**Barrington Middle School**
**BMS Connected Learning Newsletter**
**5/10/2026**
**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
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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:**

- 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.
- Spring Chorus Concert: Wednesday, May 20, 2026 beginning at 7:00 pm.

**~ 2 Week Outlook ~**

| Day/Date | Monday 5.11.2026 | Tuesday 5.12.2026 | Wednesday 5.13.2026 | Thursday 5.14.2026 | Friday 5.15.2026 |
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| Odd/Even | Odd | Even | Odd | Even | Odd |
| Activities or Events | Holocaust and | Math RICAS Day 1 | Math RICAS Day 2 | | |

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| | **Anti-Semitic Presentation** | | **BMSLC 7:20 - 8:20** | | |

| **Day/Date** | **Monday 5.18.2026** | **Tuesday 5.19.2026** | **Wednesday 5.20.2026** | **Thursday 5.21.2026** | **Friday 5.22.2026** |
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| **Odd/Even** | **Odd** | **Even** | **Odd** | **Even** | **Odd** |
| **Activities or Events** | | | **Spring Chorus Concert 7:00 pm** | | |

**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 ~**

🎉**Last Best Buddies Event of the Year!** 🎉

💛 **Best Buddies Goodbye Gathering** 💛

We're wrapping up an amazing year of friendship, fun, and inclusivity—celebrate with us!

📅 **Wednesday, May 13, 2026**
📍 **6th Grade Breakout Space**
⏰ **3:15–4:00 PM**

Join us as we look back on all the great memories we've made together and send each other off into summer with smiles. We hope to see everyone there for this special end-of-year celebration!

**Mental Health Awareness Spirit Week, Week of May 18, 2026:**

Hello BMS! The student council is excited to announce that the week of the 18th there will be a Mental Health Awareness spirit week! During lunch throughout this week there will be different de-stress fest options!

These options include:

- May 18: **Monday Mindfulness Meditation** or tai-chi with the gym teachers during all lunches

in the side room gymnasium.

- May 19: Tuesday during lunch **Mindfulness Art** in the art room with the art teachers.
- May 20: Wednesday a **Service Dog Experience** with Barrington Police Department in the 6th grade break out space during all lunches .
- May 21: Thursday a **guest speaker** during fast.
- May 22: And Friday, Mrs. Manny will have a table at lunch time explaining the "**988" hotline** to students. There will also be a **kindness challenge bingo** where each cluster will have a chance to win a Dels party!

As well as these events during lunch throughout next week, we will also be having a spirit week!

–Monday: motivational message day
–Tuesday: Pj day
–Wednesday: twin day
–Thursday: wear green day
–Friday: Compliment day

If you would like to participate in the meditation, art, or service dog event please see your grade representative to sign up during lunch.

Thank you,
Violet Cohen, 8th Grade, Purple Cluster

**One Amazing Night:**
Join us on **Monday, June 8, 2026 from 5:30 - 7 pm** for a showcase of student work from our Allied Arts classes! This will be a fun-filled evening and include henna, mini-golf, face painting, inflatable games, Ninja warrior obstacle course, balloon twisting, community art showcase and a photo booth! This is BMS's biggest fundraiser of the year! All ages and our community are invited!

**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 had a special presentation for our 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students on the topic of the Holocaust and Anti-Semitism. This special event was in collaboration with Sandra Bornstein Holocaust Education Center.

Prior to the speaking event, your child's Social Studies teacher provided 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.

**Cruisin' for Caroline**:

We are excited that the **"Cruisin' for Caroline" Walk** will take place on **Wednesday, May 27, 2026** (rain date: Thursday, May 28, 2026). Caroline was a former Barrington Middle School student and Barrington High School grad, and always made everyone smile! This is a district-wide event, with every Barrington School walking at some point on the 27th.

**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.

**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 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

**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**

**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 ~**

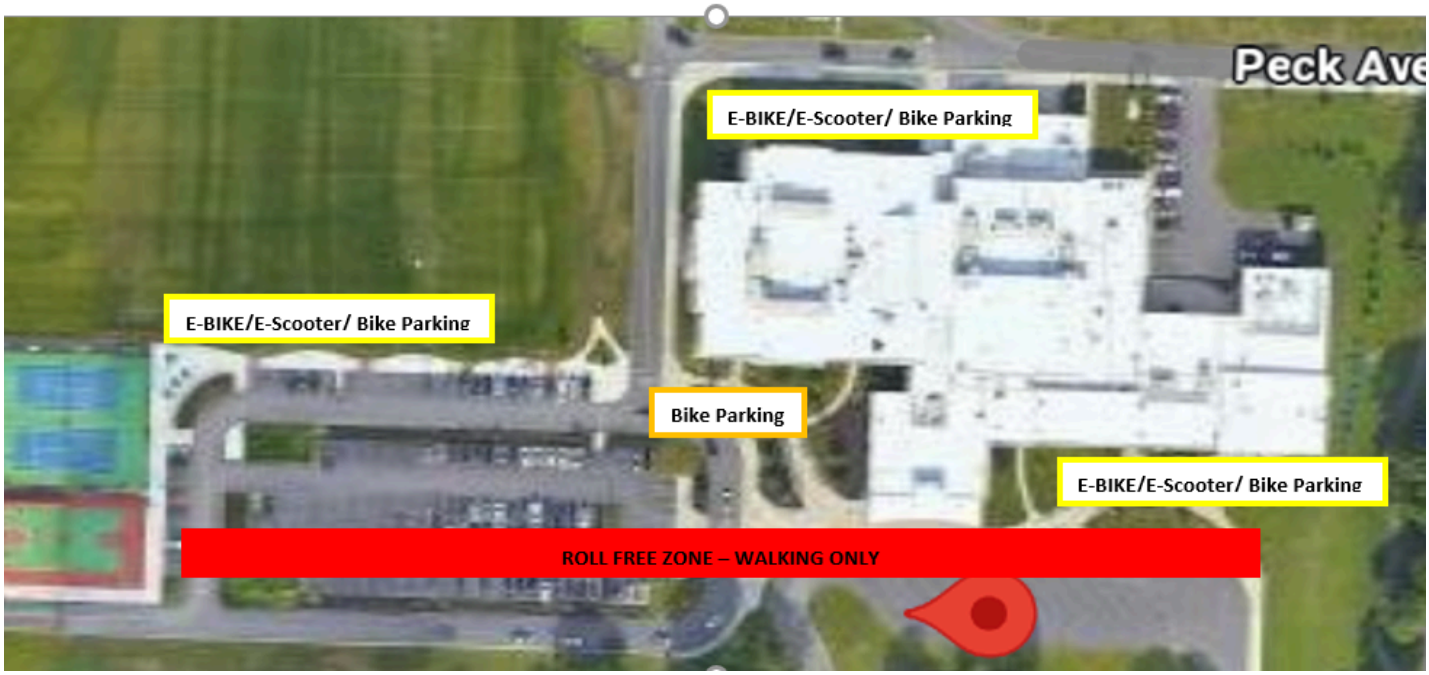
**Author Sara Pennypacker is coming to the public library:**

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 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 3

**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 ~**

On behalf of the BMS Learning Community, this week, we would like to shine our BMS Spotlight on our Amazing parent volunteers and parents for making this year's Teacher Appreciation Week such a success. We are grateful for your generosity and, more importantly, your appreciation for our faculty and staff. BMS is an amazing learning community. Thank you to our teachers, staff, students, and parents! We Rock!

This week, we would like to shine our BMS Spotlight on Barbara Nozaki. I can't think of someone who deserves a spotlight more than Mrs. Nozaki. She is always so positive and upbeat in her interactions with both students and faculty and she deserves to be recognized for all of her hard work. We appreciate you Mrs. Nozaki- thank you for all that you do! (Nominated by a member of our BMS Learning Community)

This week, we would like to shine our BMS Spotlight on Sydney Blundin. Sydney takes so much on for the good of others. She truly cares about her peers, and is friendly to everyone, from her teachers to her fellow students. Sydney puts everything she has into her work, and it's so inspiring to her peers. She is an amazing friend, and wonderful to be around. Thank you, Sydney! (Nominated by BMS Student, Lyla Perreault).

This week, we would like to shine our BMS Spotlight on Jenn Perreira, Jodi Cabral, Denise Andreozzi, Alison Pomeranz, and Courtney Canario. Thank you for joining Andy, Amy, Mark and myself by volunteering your time at the annual 5th-6th grade Special Ed Transition Night held on Thursday 4/30 from 6:00-7:30. It was another successful evening where parents were informed of all special ed programs and supports provided here at BMS. Great teamwork! (Nominated Colleen Deluski).

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:**

## Why Worms?

- Whether you're using worms for vermicomposting, watching them wiggle through your backyard compost pile, or you see them in your yard or garden, worms are a good sign! Worms consume organic matter and process it into poop, which is also called castings. Worm castings are filled with beneficial microorganisms and nutrients that worms have extracted from the organic matter they consumed, including phosphorus and nitrogen that are essential for plant growth. Since worm castings are water soluble, the nutrients they provide are readily available to plant roots, resulting in healthier, stronger plants. The digestive processes of earthworms also remove heavy metals and toxins from soil or food scraps and prevent them from being absorbed by plants.

***"It may be doubted whether there are many other animals which have played so important a part in the history of the world, as have these lowly organised creatures."* – Charles Darwin, writing about earthworms**

- Contributed by Barrington Farm School

**Marine Summer Camp:**

Register Before It Fills Up!
Marine Science Camp is coming to Barrington for the first time this summer!

This summer, give your child an adventure where curiosity meets the coast. Campers discover the wonders of the ocean through hands-on field experiments and real-world research. They will explore marine habitats, catch and release animals with seine nets, test water quality, and contribute data to citizen science projects.

Engaging lessons on everything from Tiger Sharks to Axolotls bring the ocean to life. With nearly two decades of experience and national recognition, our award-winning camp makes learning about the sea unforgettable.
Camp weeks:
- June 22–26
- August 10–14
- August 17–21
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.