

Upcoming Events

- Our Teachers & Staff are SPUD-Tastic!**
May 1- 8:00 am set-up
- Enrichment: Spring Theater Production**
May 1 - 3:00 - 4:30pm
- Enrichment: Paint a Picture Frame**
May 1 - 3:00 - 4:15pm
- Enrichment: Life in the Pond**
May 2 - 3:00 - 4:30pm
- May LINK Meeting**
May 2 - 7:00 pm @ BMS Library
- Enrichment: Spring Garden Club**
May 3 - 3:00 - 4:15pm
- Enrichment: Life in the Pond**
May 6 - 3:00 - 4:30pm
- Enrichment: Decorate Your Own Journal**
May 6 - 3:00 - 4:15pm
- TOWN MEETING**
May 6 - 7:00 pm @ BMS Gym
- Enrichment: Spring Theater Production**
May 8- 3:00 - 4:30pm
- Enrichment: Life in the Pond**
May 9 - 3:00 - 4:30pm
- Enrichment: Watercolor Afternoon**
May 9 - 3:00 - 4:30pm
- Performance: The Bad Seed!**
May 10 - 9:30am @ BMS Gym
- Enrichment: Spring Garden Club**
May 10 - 3:00 - 4:15pm
- Enrichment: Spring Slime**
May 10 - 3:00 - 4:15pm
- Enrichment: Life in the Pond**
May 13 - 3:00 - 4:30pm
- Enrichment: Sharpie Art**
May 13- 3:00 - 4:15pm
- Enrichment: Lego Afternoon**
May 14 - 3:00 - 4:15pm
- Enrichment: Spring Garden Club**
May 17 - 3:00 - 4:15pm
- Enrichment: Life in a Pond**
May 20 - 3:00 - 4:30pm
- Enrichment: Loom Bracelets**
May 22- 3:00 - 4:15pm
- Enrichment: Father's Day Crafts**
May 31- 3:00 - 4:15pm
- Teacher & Staff Appreciation Event**
May 30 - TBD
- June LINK Meeting**
June 6 - 7:00pm @ BMS Library

End-Of-Year Happenings!

So much is coming - can you believe we're counting down the days until the school year ends?!?

April finished out with our Earth Week events. The Whalemobile made an appearance and inspired our community to get active cleaning up our town and keeping trash from ever reaching the oceans where those beautiful creatures live.



And, speaking of the environment - Heather Simpson of Hands-on-Nature will be taking each class out into the ponds around BMS to explore, discover, and learn more about the ecosystem all around us during the month of May!

May also brings field trips, more classes with Discovery Museum experiences, our Teacher Appreciation events May 1st and May 30th, and the last month of enrichment classes for the school year.

Come June it's Field Day, 5th Grade Celebration and the summer send-off! Busy days ahead.

LINK is also looking ahead to next year with the annual election of its leadership team. Elections will take place by written ballot at the June LINK, Inc. meeting - Thursday, June 6 at 7:00pm in the BMS library. Please plan to join us then for elections and a discussion about what we can dream up for the coming year!

As we hit this end-of-year stretch your help is more important than ever. The volunteer efforts of each of you help LINK to make so much happen for our kids and for our community. Please, keep signing up and thank you for all your help.

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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Volunteer of the Month

The LINK, Inc. May Volunteer of the Month is Melissa Brodeur! Melissa is Mom to kindergartner Ryan and 6th grader Dominic. Melissa has been an enrichment supporter or leader all year long. She's a regular volunteer for all the stuff... events, activities and more. And Melissa always offers her hands, heart and head that we can count on to support and offer good ideas - that's what makes her a volunteer of the month! Thank you Melissa!

LINK is an 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 in February! If you want to participate, be sure to visit our website for the latest opportunities to get involved.

The BMS Teachers & Staff work hard all year long to help our kids learn and grow. Let's celebrate all that they've accomplished this year with an end-of-year gift bag give away!

Get your bag of goodies ready for our May 30th Celebration.

Sign-Up to let us know how many gifts we can count on!

Sign-Up: <https://end-of-year-bms-teacher-staff-appreciation-event.cheddarup.com>



LINK, Inc. Elections 2024-25 School Year

At the June LINK, Inc. meeting elections will be held for all next year's leadership team. We will also host the second annual "Dream Session" to help set priorities and create new ideas that the new team can take forward into next year. Please join us on Thursday, June 6th at 7pm in the BMS Library to voice your ideas and vote!

Running for office:

- President: Amanda Tadesco
- Vice President: Saima Rana
- Secretary: Beth Bond
- Treasurer: Shelly Sartini
- Enrichment Coordinator: Amy Laliberte
- Grants & Cultural Coordinator: Amanda Baberkova
- Volunteer Coordinator: VACANT

Some of our team have older kids and we need others to come and learn the roles in this coming school year. If you've got an interest but aren't quite ready to jump in yet - this is a great opportunity to shadow and learn! Please step up to serve so that LINK, Inc. can continue to serve the students, staff, teachers and families of BMS.

See you at the June meeting!

Thursday, June 6th, 7pm

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Financial Corner

Current Account Balance (04/01/2024):	\$32,452.00
Expenditures to Date (04/01/24):	\$10,568.27
Fundraising to Date (04/01/24):	\$17,236.45
Upcoming Events/Expenses (estimated):	\$11,500

- Whale Mobile
- Field Trip Buses
- Hands-on-Nature Classes
- Discovery Museum in Class
- Field Day
- 5th Grade Gift

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

Paint a Picture Frame for Mother's Day

Join Hannah Carlton, a former BMS student and owner of PYOP studio in Northborough, to paint a ceramic picture frame for Mother's Day. Students will paint their own unique design and then it will be glazed and fired at PYOP studio and returned a week later as a beautiful creation!

Date: Wednesday, May 1st

Time: 3:00 – 4:15pm

Grades: 1-5

Cost: \$26.00 per student

Min6/Max 16



Life in a Pond - Session Two

Ms. Heather of Hands on Nature is back to host 2 sessions of Life in A Pond this spring. We will be offering TWO 5-week sessions (Mondays and Thursdays). Please only sign up for only ONE session.

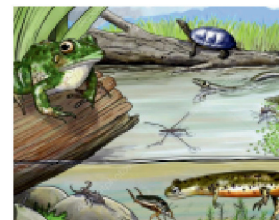
Session 2: Thursdays, May 2, 9, 16, 30, June 6 (no class May 23rd)

Time: 3:00 – 4:30pm

Grades: K-5

Cost: \$85.00 per student for 5 week session

Min 8/Max 14



Spring Garden Club

It's time to get the garden going! Garden Club members will pull the weeds, add compost and fertilizer to the beds, and get our first seeds and plants in the ground as we kick-off gardening season at BMS. Club members will also do a garden-themed craft to take home each week. Please wear clothes that can get dirty!

Dates: Fridays, May 3, 10 & 17

Time: 3:00 – 4:15pm

Grades: K-5

Cost: \$15 per student

Min 8/Max 12 (+ waitlist for additional spots & volunteers)



Decorate Your Own Journal

Students will use stickers, markers, and jewels to decorate their own journals. They can be kept as their own or given as a gift.

Date: Monday, May 6th 3:00-4:15

Time: 3:00 – 4:15pm

Grades: K-5

Cost: \$8.00 per student

Min6/Max 16



Watercolor Afternoon

Students will work with watercolors to create their own masterpiece. The creations may be great opportunity to make Mom a Mother's Day creation!

Date: Thursday, May 9th

Time: 3:00-4:15pm

Cost: \$9/student

Grades: K-5

Min 8/Maximum 15 students



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Spring Slime

A last opportunity for students to make some slime before school is out. This is a popular program so we request that you only sign up if you have NOT done a program before!

Date: Friday, May 10th

Time: 3:00-4:15pm

Cost: \$9/student

Grades: K-5

Min 6/Maximum 15 students



Sharpie Art

Students will create a set of coasters with Sharpies and rubbing alcohol. The effect will be unique and creative for each student.

Date: Monday, May 13th

Time: 3:00-4:15pm

Cost: \$16/student

Grades: 1-5

Min 6/Maximum 15 students



Lego Afternoon

An afternoon of Lego Fun! Kids will enjoy free play with Legos letting their imaginations run wild. What will they create?

Date: Tuesday, May 14th

Time: 3:00-4:15pm

Cost: \$5/student

Grades: K-5

Min 8/Maximum 15 students



Loom Bracelets

Everybody knows how to make the famous loom bracelets...but just in case you don't, this program will be the best way to learn. Students will create their own bracelet or keychain.

Date: Wednesday, May 22nd

Time: 3:00-4:15pm

Cost: \$9/student

Grades: 2-5

Min 6/Max 16 students



Father's Day Crafts

We won't forget about Dads in this special craft afternoon. Students will work on several crafts to surprise their father with for a Father's Day celebration.

Date: Friday, May 31st

Time: 3:00-4:15pm

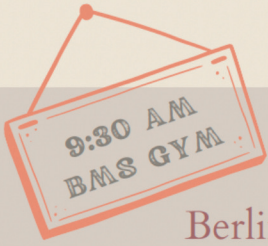
Cost: \$15/student

Grades: K-5

Min 6/Max 16 students



Thank you for participating in an awesome year of Enrichment! We couldn't do it without all the parent volunteers. Thank You!



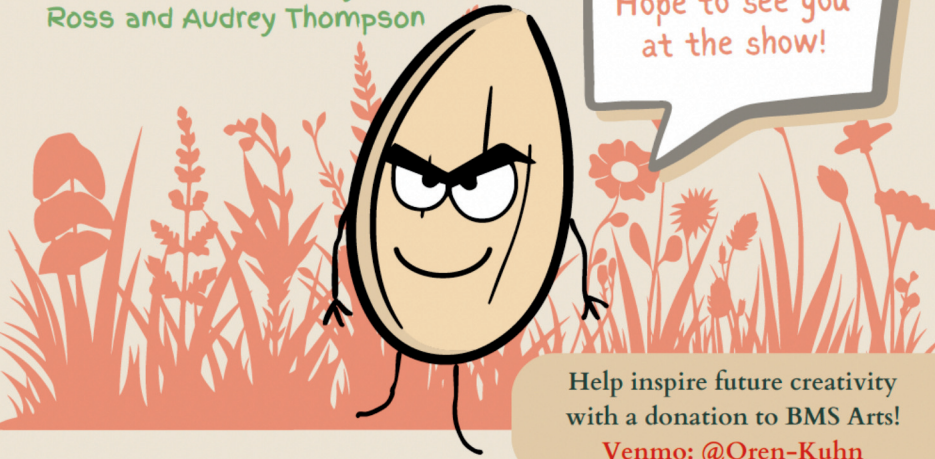
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Berlin Memorial School presents

The Bad Seed

Performed by: The Spring Theater
Enrichment Students

Produced & directed by: Jillian
Ross and Audrey Thompson



Help inspire future creativity
with a donation to BMS Arts!
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Inspired by original book "The Bad Seed" by author Jory John & script adaption by Mikki Martin



The BMS Arts Committee has been working hard to bring more arts into our BMS student's experiences!

To that end, they are hosting a play with a performance on Friday, May 10th. All families are welcome to attend.

They are also preparing to support the Spring Concert at Tahanto for our 4th and 5th grade chorus and band performers. More details on that one to come!

Star-Grams for Our BMS Stars

Support your actor or actress with the purchase of a Star-Gram. These stars will be shared with performers before the performance!

Order your Star-gram by Wednesday, May 8.
Email to: hillaryfais@yahoo.com


Include:
Performer Name
Who is it From
Message Text





EMPOWERING OUR COMMUNITY

SCHOOL BUDGET FORUM


 **Wednesday, 1 May, 2024**
7:00PM - 8:00PM

Learn the challenge we face at Town Meeting regarding our school's funding.

If we don't vote together, our kids are the one's whose future is at risk.




BMS Library

 Zoom: Link Provided @ bmslink.org & on Facebook

ATTEND & VOTE

TOWN MEETING

 **Monday, 6 May, 2024**
7:00PM - 10:00PM



Voting is done IN PERSON. Please make plans to attend and use your vote to secure our children's educational future.

Childcare available in the BMS Cafeteria with movie, activities and care provided by Tahanto's Honor Society

BMS Gym