



# Lyman C. Hunt Middle School Family Newsletter

January 30, 2023

## Principal's Corner



Jim Kelley,  
Principal

There have been many positive events since the last newsletter. We had a wonderful winter dance planned by 8th graders with the support of Mr. Hoy, RP Specialist. The orchestra and chorus held their winter concerts to a full auditorium. On MLK Day activities included a guest speaker, community service and a variety of activities. In addition to these celebrations, we have had some recent challenges, specifically, some students bringing gel guns to school. This is very concerning.

As you know from the message I sent out last week, we are making sure students get the message that gel guns, toy guns and toy weapons of any kind should not be brought to school. On Thursday, Advisory teachers read a message from me to students about this issue, the problems with it and consequences. I will be addressing students about this during the Monday virtual assembly. I am also working with our Office of Equity to address students toward the end of next week.

My ask is that you join us in the efforts. Please talk to your children about why it is important to keep all toy guns and toy

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weapons at home. The reality is that bringing a toy gun to school results in suspension. It may not feel like a big deal, but there is no gray area here and the consequences of this are serious, because the impact on the school community is serious.

## Athletics

### February Basketball Games:

<b>HUNT BOYS-BBALL-A @ COLCHESTER</b> Wednesday, February 1st, 2023 4:00pm	<b>HUNT GIRLS-BBALL-A vs.COLCHESTER</b> Wednesday, February 1st, 2023 4:00pm
<b>HUNT BOYS-BBALL-B @ COLCHESTER</b> Wednesday, February 1st, 2023 5:00pm	<b>HUNT GIRLS-BBALL-B vs.COLCHESTER</b> Wednesday, February 1st, 2023 5:00pm
<b>HUNT BOYS-BBALL-A vs. TUTTLE</b> Wednesday, February 8th, 2023 4:00pm	<b>HUNT GIRLS-BBALL-A @ TUTTLE</b> Wednesday, February 8th, 2023 4:00pm
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<b>HUNT BOYS-BBALL-A vs. ESSEX</b> Monday, February 13th, 2023 4:00pm	<b>HUNT GIRLS-BBALL-A @ ESSEX</b> Monday, February 13th, 2023 4:00pm
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<b>HUNT BOYS-BBALL-B vs. WINOOSKI</b> Wednesday, February 15th, 2023 5:00pm	<b>HUNT GIRLS-BBALL-B VS WINOOSKI</b> Wednesday, February 15th, 2023 5:00pm

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## **BHS Transition Information from Kathy Stergas**

### **Hello 8th grade parents/guardians!**

Here is some information about how your 8th grader will register for classes for BHS.

On 1/25 there was a parent information meeting at BHS.

On 1/27 BHS counselors met with Hunt 8th graders. They gave general information to kids about what to expect at BHS, what courses are required and how to choose electives.

Our Hunt staff will be making course recommendations in power school for your child. Science, Math, EL and Special Education teachers will be making the recommendations. Many classes are required and there is not a lot of room for electives, but there are some!

The week of 2/6, I will be meeting with students during math classes to get them registered for their high school classes. BHS will be sending parents information about how to see the classes your child has registered for. Your child can also show you how they logged in!

BHS will work on scheduling through the spring, and plans to have a meeting in May to welcome you to BHS, and get you more information about your child's final schedule.

Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions. You can reach me at

[kstergas@bsdvt.org](mailto:kstergas@bsdvt.org) or 802-864-8469 X 61005

Kathy Stergas, School Counselor

## **Checking Grades Online**

- There are two ways to check on student grades, PowerSchool and Schoology.

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- Schoology is always more accurate than PowerSchool for checking current quarter grades.
  - [Here is a document](#) on how to set up your own Schoology account.
  - Schoology is also used at BHS, so your account will carry through.
  - For other questions about Schoology, you may be able to find the answers in the [BSD Family Schoology Access Manual](#)

## **Band Concert Wednesday 2/1**

Our Band concert begins Wednesday night at 7:00 PM. Students participating should arrive at 6:30 PM.

## **Health and Wellness Survey**

Burlington School District's Coordinated School Health Team (CSHT) is working to improve health and wellness outcomes in our district. We are looking for your feedback on the district's substance use policy and procedures to help us update and improve the policy. Please take this 5 minute survey to share your thoughts. Thank you for your time!

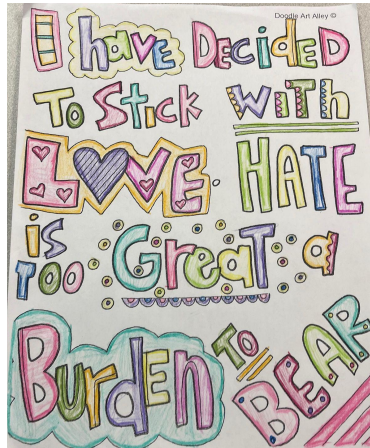
Adult Key Informant Input Survey: <https://forms.gle/68nr35nACRLZnCQ17>

## **MLK Day**

The day began with an all school assembly. The keynote speaker, The Reverend Dr. Walter Brownridge, made a point of broadening the usual narrative of Dr. King to make sure people knew he was much more than the “I have a Dream” speech. He challenged the convenience of making King a hero and one dimensional. He let the students and staff know that Dr. King had three main priorities: ending racism, ending poverty, and ending war. There was so much more, but these are a few of the points he raised.

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Following the assembly, students participated in a wide variety of activities including racial stereotypes in Hollywood, the race card project as well as service work off



campus at Flynn Elementary School and the Heineberg Senior Center.



## PTO Updates

**Next meeting:** Monday, February 20th, 6:30-8pm at Hunt Middle School or via Google Meet [meet.google.com/tyr-ynqx-yzd](https://meet.google.com/tyr-ynqx-yzd)

The first half hour will be a joint meeting with the Parent Advisory Group

## Oldies but Goodies

### Advisory Group

**New meeting day and time!** The Advisory Group meets with me monthly, the **third Monday** of the month from **6:30-7:30 PM** at Hunt. **At our next meeting, 2/20, we will be spending the first half hour meeting with the PTO.**

If you would like to be a part of this group, please fill out the [application](#) form or contact me at [jdkelley@bsdvt.org](mailto:jdkelley@bsdvt.org) or call 802-846-8469.

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The Advisory Group provides an opportunity to be involved in creating an even more equitable, open, welcoming, and successful school. We discuss a variety of topics, share information, and seek to broaden understanding of school-related issues.

For a more complete description of the Advisory Group, please click this [link](#).

## COVID Booster Shot

***This is our shot, Vermont!*** Everyone age 12 and older is now eligible for a COVID-19 vaccine. Sign up for your shot today at [healthvermont.gov/MyVaccine](https://healthvermont.gov/MyVaccine) or follow @healthvermont on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) for walk-in opportunities. **#OurShotVT**



**Please check regularly for updates**

**[BSD 2022-23 Calendar](#)**

**Some Key dates coming up:**

**February**

**2/1 Band Concert 7 PM**

**2/20 PTO meeting 6:30-8pm at Hunt Middle School or via Google Meet**  
[meet.google.com/tyr-ynqx-yzd](https://meet.google.com/tyr-ynqx-yzd)

**2/20 Advisory Group Meeting, 6:30-7:30 PM at Hunt Middle School**

**2/27 - 3/7 February Break - No School**

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## **WE ARE HUNT**

Use Appropriate Language and Volume

Move Responsibly

Respond Appropriately to Each Other

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