Barrington Middle School
BMS Connected Learning Newsletter
3/22/2026
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:

- First Day of Trimester 3: Monday, March 23, 2026
- Winter Semi-Formal, Friday, March 27, 2026 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm
- Best Buddies Friendship Walk: Saturday, March 28, 2026 beginning at 11:15 am at Providence College
- Choral Festival, Tuesday, March 31, 2026 and Wednesday, April 1, 2026
- 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 3.23.2026	Tuesday 3.24.2026	Wednesday 3.25.2026	Thursday 3.26.2026	Friday 3.27.2026
Odd/Even	Even	Odd	Even	Odd	Even
Activities or	School Spirit	School Spirit	School Spirit	School Spirit	School Spirit

Events	Week: Pajama Day	Week: Beach Day	Week: Cluster Color Day	Week: Twin Day	Week: Blue and Gold Day Winter Semi-Formal 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

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					Good Friday No School

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 ~

Student Survey-Works:

As indicated in a previous communication, students will be participating in survey-work. Our leadership teams and student council team look closely at the data to help improve our learning community. Please feel free to reach out to your child's school counselor if you have any questions about the survey.

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.

BMS Winter Semi-Formal:

We are excited for our Winter Semi-Formal on **Friday, March 27, 2026 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm**. This dance is for BMS students only.

In order to make the dance a success, we are in need of a few items. Your help is much appreciated:

Snack Donations

Raffle Basket Donations
Chaperoning

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. Texeira Room 1215.
Thank you for your support!
Questions? texeiraj@barringtonschools.org

BMS Best Buddies Walk:

Best Buddies Friendship Walk- Saturday, March 28, 2026

Providence College

Opening Ceremony: 11:15 AM

Walk Begins: 11:25 AM

Celebration Continues Until: 12:30 PM

Please join our team, the Barrington Buddies, by clicking the link below:

Join the Barrington Buddies Team Here!

We hope to see you there. Be sure to wear your Barrington Best Buddies gear if you have it! Please feel free to reach out with any questions.

BMS Spring Enrichment Now Open:

BMS Spring Enrichment is now live for families to register on myschoolbucks.com!

1. Tuesday: 7:20-8:20AM (14 students) **Learn Cursive with Ms. Tags**
2. Tuesday/Thursday 4 weeks 3:20-4:20PM (14 students) **Ultimate Frisbee** Enrichment with Mr. Magee
3. Wednesday 7:20-8:20AM (12 students) **Yarn & Yammer** with Kelly Johnston

If you are having trouble with your myschoolbucks.com account please email Christine Francis at francisc@barringtonschools.org Phone: 401-245-5000 ext 335. If you have questions about programming, email bmsenrichment@barringtonschools.org

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!

Technology Tip:

Consider talking to your student about what AI is, what plagiarism is and what is their own voice as a young middle school person. Our students have a lot of access to the thoughts and ideas of others available with a quick cut and paste option. It is important that they understand their teachers are looking for what is their OWN work and their OWN voice and not taking a short cut. Conversations at home about the temptation to take a short cut when adolescents are feeling tired or apathetic can help avoid a student falling into academic dishonesty. Feel free to reach out to your grade level counselor or Ms. Slaughter if you could use some more support in talking with your student about this topic.

~ 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!

Eagle Honor Society- Declaration of Intent:

We are excited to hear that many students and families are interested in joining BMS's Eagle Honor Society. To help streamline communication, below is the Declaration of Intent for those students who will commit to the process. We will use this form to provide ongoing, specific communication and support to students committed to becoming an Eagle Honor Society member.

BMS Eagle Honor Society Declaration of Intent

In addition, below you will find our BMS Eagle Honor Society one-pager:
2025 - 2026 Barrington Middle School Eagle Honor Society

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 Student Activities ~

Unified Basketball T-Shirt and Schedule:
The BHS and BMS Unified sports programs are collaborating on t-shirt orders this year. The Unified coach at BHS made this Unified logo and we are selling this assorted apparel to the whole BPS community. Order your apparel here:
Barrington Eagles are Unified

The season starts today. Hope to see you at a home game:
Unified Basketball Schedule

~ Spotlight on Learning ~

This week, we would like to shine our BMS Spotlight on Mr. Kearns, Liam Sousa, and all of the Geo-Bee participants. Great work, Mr. Kearns, moderating the event, and congratulations, Liam, for being the last contestant standing.

This week, we would like to shine our BMS Spotlight on those who made Career Day a success! We would like to extend our sincere thanks to everyone who contributed to making 7th Grade Career Day at BMS such a success. This event would not have been possible without the collective effort, flexibility, and dedication of so many members of our school community.

A special thank you to our teacher presenters for sharing their time, experiences, and expertise with our students. Your willingness to engage and inspire helped make the day both meaningful and memorable.

We are also incredibly grateful to our Tech Department for their behind-the-scenes work ensuring that all presentations ran smoothly, as well as to our secretaries for their organization, coordination, and attention to detail throughout the planning process. Mark Davis, you are a rockstar!

Thank you to our faculty and staff for supporting students, helping with logistics, and maintaining a positive and structured environment throughout the day. Your teamwork and commitment played a key role in the event's success.

And an equally huge thank you to everyone in the counseling office and front office who spent many hours planning, organizing and making sure every detail was covered so that this day could be a success! Kelly and Janna, we could not do this without you!

Career Day is a wonderful opportunity for students to explore future possibilities, and it truly takes a team effort to bring it all together. We appreciate everyone who helped make this experience possible for our students.

This week, we would like to shine our BMS Spotlight on the SOAR Team! I would like to give a shout out to our BMS Soar Tutors! Tutors have been working diligently and helping our students grow. Thank you to Justine Currie, Stephanie Bannon, Jennifer Scott, Connie Oswald, Riley Spillane, George Promades, Maria Sanjurjo, Kyle Villella, Danielle Campbell and Jenn Armstrong for all of your hard work, dedication, and inspiration in getting this opportunity off the ground and soaring! In gratitude, Dr. Fernandes

This week, we would like to shine our BMS Spotlight on Brian Fernandes. This past week, Brian presented at the 45th NELMS conference in Springfield, MA. The focus of his workshop featured how BMS makes its vision a reality. Audience members were engaged and intrigued about the great things happening at BMS. Great work, Brian!

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.

USED SPORTING GOODS SALE 3/28/26!!:

- Used Sports Equipment & Apparel Sale Sponsored by Barrington Boosters

News from the Barrington Farm School:
Why compost?
When added to soil, compost can filter out 60-95% of urban stormwater pollutants! Compost improves the ability of soil to absorb stormwater rather than letting it run off. Once the water is absorbed, the compost catches and filters out sediment, and the diverse microorganisms in compost can break down some toxins and pollutants. The ability of compost to absorb and filter stormwater and to reduce the need for chemical fertilizers and pesticides means the more we make and use compost, the cleaner our rivers, lakes, and oceans will be!

Karen Griffith
Compost Educator and Outreach Manager
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.

Barrington Earth Hour:
Click here for information about a kick-off event for action leading up to Earth Day. Unplug. Connect. Give back to Earth. Saturday, March 28, 2026 from 8:30 to 9:30 am.

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.