

Barrington Middle School
BMS Connected Learning Newsletter
4/5/2026

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 ಸ್ವಾಗತಂ, Ahlan wa sahan, Hoş geldin, Bienvenue, اهلا...مرحبا, 欢迎,
Welkom, Καλώς ορίσαστε, khosh amadid (خوش آمدید), Herzlich willkommen!, नमस्ते (Namastē), ಸ್ವಾಗತಂ,
B'ruchim haba'im (ברוכים הבאים), Ahlan wa Sahlan,
Bienvenidos, வணக்கம் (Vanakkam), ಸ್ವಾಗತಂ, 환영합니다, , ברוכים הבאים
Witamy, Nnọ, ようこそ。Hoşgeldiniz, Merhaba, Привіт, dobro pozhalovat, dobro pozhalovat, NoЧр

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:

- RICAS ELA: Tuesday, April 7, 2026 - Wednesday, April 8, 2026
- 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
- 8th grade orientation at Barrington High School: Wednesday, May 6, 2026 at either 6:30 pm or 7:00 pm (more info to come)

~ 2 Week Outlook ~

Day/Date	Monday 4.6.2026	Tuesday 4.7.2026	Wednesday 4.8.2026	Thursday 4.9.2026	Friday 4.10.2026
Odd/Even	Odd	Even	Odd	Even	Odd
Activities or Events		RICAS ELA Day 1	RICAS ELA Day 2		

Day/Date	Monday 4.13.2026	Tuesday 4.14.2026	Wednesday 4.15.2026	Thursday 4.16.2026	Friday 4.117.2026
Odd/Even	Even	Odd	Even	Odd	Even
Activities or Events			BMS Faculty Meeting 7:20 am - 8:20am		

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 ~

 Join the Fun with Best Buddies & Unified Basketball! 

Get ready for an awesome afternoon of fun, friendship, and teamwork! Best Buddies is excited to team up with our Unified Basketball crew for a special event you won't want to miss!

 **17** Tuesday, April 14

 3:15–4:00 PM (small gym, large gym)

This is the perfect chance for students to make new friends, try something new, and be part of a welcoming and inclusive community where everyone belongs!

 What can you expect?

 Basketball drills, games, and tons of fun

 Board games and creative activities like poster making

 Snacks and drinks to enjoy with friends

Students can choose the activities they enjoy most while spending time together and building connections.

 Come be part of something special—bring a friend, have fun, and help make someone's day a little brighter!

We can't wait to see you there! If you'd like to donate goodies, [please click here](#).

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. To date, we only have a 5% response rate. [Click here for the survey](#).

RICAS ELA Testing April 7th

We will be starting RICAS ELA testing on Tuesday. We deeply appreciate how seriously our students take this test. As a result of their hard work we may have to have students test for longer periods of time (they get as long as they need). In order to help support their best efforts we ask that for Tuesday, April 7th you all:

- Send your student in with a bag lunch from home if possible
- All students who get school lunch will be getting a boxed lunch on Tuesday
- Charge the chromebook at home overnight
- Bring a water bottle

We hope to begin at 8:45am. To be as least disruptive as possible, we ask families to make every effort to be on time to school.

For every other day of RICAS we run as close to a “normal” school day as possible.

BMS Family/Friends Coffee House:

All BMS family and friends are invited to our 1st Annual 8th Grade Coffee House fundraiser from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm on Thursday, April 16, 2026, in the BMS student union. This is a fundraiser for the 8th-grade DC trip.

Please bring money for snacks, desserts, hot chocolate, and much more.

If you are interested in performing at the coffee house, please stop by and see Mrs. Armstrong. Performances can include singing, musical instruments, poetry, etc.

Finally, please consider donating snacks/desserts to the coffee house by completing the sign-up genius below.

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

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 for considering - Ms. Slaughter

Items for donation:

- Football
- Four square ball
- Soccer ball
- Tennis ball
- Frisbee

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/HMS Community Book Club:

BMS is teaming up with HMS and the Barrington Public Library to engage in a community book club. We are reading Sara Pennypacker's new World War II historical fiction novel, *The Lions' Run*. We will meet at **4:00 PM at the Barrington Public Library on Thursday, April 16th.**

There will be two more meetings at the library on Tuesday, May 6, and Thursday, May 21, to work with podcasting equipment.

Sara Pennypacker will be doing an author visit at Barrington Public Library on Sunday, May 31 at 1 PM. Please include this [sign-up link](#) on your Canvas page for students to sign up for the book club and possibly get a book.

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!

~ 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!

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.

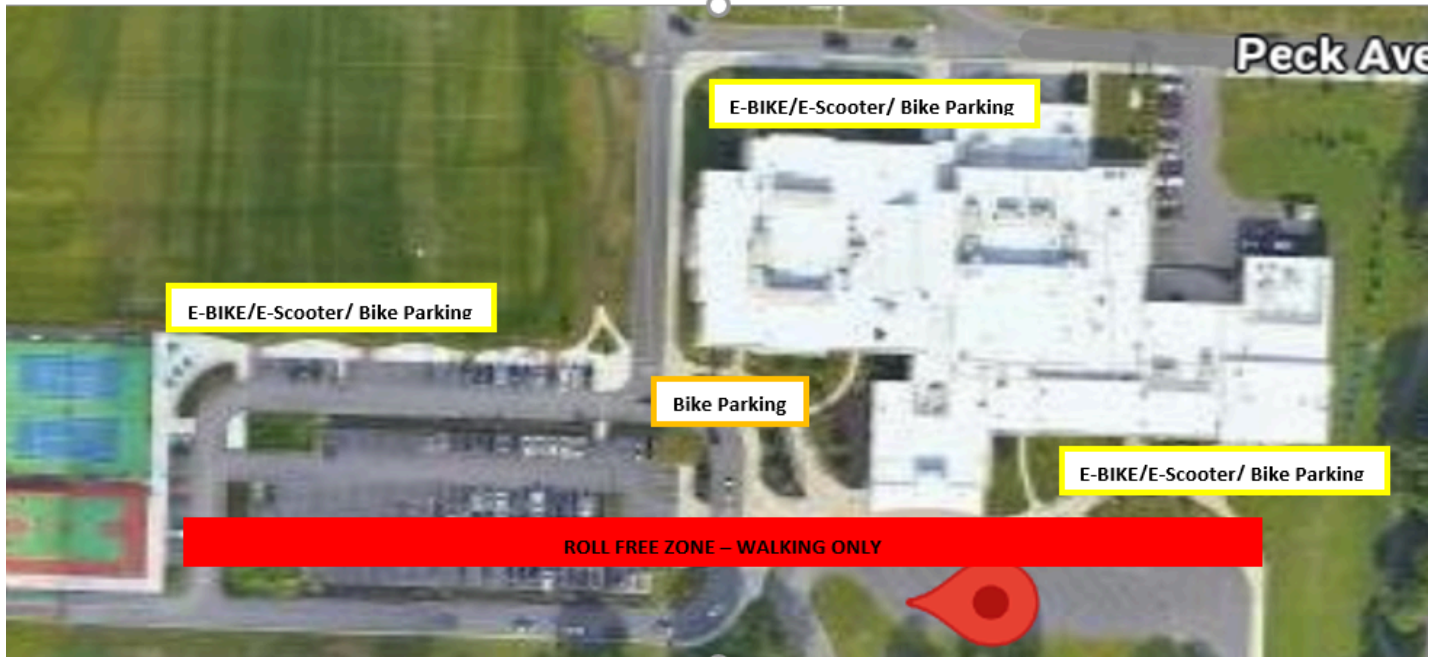
Click here to order now before it's too late! www.coffeepond.com/order_yb1.aspx

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 our 8th Grade Band and Mrs. Dion! The 8th grade band worked so hard for many months and earned a "superior" rating at the festival, which is above and beyond for a performing ensemble. Great work Mrs. Dion and the 8th Grade Band! You Rock!

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 ~

News from the Barrington Farm School:

Why compost?

April is Earth Month! This is a great time to make sure you're keeping food waste out of the landfill. First, make sure edible food doesn't have to be thrown out in the first place, and then compost what can no longer be eaten. If you've tried composting before and it hasn't worked for you, it's time to take another look at it. There are many different ways to compost, and with a little trial and error, most people can find a way that works for them. This April we're going to be taking a look at some of the many different options.

Curbside compost pick-up can be the easiest and most convenient composting option. Sometimes it's a little more costly than other methods, but the Town of Barrington is currently running a curbside compost pilot program with Black Earth, and the first two years are subsidized to make it more affordable. With this option, all food scraps can be composted, including meat, bones, and dairy. You just put your food scraps out in the provided bin every week, and they will get picked up just like your trash and recycling. More information is available at <https://blackearthcompost.com/barrington/>

[Join us for a Spring Microscopy Workshop!](#) Take a deeper look at your soil.

- Contributed by Barrington Farm School

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>

Nayatt 5K:

[April 11! Click here for more information.](#)

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.

Barrington AfterProm Closet Cleanout:

[This Saturday! Drop-off from 8am-2pm](#) at BHS

Their biggest fundraiser of the year!

Accepting: clothing, shoes, bedding, towels, hats, mittens, scarves, ties, belts, jewelry, handbags and backpacks. All items must arrive in bags!

Please support the oldest after prom event in Rhode Island, keeping Barrington students safe since 2001.

Barrington AfterProm 501(c)3 Organization

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