Barrington Middle School
BMS Connected Learning Newsletter
5/17/2026
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 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 5.18.2026	Tuesday 5.19.2026	Wednesday 5.20.2026	Thursday 5.21.2026	Friday 5.22.2026
Odd/Even	Odd	Even	Odd	Even	Odd
Activities or Events		PTO Meeting 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm 7th Grade	BMS Faculty Meeting 7:20 am - 8:20 am		

		Family Information Night 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	**Spring Chorus Concert 7:00 pm**		

Day/Date	**Monday 5.25.2026**	**Tuesday 5.26.2026**	**Wednesday 5.27.2026**	**Thursday 5.28.2026**	**Friday 5.29.2026**
Odd/Even		**Even**	**Odd**	**Even**	**Odd**
Activities or Events	**No School Memorial Day**		**8th Grade DC** **Cruisin' for Caroline 2:30 PM**	**8th Grade DC**	**8th Grade DC**

Stay Connected with BMS:

- Barringtonmiddle.org
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- BMS Club/Activities Schedule 2025 - 2026
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- #bmsshines

~ Important Transition Information ~

Attention Current 5th, 6th, and 7th Grade Families:

It is that time of year again when we will send our Hopes and Dreams form home to our families. Forms will be emailed home to all incoming 6th, 7th, and 8th-grade families on Wednesday, May 20, 2026, and will be asked to be completed by Friday, June 5, 2026.

Cluster Placement Process 2026 - 2027:

We empathize that the cluster placement process can be anxiety-provoking for both students and families. It is important to note that after careful consideration, we have made a few shifts for the 2026 - 2027 academic school year.

Below are a few important notes about the process:

- Emphasis placed on creating balanced clusters and balanced classes
  - Student/Teacher ratio
  - Equal number of girls and boys
  - Equal number of students in each performance sub groups

- Special Education support in all clusters

- Determination is made by
  - Student's individual records
  - Student's performance assessments
  - Grade averages
  - Special education documents

- Additional Notes:
  - ***Beginning with the 2026 - 2027 school year, families will no longer be able to "identify their cluster experience preference."***
  - Due to the integrity of the cluster placement process, we are unable to accept and grant requests for specific clusters, and we will not be able to make changes to cluster assignments by request.
  - Please note, due to unforeseen circumstances, we reserve the right to make changes to cluster placement and classes if necessary to support educational programming.
  - In addition, we will continue to balance schedules up until the first day of school.

Please stay tuned for more information in your incoming Hopes and Dreams email sent on Wednesday, May 20, 2026.

Attention Current 6th Grade Families: World Language Update

Beginning with the 2026 - 2027 school year, incoming 7th-grade students will be able to identify their world language preference (Spanish or French) through a lottery process. Students will take Part 1 of either Spanish 1 or French 1 in 7th grade, and Part 2 of either Spanish 1 or French 1 in 8th grade. These classes will meet every other day, rather than an every day experience.

At the end of the two years (7th and 8th grade) If your student meets the criteria (60 class average, 70 midterm/final avg) this world language class will be included on your child's high school transcript and noted as a "Pass" and will not be weighted into their BHS GPA.

Please stay tuned for more information in your incoming 7th Grade Hopes and Dreams email sent on Wednesday, May 20, 2026.

Attention Current 7th Grade Families: Information Night

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 Current 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

Attention Current 8th Grade Families:

Graduation lawn signs are now available to honor our amazing 8th grade students! Show your BMS pride and support the Class of 2026 as they move on to high school. Order yours today at: LivRhodeIsland.com

~ BMS New News ~

BMS PTO Meeting:

Please join us tonight for our final PTO meeting of the year. In person: BMS Auditorium. Virtually: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/6451753989?pwd=kJWS8ItBte8J0mVeFfq4J4JX1WWZxs.1&omn=82772727395

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

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

Cluster Tournament T-Shirts/Spirit Wear: Families - The BMS student council is proud to once again sponsor our 2026 BMS Cluster Tournament! This annual tradition is a critical component to the culture of our school, and provides important camaraderie as we conclude the academic year. This year's BMS cluster tournament will be held from Thursday, June 11th through Wednesday, June 17th. If your student is interested in ordering a T-shirt to wear during the tournament - or at any other time - please see this QR code to order.

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!

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.

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**

~ BMS Current and Relevant News ~

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!

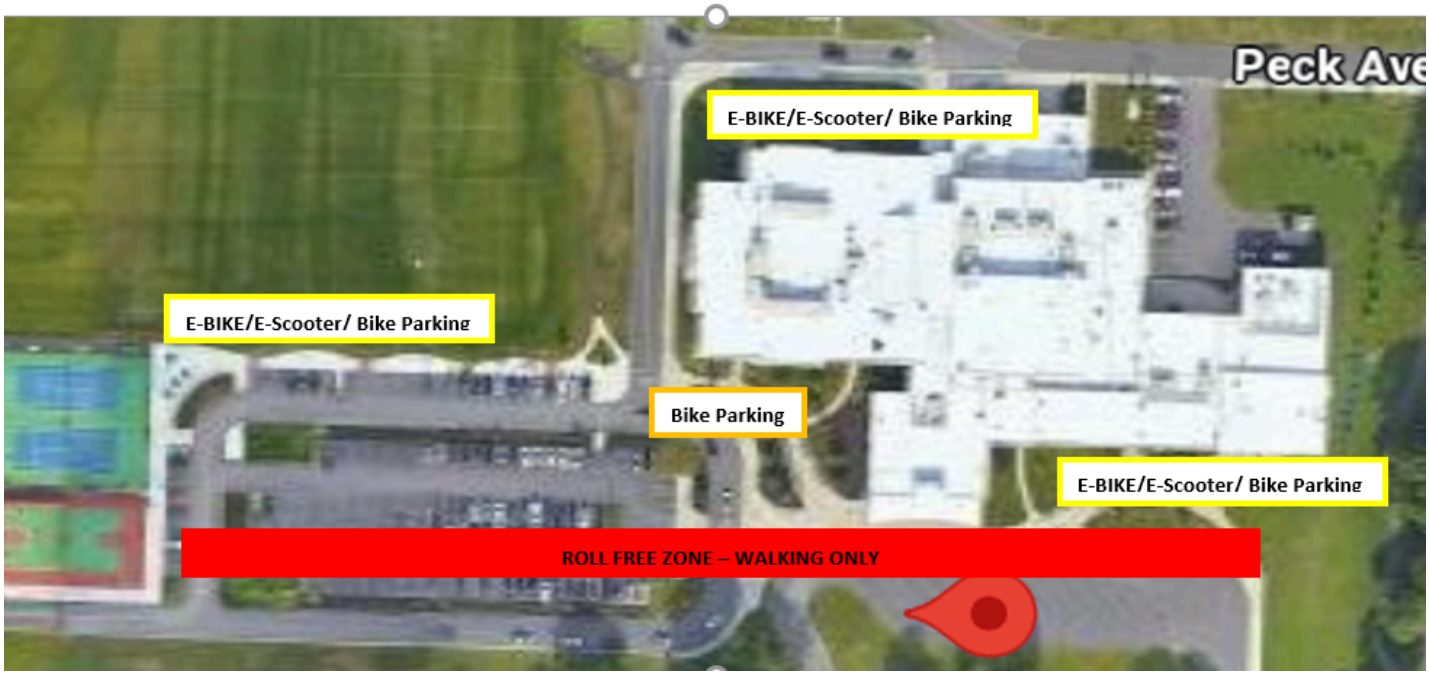
Author Sara Pennypacker is coming to the public library:

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! **Please note that this week tennis will only be held on Wednesday (5/27)** because there is no school on Monday, 5/25. There is no cost to participate! Please reach out to Riley Spillane (spillaner@barringtonschools.org) with any questions. There is only one week left after this so keep an eye out for the final Sign-Up Genius next week!

HERE is the Sign-Up Genius for Week 4

~ Spotlight on Learning ~

This week, we would like to shine our BMS Spotlight on Annie Yan, Thalia Baillie, Mack DiOrio, Griffin Noyes, Bryce Girard, Owen Wessner, Clyde Kelsey, Luca Dafonseca, Luke Fluet, and Ziyadah Abioye. Their time and effort were greatly appreciated by all! These students generously gave their time and effort to assist Tap-In with their food drive on Saturday, May 9th. Their hard work made a huge difference to everyone involved. (Nominated by a member of our BMS Learning Community).

This week, we would like to shine our BMS Spotlight on Allston Leonard. Allston received the Andrew DePietro Memorial Arts Scholarship from PPAC. Congrats, Allston, on this amazing accomplishment.

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 ~

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.

Composting Information from Barrington Town Farm:
Why Worms?
Worms are important for soil health and a healthy ecosystem. As they burrow, earthworms loosen compacted soil and create pathways for water and oxygen to be absorbed and nourish plant roots. Soil with earthworms drains up to 10 times faster than soils without, helping to reduce flooding too. The constant churning and creation of worm castings also expands topsoil and improves soil structure and fertility. Most impressively, the enzymes and microbes in the guts of earthworms allow them to remove and break down some heavy metals, microplastics, and other toxins in the soil, making the soil cleaner and safer. Fortunately, earthworms reproduce quickly; under the right conditions, their population can double in 60 days. Worms also provide a high protein food source for predators such as birds, making them important for both soil health and the broader food web.

- Contributed by Barrington Farm School

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Karen Griffith
Compost Educator and Outreach Manager
Barrington Farm School

Creative Wanderings Summer Art Camp: Click here for more information about these art summer camp opportunities!