

Dear Families,

Tomorrow is Mud Day! Please come and be part of the fun between noon and 4 p.m. An amazing team of PTA volunteers including Heather Boyko, Randi Craft, Betlinn Young-Taft, Susan Ebitz, Joshua Briggs have put wonderful thinking and effort into creating what will be a fun and memorable event.

It's that time of year when we are starting to reflect and look ahead to improvement planning for next year. The School Council spent significant time adapting a survey that has been used twice before at Muddy Brook. It would be a great help to all of us working to make Muddy Brook the best possible school if you could share your feedback. Here is the link to the survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MBEFeedback2016>

Please reply before June 10.

We hope to see you at some or all of the wonderful concerts, field trips and events in the next weeks.

Best,

Mary Berle, Principal



Thank you to Mr. Rafferty, Mr. Bubriski & Mr. French for meeting unicyclists to discuss Memorial Day etiquette and for picking up a flag in need of disposal from Mrs. Salinetti's class.

MBE UPCOMING EVENTS

SATURDAY, May 21 **MUD DAY AT MBE!**

MONDAY, May 23

Michael Flynn-Math Workshops w/grades 3 & 4
Grade 2 Field Trip-Mass MoCA
8:00-8:30 a.m. Chess Club
12:00-1:00 p.m. Magic the Gathering Club
1:00-1:30 p.m. EK/K/1 Concert Rehearsal

TUESDAY, May 24

8:00-8:30 a.m. Unicycling
9:00-9:30 a.m. PK/EK/K/1 Dress Rehearsal
(all school invited)

WEDNESDAY, May 25

Grade 2 Field Trip-Mass MoCa
8:00-8:30 a.m. Chess Club
8:30-9:40 a.m. Wednesday Walker w/PTA
1:15-1:45 p.m. PK/EK/K/1 Concert

THURSDAY, May 26

Last Day of Project Connection
8:00-8:30 a.m. Ukulele Club

FRIDAY, May 27

8:00-8:45 a.m. Select Chorus Rehearsal
8:00-8:30 a.m. Unicycling
9:00-10:30 a.m. BTG Performances for school
1:30-3:00 p.m. BTG Performances for Parents
2:00-3:00 p.m. BRIDGE w/grade 2

Future Events

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| May 30 | Memorial Day, No School | June 6; 10am-12pm | Grade 3 Field Day |
| May 31; 5pm | Project Connection Student Showcase | June 6; 1-3pm | Grade 4 Field Day |
| June 1; 8am | School Council Meeting at MBE | June 9; 9am | Grades 3 & 4 Concert Dress Rehearsal |
| June 1 | Grade 3 field trip to Col. Ashley House & Bartholomew's Cobble (Redman/Guerrero) | June 10; 1pm | Grade 3 and 4 Concert |
| June 2; 1:10pm | Grade 2 Concert Dress Rehearsal | June 10; 11am-1pm | Volunteer Luncheon |
| June 2 | Grade 1 field trip to Berkshire Botanical Gardens (Chamberlin/Silk) | June 13; 9am-10:30am | Grade 2 Field Day |
| June 3; 2pm | Grade 2 Spring Concert | June 13; 11:30-1pm | PK, EK, KDG Field Day |
| June 3 | Grade 1 field trip to Berkshire Botanical Garden (Kennedy/Groeber) | June 13; 1:15-2:45pm | Grade 1 Field Day |
| June 3 | Grade 3 Field Trip to Ashley House & Bartholomew's Cobble (Flynn/Warner) | June 14 | Grade 4 "Stepping Up" Day; Gr. 4 will spend day at MVMS |
| | | June 15; 5pm | Grade 4 Moving Up Ceremony at MBE |
| | | June 17 | Last Day of School; 1/2 day |

Saturday, May 21 from 12 pm to 4 pm

Muddy Brook Elementary (Rain or Shine)

Come play in the MUD
(or not)
(Please bring a change of clothes
and a towel, shower supplied.)

Please consider
VOLUNTEERING
for one hour.
Signup at muddybrookpta.com

Bring a blanket and your
own **PICNIC** lunch (only ice
cream and popcorn for sale)

Join a guided **HIKE** up
Monument Mountain with Tus tees
of Reservation

Create and art **FIELD**
JOURNAL with Ali Benton

Learn to make **SNACKS**
full of energy for hiking and
exploring the outdoors



7th

annual

\$5 per child/\$15 max per family
ADULTS FREE

Sing Around the
CAMPFIRE

EXPLORE activities of local
Conservation and Education
Organizations.

Read a **COMPASS** to find
treasure with People and their
Environment from MMRHS

Try your **HAND** at Knot
Tying

Sharpen your **CAMPING**
skills with the Boy Scouts

Learn outdoor **FIRST AID**
including tick safety and sun safety

BUILD an Outdoor
Learning Space for all Muddy
Brook students to use



South Berkshire Kids
& CHP Family Network presents



PARENT WORKSHOP



**Location: Community Health Programs, Inc. campus
444 Stockbridge Road, Great Barrington**

Workshops held in the community room of the Administrative offices
Pre-registered childcare held in the Family Services building playroom*

Registration is required, 413-464-5095, southberkshirekids@gmail.com

Wednesday, May 18th, 2016
6:30-8:00pm

Scott Noyes presents

"Power Struggles- Understanding the Potent Dynamic"

This presentation will explore why effective reactions to
children's power struggles come from understanding not
simply the behavior but also its function, mainly the child's
needs and feelings.

Thursday, June 9th, 2016
6:30-8:00pm

Jeanne Bassis presents

"Getting Ready for Summer Playshop"

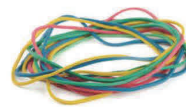
In this interactive Playshop participants will learn to
develop a lighter attitude through movement, games and
group interaction. We will unwind, relax and rediscover our
joy and playful natures just in time for summer with our
children!

***Childcare is available but space is limited & pre-
registration must be confirmed by calling Jessica @
413-464-5095 or southberkshirekids@gmail.com**

This series is funded by the Department of Early Education & Care
www.SouthBerkshireKids.org



Donations Needed for Mud Day



Camping
Backpacks

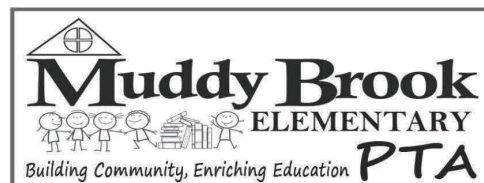
Tents with
working poles



Tarps

Rubber bands

Lightly used
Muddy Brook
Spirit Wear

If you would like to donate any of these items, please contact Randi Craft at randicraft1711@gmail.com





Action Adventures Day Camp

At Berkshire South Regional
Community Center

Please join us for our full-day, fun-filled, theme-based, summer camp for children entering first grade to age 12. Day Camp is offered on a weekly basis. Please contact our Director of Out of School Programs at OOS@berkshiresouth.org or call 413.528.2810, ext. 34 for more info.

Cost per week
Members \$225 Guests \$295
Hours 8 a.m.-6 p.m.

Island Adventure
Jun 20-24

American Road Trip
Jun 27-Jul 1

Champions of the Planet
Jul 5-8
Members \$180, Guests \$235

Blast from the Past
Jul 11-15

Wonders of the World
Jul 18-22

**Uncover Your
Hidden Talents**
Jul 25-29

The Great Outdoors
Aug 1-5

2016 Rio Olympics
Aug 8- 12

Everyone's an Artist
Aug 15-19

Time to Experiment
Aug 22-26

Visit our website for more details
www.berkshiresouth.org



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For more info:
413-637-5560

screenagersmovie.com

Community talk to follow film
moderated by Dr. Claudia Gold

Brought to you by: **The Lenox Public Schools Wellness Committee**

Wednesday May 25, 2016 6:30 PM

Location: Lenox Memorial Middle and High School, Duffin Theatre.

Chess Club News

Chess club will continue to the very last day of school. Please feel free to come by and visit us any Monday or Wednesday morning at 8:00 a.m. in the library to learn how to play.

As of the writing of this letter, there are only three students left vying for the championship in this year's Muddy Brook Chess Tournament. They are Kyle McMahon, Erving Henderson and Liam Trask. I would say, "wish them luck," but the truth is there is no luck in chess. One way or another however, we will have a champion by June and we will have an all school meeting before the end of the year to honor all of this years' chess players. I will let you know when that will be once we have settled on a date.

I am very proud of the students who taken on the challenge of this intellectually rigorous game in which there is no luck and in which you either win or you lose. These students are fitting into a tradition of a game that has been played for well over a 1000 years by some of the brightest minds all over the world. It is a game that binds the world together. To give just one example: My wife, Anne, and my son, Erving, will be going to a small village in Ghana this summer on a cultural exchange; and Erving has been asked both to help coach soccer and to teach children how to play chess!!!

Like soccer, chess is a game that knows no boundaries.

Gene Kalish, Chess Coach



SDA are delighted to announce the try outs for the 2016/2017 season, this up and coming season will see the soccer domain program host a number of different and exciting programs to best suit the needs and objectives of the players in the Berkshires and surrounding community's.

The try outs will be held on June 10th, 12th, 14th, 17th, 19th for the different age groups a full list of times and dates for the required age group are on the website Try-outs- <http://www.sda-mass.com/Default.aspx?tabid=1089657>

For more information on our try outs and other programs please check out the following links below, or email us if you have any questions to do with specific age group and other programs.

For a full list of try outs and programs please visit the links and website below

- SDA website- <http://www.sda-mass.com>

- Try-outs- <http://www.sda-mass.com/Default.aspx?tabid=1089657>

- Registration- <http://www.sda-mass.com/Default.aspx?tabid=1099331>

To contact a representative at soccer domain academy please email Dan Evans at Dan@sdfc.us



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