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LINK is the gathering of parents and teachers to support and sustain Berlin Memorial student success! Whether you want to volunteer at an event; offer an exciting enrichment program bringing new and interesting learning experiences to our students; or become involved in the planning and management of LINK activities; there is a place for you here.

Welcome!

Upcoming Events:

Enrichment: Life in a Pond	May 1
Town Meeting	May 1
Enrichment: Dream catcher	May 2
Enrichment: Agility	May 3
LINK Meeting:	May 4
Enrichment: Dance Class	May 4
Enrichment: Life in a Pond	May 4
Enrichment: Slime	May 5
Enrichment: Life in a Pond	May 8
Enrichment: Garden Club	May 9
Enrichment: Mad Science	May 10
Enrichment: Agility	May 10
Enrichment: Life in a Pond	May 11
Enrichment: Dance Class	May 11
Enrichment: Life in a Pond	May 15
Enrichment: Golf	May 15
Enrichment: Garden Club	May 16
Enrichment: Mad Science	May 17
Enrichment: Agility	May 17
Enrichment: Life in a Pond	May 18
Enrichment: Dance Class	May 18
Enrichment: Life in a Pond	May 22
Enrichment: Golf	May 22
Enrichment: Garden Club	May 23
Enrichment: Agility	May 24
Enrichment: Life in a Pond	May 25
Enrichment: Dance Class	May 25
Enrichment: Garden Club	May 30
Enrichment: Insect Safari	May 31
Teacher Luncheon	May 31
June LINK Meeting	Jun 1

Town Meeting & Movie Night Childcare



On **Monday, May 1st** our Berlin Town Meeting will be held at 7:30 pm in the BMS Gym. At this meeting we will vote to support our school district budget as well as the whole town budget for the upcoming year. This is an important vote for us all and we need as many school families there as possible to ensure that our schools get the funding they need to continue supporting our children's learning needs.

At the same time, LINK, Inc. will host a movie night-childcare event in the BMS Cafeteria. Babysitting services are being provided by Tahanto National Honor's Society and Tahanto Leo's Club members. Drop-off begins at 7:00 pm. All children age 3 and older are welcome to attend movie night. There will be a big screen for movie watching as well as coloring pages, games and activities. Please visit the bmslink.org to register your children for the childcare night. This way we can ensure we have enough activities and babysitters available!

End-of-Year Activities!

It's hard to believe it, but we're getting ready for all of the end-of-year activities! As the temperatures warm and our thoughts turn to summer vacation – there are a few really wonderful BMS traditions to be ready for:



Fieldtrips

Each grade will take a fieldtrip sometime in April, May or June. LINK, Inc. provides the busing for each of these trips while BMS Teachers and Administrators plans for the location, activities, and chaperones. Just a quick reminder that if you want to chaperone your child's trip be sure to complete a CORI form with Mrs. Rapa.

Field Day

Mrs. Draper and the rest of the BMS team plan an awesome field day each year. Remember that tradition from your own childhood? Running around, jumping through hoops, often coming away covered in water and always laughing with your friends?!? It's an exciting day and LINK, Inc. partners with BMS to coordinate volunteers to help out with the games. Watch for a sign-up.com invitation to come soon!

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Want to get involved?

Join us for the monthly LINK meeting: 7pm, the first Thursday of every month in the Berlin Memorial School Library.

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End of Year Activities (continued)

Kindergarten Welcome

Each year the in-coming kindergartners and their families are welcomed to school by the now graduating kindergartners with a puppet show! LINK, Inc. is excited to once again provide the puppet show experience for the newest members of the BMS student body.

Fifth-Grade Gift

As we send our 5th graders off to the big middle school, we want them to go knowing they have the support of our BMS community behind them. So off they go with a gift-card for a summer treat and a Tahanto STAG friendship bracelet to know we are so proud of them!

Summer Send-Off

Every year families gather at the end of our last day of school to “clap out” the 5th graders! This year we’re adding some balloons and decorations and sending off our whole student body to have a great summer! If you can make it, please join the crowds outside to clap-out our 5th graders and wave good-bye to all the students getting on buses, picked-up in the PPU line, and headed out for a great summer.

LINK, Inc. Financial Corner

Per April 2023 Treasurer’s Report

Current Account Balance: \$25,561.45

Expenditures to Date: \$18,123.42

Expected Expenditures (estimated): \$8,800

- Hands-On-Nature in Classrooms
- Fieldtrip Buses
- Teacher Luncheon
- Puppet Show
- Website
- Printing
- Enrichment Expenditures
- Enrichment Scholarships
- 5th Grade Gift
- Summer Send-Off Décor
- Annual Insurance

Fun Run

We are excited to kick off our Berlin Memorial Fun Run on May 17, 2023. Our goal is to raise \$15,000 for outdoor recess improvement and athletic equipment for the BMS community. We’re also raising funds to support field trip buses and school-wide enrichment opportunities for next year that will strengthen our school community.

Our school has always relied on fundraising to provide exceptional opportunities to enhance student learning and we need YOUR HELP registering your student(s) and sharing with friends and family.

Mark your calendars for the Berlin Memorial Fun Run fundraiser kicking off soon!

Key Dates:

- REGISTRATION OPENS – 05/03/2023
 - Register on [MYBOOSTER.COM](https://www.mybooster.com)
- Fun Run Kick-Off – 05/17/2023
- Event Day – 05/26/2023

We are grateful for our Berlin Memorial community! Thank you for your support this year.

Raising Funds For:

- New Covered Sandbox, Storage & Sand Toys
- Playground painted US Map, 4-Square and Hopscotch
- Pickle Ball Equipment
- Big Blue Blocks & Storage
- Fieldtrip busing
- School-Wide Enrichment in 2023-24





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Enrichment Program Updates & Information

(all programs register ONLINE at bmslink.org)



Life In A Pond

Ms. Heather of *Hands on Nature* is back to offer another awesome program this Spring! In this program students will learn about the many exciting forms of life in our local ponds. We will discover the mammals, amphibians, invertebrates, fish, reptiles, birds and plants that make the pond their home. Students will discover the fascinating eco-systems of our school pond and all the creatures that live in and around it. **Please sign up for only one session.**

Session A: Monday, May 1, 8, 15, 22, June 5th 3:00-4:30pm

Session B: Thursday, May 4, 11, 18, 25, June 1st 3:00-4:30pm

Grades: K-5

Cost: \$85/student

Min 7/Maximum 12 students per session

Design Your Own Dream Catcher

Not sure what a dream catcher is? According to Native American culture dream catchers are believed to protect sleepers from bad dreams by "catching" them, while letting the good dreams pass through. Who doesn't want that?! Students will use their artistic skills to create their own unique dream catcher.

Date: Tuesday, May 2nd 3:00-4:10pm

Grades: 1-5

Cost: \$15/student

Minimum 6. Maximum 15 students



Spring Agility & Conditioning

Julie Lee will be bringing us another 4-week session of Agility & Conditioning class this Spring! The format will be similar to the previous session with students partaking in a series of drills to increase reflexes, coordination, balance and speed.

Dates: Wednesdays, May 3, 10, 17, 24, 3:00 – 4:15pm

Grades: 2-5

Cost: \$48/student for 4 sessions

Minimum 8/Maximum 20 students



Dance Class

Want to learn to dance? Like to move your body to music? We are excited to offer a 4-week session of dance for the students.

Dates: Thursday, May 4, 11, 18, and 25. 3:00-4:15pm

Grades: 1-5

Cost: \$50/student for 4 sessions

Minimum 6/Maximum 15 students



Spring Slime

Come and make spring-themed slime with all of your friends! This is our last Slime event of the year! This program has been very popular every time that we have had it this year. **We are asking that if you have already done a slime event with us this year that you NOT sign up for this program.**

Date: Friday, May 5th. 3:00-4:15pm

Grades K-5

Cost: \$9/student

Min 7/Maximum 15 students



Garden Club

There is so much to learn in a garden! From life cycle of plants, and how to care for a living thing, and trying new fruits and vegetables, to practicing patience and planning - the garden is a place to discover that beautiful place where dirt and fun mix. Join us for the first 4-weeks of this year's garden season to work the soil, plant early crops, discover what plants will grow in our gardens here in Berlin, and get the BMS garden up and running for the season! BMS Garden Club members will get dirty and bring home a garden themed craft or experiment each week. *Please wear clothes that can get dirty!*

Dates: Tuesday, May 9, 16, 23, 30

Time: 3:00 – 4:30pm

Grades: K-5

Cost: \$18 per student

Min 5/Max: 12



Enrichment Programs for May (Continued)

Mad Science with Mrs. Whitehouse

Are you ready to put on your safety goggles and embark on a science adventure? Students will engage in exciting hands-on activities, watch a demonstration, participate in inquiry-based discussions and take home a project that they have made themselves. We are offering two different dates for this program. Please sign-up for only one.

Session A: Wednesday, May 10th, 3:00 – 4:30pm

Session B: Wednesday, May 17th, 3:00 – 4:30pm

Grades: K-5

Cost: \$16 per student

Min 6/Max 16



Golf for Beginners

We are so excited to partner with Nich Boudreau, the JV Gold Coach at Tahanto, and the Berlin Country Club, to offer the students at BMS the opportunity to learn about the game of golf. In this 2-week program we will be focusing on the absolute basics like holding the club, proper stance and swing mechanics. This program is probably best suited for beginners but all students will be welcome. A limited number of golf clubs will be available for students to use.

Dates: Mondays, May 15 & 22, 3:00 – 4:30pm

Grades: 1-5

Cost: \$25 per student

Min 7/Max 15



End-Of-Year Teacher Luncheon

The end-of-year brings us one more opportunity to reflect on the work it takes our teachers and administrative staff to create a community of learning and support for our students throughout the year. LINK, Inc., the parents of BMS, traditionally host a luncheon to celebrate our amazing BMS staff.

LINK, Inc. will cater the luncheon and a volunteer sign-up will soon arrive in your email boxes to provide drinks and desserts.

We've also typically hosted a raffle and had parents provide the summer-themed gift baskets and gift cards for our teachers!

Please keep an eye out for the volunteer sign-up and help us to celebrate the accomplishments of this amazing staff on Wednesday, May 31st.

Insect Safari with Professor Bugman

Professor Bugman is back! This time students will be exploring the outdoors to find insects around our school with the Professor. He will use his expertise as an entomologist to help us find and identify insects in our backyard. We promise no bugs will come home with the students! However, we can't guarantee that the kids won't get messy!

Date: Wednesday, May 31, 3:00 – 4:15pm

Grades: K-5

Cost: \$17 per student

Min 8/Max 15



LINK, Inc. 2023-24 Leadership Elections

Each year LINK, Inc. elects it's leadership team to carry out the important programs and community building activities that BMS counts on. Elections will take place at the June LINK, Inc. meeting (June 1st). There are two positions still vacant and we need your involvement! If you are interested, please email linkberlinbms@gmail.com.

Candidates have been declared for the following positions:

President – Kyle Burns

Vice President – Vacant

Secretary – Beth Bond

Treasurer – Shelley Sartini

Enrichment Coordinator – Amy Laliberte

Volunteer Coordinator – Jackie Gilchrist

Grants Coordinator – Vacant



Mark your calendars to attend the June meeting and vote for the LINK, Inc. leadership team!