contest.

Thank you for your partnership! — Dr. Anderson

BMS Coffee House:
This **Thursday, April 16, 2026**, BMS will hold its first annual BMS Coffee House showcasing the artistic and musical talent from members of our BMS Learning Community. This event is open to both families and students of our BMS Learning Community. In addition to a suggested $5.00 donation for entry there will also be an opportunity to purchase snacks.

Please use this link to sign-up for snack donations and volunteer support.

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508094FA4A923A2FB6-63414622-bmscoffeehouse

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY:
Hello Parents! The Book Fair needs your help! Please consider volunteering the week of April 27th to help make the Fair a success! Use the **sign up genius** if you would like to volunteer for a shift. Thank you for your support!

BMS Lost and Found:
Missing a sweatshirt? Water bottle? Have your student check out the lost and found table in the cafeteria! Our volunteers have organized the items (thank you!) and they will be donated to a needy school after spring break. Click here for pictures!

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 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
- 8th Grade Kendbrin Field Day: Monday, June 22, 2026, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm
- Last Day of School for 6th, 7th, and 8th Graders: Tuesday, June 23, 2026!

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

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 to those of you that have already donated, students were very excited! - Ms. Slaughter
Items for donation:

- Football
- Four square ball
- Soccer ball

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 countdown to the Scholastic Book Fair continues! The Fair will be visiting BMS right after April Break. Students, prove that you are the Top Reader of your Cluster and you can win a FREE book of your choice at the Fair! Mrs. Roy will be tracking each student's checkouts for the month. The Top Readers will be announced on the Morning Show on Tuesday, April 28th!

In the meantime, 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! Students with ewallets can attend a special VIP early shopping period and win prizes! 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.

2025-2026 BMS Yearbook:

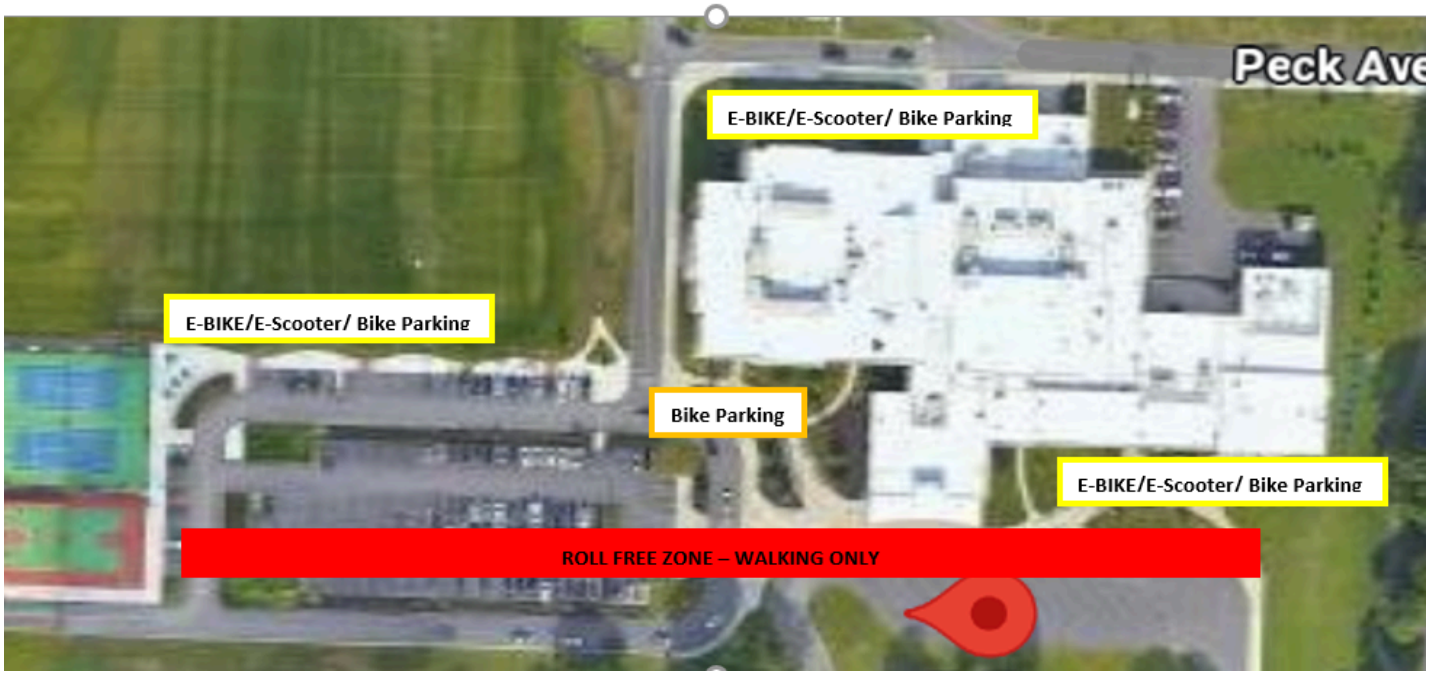
The absolute last day to order this year's BMS yearbook is April 27! We do not order extra yearbooks as we charge exactly the cost of the yearbook (this is not a fundraiser). Yearbooks are $40.

Click here to order now before it's too late! www.coffeepond.com/order_yb1.aspx
Order password: **BMS26**

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 ~

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 Ms. Amy Slaughter. We cannot thank Assistant Principal Amy Slaughter enough for everything she brings to our BMS learning community. From organizing state assessments with remarkable skill, to ensuring balanced coverage across the building each day, to being a consistent and visible presence in our classrooms, hallways and cafeteria — Amy models the kind of dedicated leadership our students and staff deserve. She is a constant and positive force in this building who makes BMS better every single day. BMS is grateful for you, Amy, and so am I!

This week, we would like to shine our BMS Spotlight on Coach Mottana and our BMS Science Olympiad Team! Great job to all our Science Olympiad team members for their outstanding performance at the **2026 State Finals, Division B, Second Place.** I would like to congratulate
Derek Lee, James Merkel, Achyuthan Puppala, Josie Rattle, - Green Cluster,
Fiona Coen, Molly Maloney, Yelda Bac- Red Cluster,
Aarna Chakraborthy, Talia Reginster- Purple cluster,
Anton Chen, Joey Kim, Miles Kuchner - Orange Cluster,
Bown Jin-Blue Cluster,
Angelina Ding and Lillian Hayward- Aqua Cluster,
Thank you for all your hard work and perseverance throughout the Invitationals season and State Competition. Your dedication and teamwork have truly paid off.
Congratulations to all involved on this impressive accomplishment!!

This week, we would like to shine our BMS spotlight on Denise Andreozzi. I'd like to give a shout-out to Denise Andreozzi for volunteering to join me at the SEAC meeting on Tuesday, 4/7, from 6:30-8:00 pm. We presented on the department's unique work, highlighting our special education programming/services, academic and SEL interventions, and the positive impacts on our IEP students. Thanks, Denise, for the teamwork! (Nominated by Colleen Deluski)

This week, we would like to shine our BMS Spotlight on Colleen Deluski and Denise Andreozzi for presenting to SEAC our consultancy protocol. Kristen Matthes reported that the BMS system of SEL consultation was featured and

that there was a lot of positive feedback that she received on this system and model. Yay BMS team!!!! (nominated by Courtney Canario)

This week, we would like to shine our BMS Spotlight on Jodi Cabral. Mrs Cabral is teaching Razzmatazz Social studies for Mrs Lucier while she is gone, and even though it's probably hard, managing everything by herself, she's doing an ammmmaaaazzzziiing job teaching us and getting us to do our work! (Nominated by Estelle Yang)

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?

Community drop-off sites can be a great hassle-free composting option for those who want to compost their food scraps locally without the space or effort needed to do it themselves or the cost of curbside pick-up. Barrington residents are fortunate to have three completely free community drop-off sites in town - at the Barrington Farm School Farm Stand, behind the Barrington Library, and by the Kent St. tennis courts. Anyone can drop off food scraps at these sites free of charge 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and the scraps are turned into rich, nutrient-dense compost for the Barrington Farm School.

- Contributed by Barrington Farm School

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.