



The Eagle Gazette

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MON	TUES	WEDN	THURS	FRI
Oct 5 @BVS	Oct 6 @BVS	Oct 7 remote	Oct 8 @BVS	Oct 9 @BVS
Oct 12 Holiday	Oct 13 @BVS	Oct 14 @BVS	Oct 15 @BVS	Oct 16 @BVS
Oct 19 @BVS	Oct 20 @BVS	Oct 21 remote	Oct 22 @BVS	Oct 23 @BVS
Oct 26 @BVS	Oct 27 @BVS	Oct 28 remote	Oct 29 @BVS	Oct 30 @BVS

Upcoming Events

- Oct 12 •No School: Columbus Day
- Oct 21 •School Board Meeting @ BVS, 5pm

Taking Care of Each Other

These first weeks of school have been full of changes and new procedures. We are so grateful for all of the support families have given us thus far, and for how carefully students are following the rules. While these new rules are challenging, the Eagles are adapting well! Eagles, you're wearing masks, you're giving each other space, you're washing your hands often, and you're keeping yourselves and each other safe. Thank you all for your efforts, and please keep up the great work!



In Appreciation

October 2nd is Custodian Appreciation Day. BVS is incredibly fortunate to have an amazing custodian, Mr. Patrick Avery. Mr. Avery worked very hard over the summer to get our school ready to open, moving furniture, creating outdoor spaces for classrooms, and learning new cleaning procedures and expectations. He solves problems with creativity and enthusiasm. He continues to do the tasks he always has, and puts in extra hours to ensure our student and staff safety in our current situation. Even with the extra work, he greets everyone he sees heartily and keeps a smile on his face (you can see it in his eyes, in spite of the mask). BVS is a better place because of you, Mr. Avery. Thank you for all you do!

Stop the spread of germs that can make you and others sick!



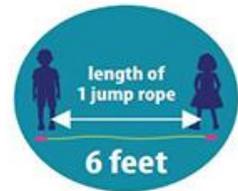
Wash your hands often



Wear a cloth face cover



Cover your coughs and sneezes



Keep 6 feet of space between you and your friends



New to the Crew: Highlighting our Staff

BVS is pleased to welcome Ms. Hannah Caldwell as our new Guidance Counselor. She wrote, "Hi! My name is Hannah Caldwell, and I work as the school counselor for SAU #23. I graduated from the University of New Hampshire in 2015 with a degree in Family Studies and Human Development. After graduating I spent a few years as a preschool teacher and worked at a local Parent Child Center working with families in need. In 2019, I began Plymouth State University's School Counseling program, and have about a year left before completing the program. In my free time, I enjoy baking, crafting, hiking with my family & dog, kayaking, skiing, snowshoeing... really any and all outdoor activities! I am so excited to be a part of the SAU23 community and look forward to getting to know the SAU23 families!"

BVS also welcomes Ms. April Gervais from The Abbey Group into our kitchen. She wrote, "I live in East Burke, VT. I can see Burke Mountain and watch people ski down. I love to bowl, camp and take walks, all with my grandchildren. I have been married for 30 years. I am very happy to be working at BVS and I look forward to meeting all of the children's wonderful parents."

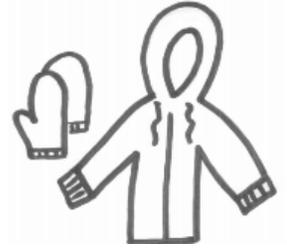


By Grace C

What to Wear

These fall days range widely in temperatures from the time students arrive at school to the time they leave. Please be sure your students are dressed in layers so they can be comfortable outside throughout the day.

Reminder: we are not able to loan clothes from the communal closet, so be sure that your student has an extra set of clothing in his or her backpack please!



Student Meals are FREE until Dec 31st!

The USDA extended free meals for all NH students (regardless of income) to December 31, 2020. Your student can have breakfast and lunch free from school, on both in-school days and remote days.

We are still taking Free & Reduced Lunch Applications now, as this will allow us to be ready when free meals are not available through the USDA's extension. These completed applications may help our school to be eligible for programs and funds, even if your student does not often order breakfast or lunch at school. If you have not yet filled out the application and need a new copy, please let Amanda know in the office.

Thank you donors and volunteers!

We've received several donations to help start this school year safely. Several individuals and families have helped with items like tarps, school supplies, outdoor chairs, and a UV sanitizer. Walmart and Ocean State Job Lot offered gift cards to buy items for outdoor classrooms. The Bath Fire Association donated their tent to the school to offer another great place for class and lunch outside. Luke, Austin and Matt volunteered their time to set the tent up. For all of these and the many other kindnesses sent our way, we sincerely thank you!

Message from Friends

We heard from Ms. Lois and Dexter, the wonderful team that started visiting us last year. They miss you, Eagles, and they hope the school year is starting well for you! They enjoyed a great summer, some exciting travels to historical spots, and camping, complete with s'mores. They loved their travels but are happy to be home again and back with Smooch.



Therapy dog extraordinaire Dexter the Bassett hound, and his sister Smooch the cat



Pick-Up Times and Bus Route Changes:

Thank you all very much for your patience and efforts to make new drop-off and pick-up procedures work smoothly.

Starting the week of October 5th, parent pick-ups start at 2:20, and the buses will leave school at 2:45.

For pick-ups, please follow the schedule below, using your eldest BVS student's last name.

A-G	2:20-2:25
H-P	2:25-2:30
Q-Z	2:30-2:35

The morning bus routes will remain the same, but the afternoon routes are changing to accommodate our new release time.

Bus 12: Starts at Lisbon School at 2:30, BVS at 2:45, stops can be made from BVS to Woodsville, WHS at 3:00, Walmart student exchange with buses 6&9 at 3:10-3:15. Rt 135 towards Monroe, Roy Farm stop at 3:25, proceed to turn around, Goose Lane at 3:40, Sawyer Hill Road 3:45, Collins Farm 3:53, Cate Road 3:58.

Bus 9: Begins at BVS at 2:45, travels to Walmart for student exchange with buses 6&12 at 3:10-3:15. Abbott Ave at 3:20 to Mt Gardner Road, left onto West Bath Road at 3:27 to turn around at Lang Road at 3:33. West Bath Road to Pettyboro Road at 3:43, Ammonoosuc Ave at 3:47. Pettyboro Road to Dodge Road and out to turn around 3:55.

Bus 6: Begins at HCMS 3:00, to Rt 135, right onto Rt 302 to Walmart. Switch students with buses 9 and 12 at 3:10-3:15. Rt 302 to Rt 112 to Bradley Hill turn around 3:35, back to French Pond Road and turn around at Cemetery Road. Return to French Pond Road, to Rt 112, take right on Rt 302. Right onto Hill Road, to High Street and turn around at Windy Hill Road 3:55.

If you have any questions about busing or picking up, please let us know!

Stop the Spread of Germs

Help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases like COVID-19.



Stay at least 6 feet (about 2 arms' length) from other people.



Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash and wash your hands.



When in public, wear a mask over your nose and mouth.



Do not touch your eyes, nose, and mouth.



Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.



Stay home when you are sick, except to get medical care.



Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.

