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October 2023 Newsletter

Upcoming Events

Enrichment: Garden Club

October 2 - 3:00 - 4:15pm

Enrichment: Flag Football

October 4 - 3:00 - 4:15pm

October LINK Meeting

October 5 - 7:00pm

Enrichment: Frogs & Salamanders

October 5 - 3:00 - 4:30pm

Enrichment: Fall Crafts for Kinders

October 10 - 3:00 - 4:15pm

Enrichment: Flag Football

October 11 - 3:00 - 4:15pm

Enrichment: Halloween Crafts

October 12 - 3:00 - 4:15pm

Enrichment: STEM Beginnings (K-2)

October 16 - 3:00 - 4:10pm

Enrichment: Pumpkin Decorating

October 17- 3:00 - 4:15pm

Online: Family Teck Talk

October 17 - 7:00pm

Enrichment: Frogs & Salamanders

October 19 - 3:00 - 4:30pm

Schartner Farm Family Event

October 20 - 5:00 - 7:30pm

Enrichment: STEM Beginnings (K-2)

October 23- 3:00 - 4:10pm

Enrichment: Fall Crafts for Kinders

October 24 - 3:00 - 4:15pm

Enrichment: Flag Football

October 25 - 3:00 - 4:15pm

Enrichment: Frogs & Salamanders

October 26 - 3:00 - 4:30pm

Enrichment: Fall Agility

October 30 - 3:00 - 4:15pm

Enrichment: STEM Beginnings (K-2)

October 30 - 3:00 - 4:10pm

November LINK Meeting

Nov 2 - 7:00pm



Happy Fall Y'all!



The tale-tell turning of Fall leaves in shades of amber and gold means that all the seasonal fun is on it's way! The soccer fields and baseball diamonds have been busy already this season and weekend games take up much of our time. Homework has kicked in for our oldest BMS kids and all of the kindergartners have learned the tricks and tools to make their way successfully through a school day. That means... it's time to kick it up a notch!



LINK has so much going on to enrich our student's experiences at school and is excited to get all of our BMS families together. Enrichment opens for October enrollment on the last day of September. Make sure you visit our website to the enrichment homepage and click on this month's banner to see all the programs being offered! Don't forget - we need your help making these programs possible. If you can offer an afternoon to help out during one of the events your child(ren) is registered for, please be sure to sign up!

Also, our first parent seminar is open for registration and will be offered online later this month. There is an article later in this newsletter with details about the Family Tech Talk and how to register.

Also, the most exciting family fun of the season is back this year! Thanks to all of our summer rain the corn at Schartner Farm's is tall and strong and ready to provide BMS with a corn-maze family evening of fun. We can't wait to see you all there!

Finally, a huge thank you to everyone who purchased and supported our Specials & Specialists's supply drive.



Thank you to everyone that contributed to and supported the Specials and Specialists School Suptly Drive! Your generosity will help the specials teachers and specialists working with our kids make learning fun!

About LINK

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!

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Volunteers of the Month

The LINK, Inc. October Volunteers of the Month start with Megan Price! Meg, is the Mom of first grader Matty Price and a preschool student, Ellie. She is a new member of the BMS community, embraced the new family meet-up this summer, sent her husband and kids to chalk-the-walk, quickly got CORI'd, and stepped in to perler beads without hesitation as our first enrichment program volunteer of the year.



We also recognize Jennifer Grant as an October Volunteer of the Month! Mom to third grater Alexis, Jennifer stepped into action as our BlueJay Mascot on the first day of school. Her energy and enthusiasm helped to kick off the school year with great excitement. She'll be tapped again FOR SURE as we bring our BlueJay out for special events!



LINK is a volunteer organization that makes amazing things happen for our BMS students with the helping hands from volunteers. We are grateful to all who supported the activities and events over the summer and in September! If you want to participate, be sure to visit our website for the latest opportunities to get involved.



Family Tech Talk

Brought to you by

Being a kid in today's digital world isn't easy. As parents and caregivers, the best thing we can do is educate ourselves so that we can help our kids use the Internet safely—and your parent group can help! Family Tech Talk is a free parent education event for schools, from PTO Today and global cybersecurity leader Trend Micro. Parents will learn what kids are doing online, the risks they face, and how they can help their kids use the Internet safely. Sessions are hosted by an Internet safety expert over Zoom. LINK has registered our school's community to attend the zoom seminar on Tuesday, October 17th at 7pm.

What Parents Will Learn:

- Popular apps, social media, and gaming: What parents need to know
- How to prevent online risks
- Best practices to be safe online
- Managing screentime
- App settings for age-appropriate content
- Ways to set devices
- Parents can ask their own questions during the Q&A

When: Tuesday, October 17th, 7:00pm

Where: Zoom

Register: Visit the LINK website to register for this free event! LINK will send the zoom link and a reminder to attend on the day of the event.

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5 pm to 7:30 pm

Family Fun Night at Shartner Farm

ADMIT ONE

\$10 per person

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Volunteers needed!

To sign up visit
<http://www.bmslink.org/>

Bring your family, friends, and a flashlight for a fun sunset night of adventure in the corn maze at Shartner Farm in Bolton, MA. The farm is reserved for the exclusive use by the BMS community.

279 West Berlin Road in Bolton
<http://www.schartnerfarm.com/>

Hot dogs, popcorn, chips, and water will be available for purchase.

A portion of each ticket sold will benefit Berlin Memorial School.

REMINDER:

This is not a drop-off event. Please enjoy the maze respectfully with your children so that neither one of you gets lost amongst the corn.

Want to participate but concerned about the cost? Reach out to LINK at linkberlinbms@gmail.com for scholarship opportunities. All requests are kept confidential.



LINK Project Committees

At the BMS Open House LINK stood up committees to explore and execute on three dream projects. These projects include bringing an annual Science Fair to our BMS students that integrates with grade-level curriculum; defining and following the process by which the school and town will purchase and install a digital marquee style sign; and integrating the arts into our BMS community by supporting existing art related opportunities in the district as well as facilitating new art opportunities for our students and families.

We need your help.

It takes only for an hour or two of your time each month to move these projects forward. Our timelines vary by project: The Arts is something we want to get moving on right away. The goal is that the inaugural Science Fair happens in the 2024-25 school year. And the marquee involves the town, voting, and more - so it's a two-year timeline most likely. Want to know more without making a commitment yet? Reach out to the project Chairs for a quick call, email and chat.

Science Fair Chair: Beth Bond
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Marquee Sign Chair: Kyle Burns
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BMS Arts Chair: Hillary Kuhn
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Ready to join a committee? Sign-ups at our website: www.bmslink.org

From Our Friends at Berlin Recreation

UPCOMING EVENTS
PRESENTED BY BERLIN RECREATION

HALLOWEEN COSTUME DRIVE & GIVEAWAY
SEPT. 22 - OCT. 12
COLLECTION BOXES @ BMS AND ENTRY OF TOWN OFFICES
EXCHANGE 10/13 3-6PM

OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT
OCT. 13
SOUTH COMMONS
6PM SNACKS
7PM MOVIE

FAMILY FALL FEST
OCT. 22
COSTUME CONTEST GAMES
PRIZES LIVE MUSIC
CORNHOLE
LOCATION: SOUTH COMMONS

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Financial Corner

Current Account Balance (9/06/23):	\$31,139
Expenditures to Date (9/06/23):	\$502.81
Fundraising to Date (9/06/23):	\$100

Upcoming Events/Expenses (estimated): \$5,250

Teacher Startup	\$3,000
Scholastic/Time Magazine	\$750
Fall Dance	\$500
Schartner Farm Family Night	\$500
Specials & Specialists Supply Drive (buy-out)	\$500



Enrichment Program Updates & Information

(all programs register ONLINE at bmslink.org)

Enrichment scholarships are available for families in need. Please reach out to: linkenrichment@gmail.com. All inquiries will remain private.

Flag Football

Come and burn some energy at flag football. No tackles allowed! This will be a 4-week session. It's time to take part in one of Fall's greatest sports traditions.

Dates: Wednesdays; October 4, 11, 25 & November 1 (no session on October 18th due to early release)

Time: 3:00 - 4:15pm

Cost: \$20/student

Grades: 3-5

Min 8/Max 14 students



Explore Local Frogs and Salamanders with Hands on Nature

Join Ms. Heather of Hands on Nature to explore the amphibians in our own backyard. Let's find frogs and salamanders together! This will be a 4-week class.

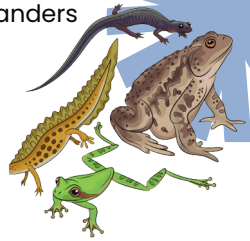
Dates: Thursdays; October 5, 19, 26 & November 2

Time: 3:00 - 4:30pm

Cost: \$68/student

Grades: K-5

Min 8/Max 12 students



Fall Crafts for Kindergartners

Bring those Kindergartners out for an extra special crafting session JUST FOR THEM! Sometimes little hands need extra special attention, and we've got Fall crafts that will be so fun for our littlest BMS students.

Dates: Tuesdays, October 10 & 24

Time: 3:00 - 4:15pm

Cost: \$12/student

Grades: K

Min 5/Max 15 students



Halloween Crafts

Come and make crafts just in time for Halloween. Each student will make a Halloween-themed bracelet or necklace and a backpack charm.

Date: Thursday, October 12

Time: 3:00 - 4:15pm

Cost: \$5/student

Grades: 1-5

Min 5/Max 16 students



STEM Beginnings

STEM Beginnings will engage children in challenges that allow them to explore science, technology, engineering and math concepts. We will separate into two different age groups to offer fun and age appropriate challenges. Each session will be three weeks.

Cost: \$66/student

Grades K-2: Mondays, October 16, 23, 30; 3:00 - 4:10pm

Grades 3-5: Mondays, November 27 & December 4, 11; 3:00 - 4:10pm (Enrollment will open in November)

Min 8/Max 12 students



Pumpkin Decorating

Get your decorating on with Gigi Stowe of Pine Ridge Farm in Boylston. She will be helping students decorate pumpkins using their wild imagination and creativity. Think sequins, feathers, glue and paint! (No carving in this activity).

Date: Tuesday, October 17

Time: 3:00 - 4:15pm

Cost: \$15/student

Grades: K-5

Min 5/Max 15 students



Fall Agility & Conditioning Clinic

Julie Lee is back to offer the students another Agility & Conditioning Clinic. Students will feel the burn with aerobic and strength training drills. This is a 4-week session.

Date: Mondays, October 30 & November 6, 13, 20

Time: 3:00 - 4:15pm

Cost: \$48/student

Grades: 2-5

Min 10/Max 25 students

