Barrington Middle School
BMS Connected Learning Newsletter: Week of 9.13.2026
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.

Important Dates

- Yom Kippur/No School - Monday, September 21, 2026
- Start with Hello Week- Week of September 21, 2026 - September 25, 2026
- Picture Day - Wednesday, September 23, 2026
- BMS Open House- Thursday, September 24, 2026
- BMS PTO Meeting - Tuesday, September 29, 2026 at 7pm

2 Week Lookout

Week of 9.6.2026:

Day/Date	Monday 9.14.2026	Tuesday 9.15.2026	Wednesday 9.16.2026	Thursday 9.17.2026	Friday 9.18.2026
Odd/Even	R Even	S Odd	O Even	A Odd	R Even
Activities or Events					

Week of 9.13.2026: Cycle 2

Day/Date	Monday 9.21.2026	Tuesday 9.22.2026	Wednesday 9.23.2026	Thursday 9.24.2026	Friday 9.25.2026
Odd/Even		S Odd	O Even	A Odd	R Even
Activities or Events	No school - Yom Kippur		Picture Day	Open House	

BMS Connected Learning Briefs
(note: click hyperlink for extended version)

BMS New Information

BMS Open House: Join us the evening of Thursday, September 24 for BMS Open House — click here for the grade-by-grade schedule.

BMS Picture Day: Picture Day is Wednesday, September 23. Order online at coffeepond.com or grab a paper flyer from the front office.

BMS Best Buddies: Best Buddies kicks off its first event of the year Wednesday, September 23, 3:15–4:00 PM in the Student Union — new friends, games, and smiles welcome!

Start with Hello Week: September 21–25, BMS students and staff are encouraged to spread kindness and say hello to someone new

BMS School Counseling Newsletter: Meet our counseling team and find family resources in the new Fall School Counseling Newsletter.

Chromebook Insurance: Optional Chromebook insurance ($33.22/year) is available through **September 30**

Fall Enrichment: Registration opens **Thursday, September 17 at 4:00 PM** on myschoolbucks.com — volleyball, pickleball, filmmaking, and more.

BMS Tennis: Casual Tuesday/Thursday tennis sessions with Ms. T — sign up on Signup Genius, 16 spots per session.

BMS PTO Meeting: The first PTO general meeting is **September 29 at 7:00 PM**, in person with a Zoom option

BMS Older (but Important) Information

BMS Procedures: A reminder on parking lot safety, drop-off/pick-up routes, early dismissal steps, and our new Roll Free Zones for scooters and bikes.

Volunteering: Looking to get involved at BMS?.

Sports Equipment Needed: We're collecting gently used tennis balls, footballs, 4-square balls, soccer balls, and volleyballs for outdoor lunch recess — donations welcome in the front office.

Eagle Apparel: Shop the new Barrington Eagles gear from Liv Rhode Island — 10% of sales supports BMS.

BMS Spotlight on Learning: This week we're spotlighting our amazing Teacher Assistants! Know someone who deserves recognition?

Community News

BEF Duck Race: Saturday, September 26, 2–4 PM — support the Barrington Education Foundation at this annual community favorite.

Compost & Soil Microscopy Workshop: Saturday, September 26, 10 AM at Barrington Farm School — get up close with the microbes that power healthy soil.

BYBA Registration: Recreational and travel basketball registration for 2026/2027 is now open.

Clothes for Kids Drive: The Barrington Police Department's clothing drive is underway!

Barrington Girl Scouts: New troop enrollment is open for the year.

Barrington Booster Club Day: Saturday, September 19 — student athletes will be in your neighborhood collecting donations to support BMS sports.

The Great Mud Escape: Saturday, September 19, 11 AM–1 PM at Frerichs Farm — a muddy family obstacle course benefiting youth nature programs.

BMS Connected Learning Extended Version

BMS Open House:
BMS would like to invite our adult family members to our BMS Open House scheduled for the evening of **Thursday, September 24, 2026**. Please click here for a summarized schedule of the evening for each grade. Your student will be completing a paper copy of their specific schedule soon and will bring them home for you. We suggest taking a photo of the schedule as many times it's easy to forget the paper copy at home (although we will have extra copies in the front office that evening). Please be sure to share schedules with parents/guardians who may live in a separate household. We are looking forward to seeing you!

BMS Picture Day:
Picture day is Wednesday, September 23, 2026. Online ordering of picture packages is available at https://www.coffeepond.com/. If you'd prefer a paper flyer, they are available for your student to pick up in the front office. Even if pictures are not being purchased, we encourage all students to have their picture taken in order to be included in the BMS yearbook but this is not mandatory. If your student happens to be absent on picture day or would like to have their picture retaken, we will have a retake day typically in November (date to be determined).

BMS Best Buddies:

BEST BUDDIES IS BACK! Get ready to kick off an AMAZING new school year with Best Buddies!

Join us for our FIRST Best Buddies event of the year! We'll be hanging out, making new friends, playing some fun games, and starting the year off with lots of smiles and laughter! 😊

📅 **Wednesday, September 23, 2026**
⏰ 3:15–4:00 PM
📍 Student Union

Bring your friends, bring your smiles, and come ready to have some FUN! 🥳

Start with Hello Week:

The BMS Start With Hello Week will be September 21-25th. Throughout the week, BMS students and staff members are encouraged to perform random acts of kindness and say hi to people you may have never interacted with throughout our BMS learning community. Click here for the schedule of events.

A Note From the BMS School Counseling Office:

We invite you to take a few minutes to check out our Fall BMS School Counseling Newsletter! Inside, you'll meet our counseling and support team, find helpful resources for families, learn about upcoming events, and see how we're supporting students academically, socially, and emotionally as they begin their middle school journey.
We're excited to partner with you and your child throughout the year!
BMS Fall School Counseling Newsletter

Chromebook Insurance:
To support daily learning and academic success, our district provides a Chromebook to every student in grades 6–12.

While the District covers equipment repairs or replacements due to manufacturer defects and mechanical breakdowns, **families are responsible for the cost of all other damages**. This includes accidental or intentional breakages, loss, or theft of the device. Because students carry these devices between school and home, accidents can happen.

To help families protect against unexpected repair or replacement costs, we partner with the **Rhode Island Interlocal Risk Management Trust** to offer an optional **Chromebook Insurance Program**.

Annual Cost: $33.22 per student for the school year

- **Enrollment Deadline:** September 30, 2026
- **Coverage Period:** Valid for the entire 2026–2027 school year

What the Insurance Covers:

- Accidental drops, bumps, and handling damage
- Cracked or broken screens
- Liquid spills and submersion damage
- Mechanical or electrical failure (outside of the manufacturer warranty)
- Theft (requires an official police report)

If You Choose NOT to Buy Insurance:
Participation in this insurance program is entirely optional. However, if you decide not to purchase insurance, **you will be fully responsible for the actual cost of any repairs or full device replacement** if the Chromebook is damaged, lost, or broken.
To provide context, here are the estimated, out-of-pocket repair costs without insurance coverage:

- **Cracked Screen:** $40
- **Replacement Keyboard:** $15
- **Replacement Charger:** $20

- **Full Device Replacement:** $300

How to Enroll
To enroll your child's device, visit the link below and complete payment by the **September 30 deadline**. https://gpo.worthavegroup.com/gpo/barrington/
If you have any questions regarding the technology policy or the insurance program, please visit **our website**. Thank you for your partnership in keeping our students equipped and ready to learn

Fall Enrichment:
BMS FALL Enrichment will be live for families to register on myschoolbucks.com **Thursday, September 17 at 4:00PM**.

Fall opportunities include: volleyball, pickleball, no-stress book, badminton, filming a short film, and basketball skill workshop. Click here for the full schedule!

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.

BMS Tennis
This casual group will meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays this fall.
Participants must sign up on the Signup Genius each session. Students are only allowed one session per week to allow more students to participate.
There are 16 slots for each session.
Sign up link here.
Students must meet Ms T at the courts with their own equipment.
Questions? texeiraj@barringtonschools.org

BMS PTO Meeting:
The BMS PTO invites you to join us for the first general meeting of the year on **September 29th at 7:00 PM**. Meetings typically last about one hour, and will be held in person with a Zoom option. The link will be sent out on the day of the meeting. In the meantime, please complete this form to find out more information about how you can get involved. You are not committing to anything by filling it out. BMS PTO Information

Volunteering:
Interested in volunteering at BMS? Please check out the link here for opportunities!

Sports Equipment Needed for Outdoor Lunch Recess:

Students love to go outside during lunchtime whenever possible and they LOVE to have equipment to play with! If anyone has any of the sports equipment below that they are willing to part with (used is fine!), please send it in to the BMS front office. Our students would greatly appreciate it!

- tennis balls
- footballs
- 4 square balls
- soccer balls
- volleyballs

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 Spotlight on Learning:

This week, we would like to shine our BMS Spotlight on our BMS Teacher Assistants! Thank you for all of your hard work and the support you provide our students and teachers each and every day. You are all Rock Stars!

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

BMS Important (but older) Information

BMS Procedures

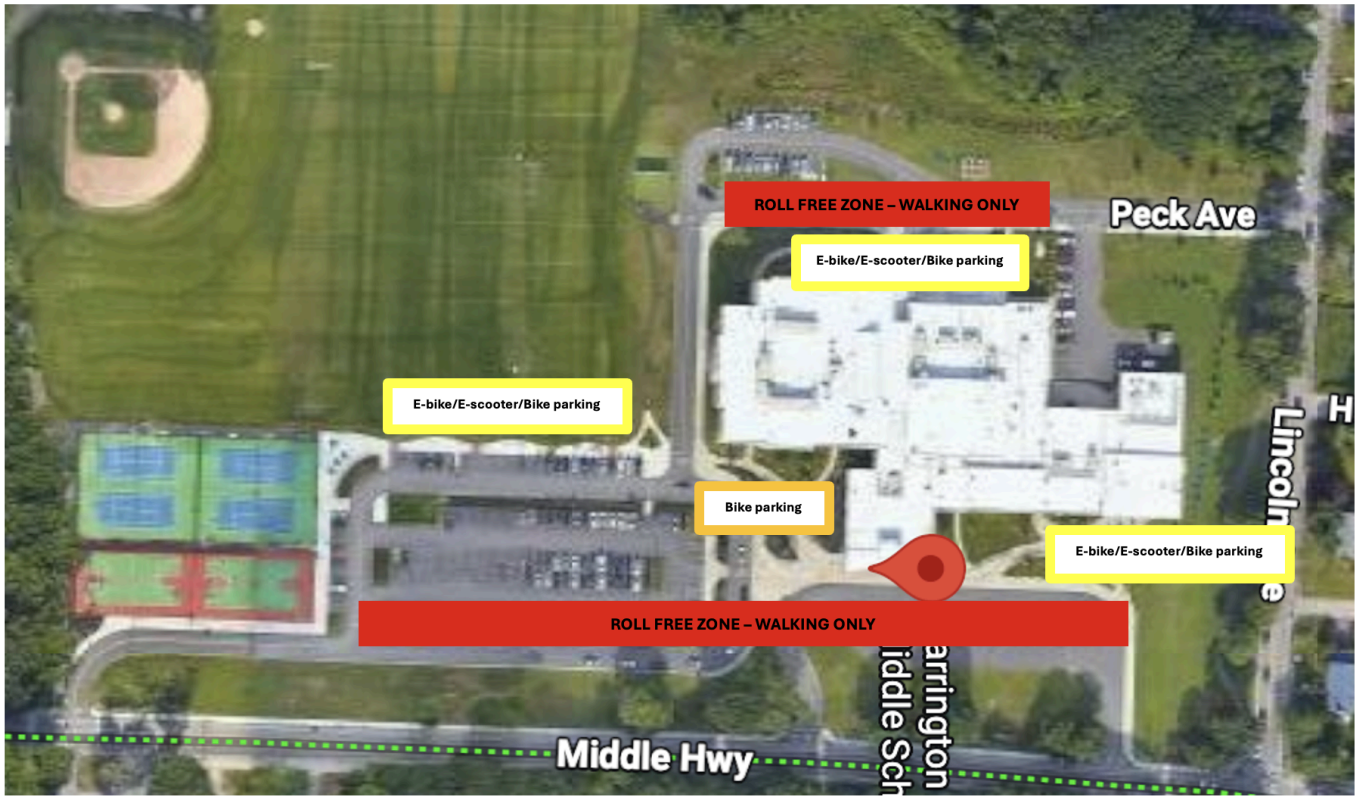
- The BMS parking lot **may never be used** for dropoff and pickup of students. We have safety protocols in place and dropping off and picking up students in the parking lot is not safe for students nor for staff who are arriving and leaving from school.
- **Dropoff/Pick Up Process** - If you choose to drop-off and pick-up your student from BMS, please see this map for directions. **Barrington School District Transportation Information**
- **Early Dismissal**: Handwritten notes brought to the office before homeroom or emails to bmsattendance@barringtonschools.org are needed every time you need to dismiss your student prior to the end of school. Middle School level students are **not** allowed to bike home early, even with permission by note. ID and a physical presence is required to dismiss your student early. Please note that the **last early dismissal of the day is at 2:45 pm**. Please click here for full details about dismissing your student early from school.

Electric Scooter, Electric Bike and anything with wheels Information:

In order to maintain a safe arrival and dismissal process for the entire school community the front and the back of the school will both be a ROLL FREE ZONE. In the front of the school this zone will stretch 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. In the back of the school this zone will stretch from

the sidewalk area in front of the doors by the gym exit to the corner of the building.

This will ensure the only transportation happening in this zone is on foot (no rolling wheels of any kind). See map below. Students riding scooters, bikes, skateboards, etc. must WALK their method of transportation until they get to the edge of the ROLL FREE ZONE.



Community Information

BEF Duck Race:
Support the Barrington Education Foundation at the annual duck race! **Saturday, September 26, 2026 from 2-4 pm**. Click here for more information.

Compost and Soil Microscopy Workshop at Barrington Farm School:

Barrington Farm School will be hosting a Soil and Compost Microscopy workshop on **Saturday, September 26, at 10am** in the compost area at BFS.

Healthy, thriving microbes are critical to soil health and the decomposition of organic matter in compost, but their work is invisible to the naked eye. Join us to learn more about these important organisms and to view them with our microscopes. We'll be talking about how to take soil or compost samples and prepare slides, and we'll be taking a look at the difference in life between compost and different types of soil. We hope to see you there!

BYBA Registration:
Click here for information about registration for the recreational or travel basketball 2026/2027 season!

Barrington Police Department "Clothes for Kids" Drive:
Click here for more information about the clothing drive.

Barrington Girl Scouts Enrollment:
Join the Barrington Girl Scouts where friendship grows!

Barrington Booster Club:
Saturday,September 19, 2026 is Barrington Booster Club Day! Your donations support our student athletes. Student athletes will be visiting your neighborhood on Saturday.

The Great Mud Escape: Muddy Obstacle Course & Family Fun Event!
Saturday, September 19 at Frerichs Farm, Warren, RI from 11:00 - 1:00 pm
Can you escape the mud?! • Race with your team through a muddy adventure course filled with obstacles! • Join the after party with DJ, food trucks, local brews, Backyard Bash Kids Fun Zone, & more! • Fun for ALL ages and abilities! • All proceeds support youth nature programs & Outdoor Learning Zones

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- Barringtonmiddle.org
- BMS Morning TV Show
- BMS Daily Announcements 2026 - 2027
- BMS Club/Activities Schedule 2026 - 2027
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