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June 2024 Newsletter

Upcoming Events

Enrichment: Life in the Pond

June 1 - 3:00 - 4:30pm

Spring Concert (4th & 5th Grades)

June 5 - 6:00pm @ Tahanto

Enrichment: Life in the Pond

June 6 - 3:00 - 4:30pm

Field Day

June 6 - 8:30am - 12:00pm

June LINK Meeting

June 6 - 7:00pm @ BMS Library

Kindergarten Puppet Show

June 10

Summer Send-Off

June 14 - 11:40am

TOWN MEETING

June 17 - 6:30 pm @ BMS Gym

Childcare drop-off starts @ 6:15pm

Before You Go...

As we welcome the month of June it would be easy to look ahead to those flip-flop vacations and watermelon moments. But... we're not quite done yet AND, we as a community are in a critical moment to obtain the budget support needed from the town for our schools to operate next year. Read on to learn more and be ready for the next vote.

Sign-up sheets for Field Day volunteers and the BBRSD-Elementary Concert event have already gone out. Still need to sign-up? Use the QR codes and make it happen.

Summer Send-Off on the last day of school! Ahead of the 11:45am dismissal bring some chalk to chalk-the-walk with messages of love and excitement for kids, and have your bubbles and silly string ready to make this a great way to start the summer!

The last LINK meeting of this school year is coming! Join us for the 2024-25 leadership elections AND the all important **Dream Session**. Together we dream up ideas for next year that will make our BMS community stronger, more capable, and able to leave a lasting impact on our students.

Come and Dream with us - Thursday, June 6th in the BMS Library and on Zoom.

Lastly, the budget vote is not over. The amount voted on for schools at the May 6th town meeting is not enough to run school next year. And, because we are a regional school district, the implications of major cuts for Berlin students also impact Boylston students. Therefore, a second town vote will take place in June and we need all of our families to attend and vote. In the meantime, our School Committee and Superintendent are working hard to share a more transparent message regarding the districts financial needs. LINK, Inc. will continue to share information as it is shared with us and we encourage you to look for childcare solutions early so that you can bring all of your household voters to the meeting. Visit the website: <https://www.bmslink.org/school-budget-update/> to learn more about the district financial reality and the upcoming Town Meeting vote.

Thank you BMS parents, guardians, families and friends. You have made this an awesome year. Have a great summer and we'll see you in the Fall!

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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Thank You Volunteers!

Just recently we held a “Thank You” party for all the volunteers who supported and lead Enrichment throughout the year, or became a “Volunteer of the Month” for considerable gift of talent and time to our community. We had a blast celebrating all of YOU who showed up for our community and served our kids this year. It was one of the celebration moments that truly make you humble - to see the smiles, the helping hands, and the kids all enjoying themselves - and know that when you asked for help, this community answered.

That’s what LINK, Inc. does! LINK uses the time and talent of a few leaders to cultivate support and leadership in others, all in the service to our students, teachers, staff and community. Our leadership changes over time, but we can see that this community will always step up to ensure that the good work continues year-to-year.

Thank you for an amazing 2023-24 school year!





Your Are Invited To Join Us For A

Summer Reading Picnic

EARN THOSE READING CHALLENGE TICKETS!

Bring your own picnic and blanket for a Summer Reading family picnic! Readers from our Berlin Community will share some of their favorite stories as we snack on summer treats.

July 11 & August 8 6:00 PM

Meet at the BMS Gazebo (or in the cafeteria if it's raining!)

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End-of-Year Sign Ups & Events!



BBERD - ELEMENTARY CONCERT
Wednesday, June 5th
7:00 PM
AT TAHANTO REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL





Field Day - Volunteer Sign-Up





SCHOOL'S OUT FOR

SUMMER

SEE YOU IN THE FALL

JUNE 14 2024 11:45AM

GAMES AND FUN

ADMIT ONE
No : 01234
berlin memorial elementary school



Fundraising

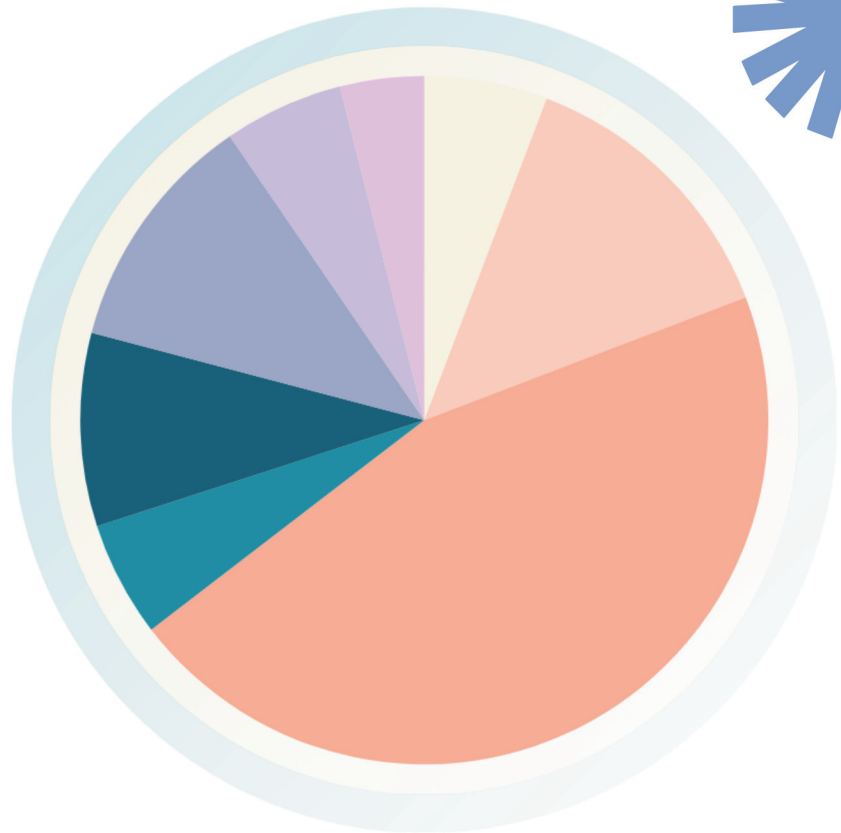
HOW MUCH does LINK, Inc. spend each year?

\$25,000.00 is our budget.

Which averages to be **\$111** per student

WHERE do my dollars go?

- Appreciation Events - \$2,000**
Six total events. LINK, Inc. supplements what is not provided by families for the grade-supported events (x3) and LINK pays for the remaining three.
- Community Activities - \$1,194**
Seasonal decor, Dances, Family Nights, Summer Send-Off, and BMS event support for pumpkin painting & gingerbread houses.
- School-Wide Learning - \$10,000**
Spring Cultural Show, Discovery Museum, Hands on Nature, Whale Mobile, Enrichment/Field Trip Scholarships, Pumpernickle Puppets.
- Classroom Support - \$2,950**
Teacher Start-Up Funds, Scholastic & Time Magazine subscriptions, Specials Drive completion, teacher requested special projects.
- LINK, Inc. Overhead - \$1,276**
Insurance, IRS/Tax, Website & Cheddarup.com, Bulletin Board, Printing, district project donation.
- Nature's Classroom Donation - \$870**
Per student donation for 5th grade trip to Nature's Classroom.
- Community Building Projects - \$1,236**
Kindergarten & New Family Welcome packets, Winter & Summer Reading Prizes, Inclusive Week, Celebration Books.
- Field Trips/Field Day - \$2,500**
Buses for all field trips & Field Day inflatable.



\$22,026 Total
2023-24 LINK, Inc. Budget

We keep a whole budget year of savings. WHY?

Change happens. We can be ready to: add buses for field trips for more students; increase the number of magazine subscriptions in our classrooms; tackle big playground or school beautification projects; grant more teacher curriculum requests; fulfill more enrichment and/or field trip scholarship requests; support our students in many different ways.



Volunteering

Our **YEAR** by the numbers:

1,265 enrichment seats filled.

150+ volunteers!

\$1,700 “Specials” supplies donated.

5 Appreciation Events supported.

10 Community Events!

3 Committees stood up.

\$16,215 Read-a-Thon earnings.

50 staff & **226** students supported by **YOU**

Thank You

Together, we can do so much for our community. Together we can make learning special and memorable for our students. Together, we can show our whole community how much we care about education for our kids.



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YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO VOTE!

TOWN MEETING CHILD CARE

The Town of Berlin will meet a second time to vote for the school district budget. We need ALL of our BMS families in full attendance in order to secure our children's education for next year.

Childcare provided by LINK, Inc. & supported by teachers and families from Boylston Elementary School & Tahanto.



Monday, June 17, 2024

6:15PM - 10:00PM

BMS Library



Meeting starts at 6:30pm in the gym. The School District Budget is the ONLY item on the warrant.



Sign-Up in advance please:

<https://child-care-sign-up-for-town-meeting-june-17th.cheddarup.com>

