



# Crossroads Academy Backpack Express

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## Calendar

May	12-16	Mon-Fri	ERB testing
	13	Tue	Graduation meeting BCC conference room 2:15 pm
	13	Tue	Board of Trustees meeting BCC library 5:00 pm
	13	Tue	K and 1 <sup>st</sup> grade field trip to Billings Farm & Museum
	<b>16</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>Plant sale orders are due</b>
	16	Fri	Spring Musical BCC 7:30 pm
	17	Sat	Spring Musical BCC 2:00 pm
	26	Mon	Memorial Day – No school
	27	Tue	PA Business Meeting in BCC 8:00 am
	28	Wed	5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> grade class trip to Boston 6:00 am - 9:00 pm
	30	Fri	4 <sup>th</sup> grade class trip to Strawberry Banke 7:30 am - 3:00 pm
June	3	Tue	MS Parent Council meeting BCC library 2:10 pm
	5	Thu	New Parent Welcome BCC library 8:15-9:15 am
	6	Fri	<i>Midsummer Night's Dream</i> presentation by 5 <sup>th</sup> grade in BCC 8:15 am
	7	Sat	7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> grade Graduation Dance in BCC 7:00-9:45 pm
	9-10	Mon-Tue	7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> grade class trip to Montreal
	11	Wed	Field Day and graduation practice
	12	Thu	8 <sup>th</sup> grade practice and Graduation (8 <sup>th</sup> graders do not attend classes) – 12:00 pm dismissal - No After-K or After-School Program
	13	Fri	Last day of school with K-7 <sup>th</sup> Move-Up Ceremony / spring concert in BCC 10:30 am– dismissal to follow – No After-K or After-School Program

(Please note: **Bold dates** are newly added items (or corrections) to the calendar. They will be bold only when initially added.)

## News from the Admissions Office

Enrollment is going well for next year! Many of our classes will be full with a wait list. We are still looking to build our kindergarten, first, third, and seventh grade classes. If you have families who you think may be interested, let me know and I'll be happy to put a view book in the mail to them. The kindergarten and first grade students spent some time with Wally Caswell of Upper Valley Radio. Stay tuned to WGXL (92.3), WXXK (100.5), WVRR (101.7), WTSL (1400 AM), and WMXR (93.9) to hear our newest ads. Again, thanks to Jeff Shapiro (Sam - eighth, Lucas - third) for sponsoring these radio ads! —Betsy

## Development News

We are in the final days of this year's Annual Fund. We are delighted to report that faculty and staff participation is 100percent! Parent participation is at 79percent and grandparents at 18.50percent. We have plenty of time to include your name on the fund report, which will be mailed out the first week of July. Please join those who have already given to Crossroads! This fund supports many of the key components of a Crossroads education.

We are honored to have a small group of generous grandparents coming for dinner this Friday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, who will then join us for our spring musical. Our guests are coming from all over the country. Look for more news on upcoming events! —Mary Keeler

## Head's Note

Dear Parents,

It was another wonderful week here at Crossroads. This stretch of sunny days has been a real boon for our solar sprint team. They've had many opportunities to test drive their cars and make minor adjustments to encourage speed and accuracy. On Tuesday we joined together as a school to celebrate physical fitness

through our annual "ACES" activity (All Students Exercise Simultaneously). It was so much fun that everyone continued to smile the entire rest of the day! The good weather has also set the stage for many parents to park at Bancroft and "walk their children to or from school." What a lovely way to enjoy some fresh air and good company. This has also given many of our parents the opportunity to see one another; I encourage you to join in on the fun.

We thoroughly enjoyed last week's Performance Assembly by our kindergarten through second grade students where we were treated to poetry, song, dance, sign language and drama! I am always so impressed not only by what our children are learning but as well with their growing confidence. Next Friday our students will have a sneak preview of our Middle School Musical, *Mulan*. Please join us for one of two performances on Friday night at 7:30 pm or Saturday afternoon at 2:00 pm. You will be amazed by the show!

We also wish to thank you for sharing your thoughts and feelings with us about what is working well for you and what we could improve. Last year, for the first time, we tried sending our summer mailing electronically. Some of you told us that this huge electronic mailing was somewhat overwhelming and the information requested on forms was, to some degree, redundant. In order to make this easier for you, with some forms we will send you this year's information and ask you simply to check it and, if necessary, update it. We plan to do this in two steps, one now and one in the summer. Please watch for these mailings and help us by returning promptly the forms that are relevant to your family. —Cheers, Jean

## Community Service, Virtue, and Psalm for This Month

**May Virtue:** Kindergarten - fifth grades: *Hope* is finding the light in the darkness, and trusting in right endings. Sixth - eighth grades: *Fortitude*: good citizenship, optimism and perseverance. Psalm 100

## School Notes

**Solar Sprint news and work schedule:** There will be no Solar Sprint after school this week. There are rehearsals for the musical on Wednesday and Thursday after school. I believe this is enough after school time for our MS students this week. The Junior Solar Sprint race is Thursday, May 29 at the CCBA in Lebanon. Here is the schedule for after school solar car building times for the next two weeks:

May 22, Thursday - 3:10 - 4:30

May 27, Tuesday - 3:10 - 4:30

May 29, Thursday - JSS Race at the CCBA

**From the Health Office:** A special thank you to Frank Collins (Jim Collins' dad) and Phoenix Medical from Keene, NH for donating a halogen otoscope set to the health office. This is an extremely useful tool to have in the school, and it will be used for many years to come!

**After-School and After-Kindergarten Programs:** Sign-up forms for the After-School and After- Kindergarten Programs for next month were attached to last week's Backpack. Please note at the bottom of the forms when they are due. If you have any questions regarding these programs, please e-mail me at [marion.frazer@crossroadsacademy.org](mailto:marion.frazer@crossroadsacademy.org) or call me at school. **Kindergarten parents, please note: the date for the kindergarten Post Pond party has not yet been set. There will be no After-K Program offered on whatever day that turns out to be.** — Marion Frazer

**Middle School News:** Year-end trips —please look for information and permission slips for trips coming up. The seventh and eighth graders will be going to Montreal on Monday, June 9, and returning on Tuesday, June 10. The sixth grade will be going to Boston on Wednesday, May 28.

Hats Off . . . to Nick Bartholow, who wrote a poem that was entered in a poetry contest for young poets. His poem is going to be published in the anthology *A Celebration of Young Poets*. Congratulations, Nick!

Hats off . . . to graduates and past students of Crossroads currently attending Hanover High School who performed in Hanover High School's production last week of *West Side Story*: Lucy Caldwell, Nandini Choudhury, Cory Pyke, Travers Rhodes, Atticus Wallace, Marc Whittington, and Rebecca Whittington. Congratulations to all for your wonderful performances!

**Disaster Drill:** The disaster drill for the month of May is "Lockdown."

## Parent Association News

**Spring Plant Sale:** The Crossroads Academy Parent Association is having its annual plant sale fund raiser, and we are again working in collaboration with Cedar Circle Farm to bring you beautiful and healthy plants for your gardens. This has become a very successful plant sale featuring annuals, perennials, hanging baskets, and organic herbs and vegetables. Plants will arrive just before Memorial Day Weekend —the “unofficial planting weekend”!! Please consider purchasing all your summer plants through this terrific Crossroads PA fund raiser. Order forms will soon arrive in your mailboxes. Please submit orders by Friday, May 16th and put them in the RICHARDSON mailbox in the Klee Building. Please include a check with your order form, payable to the Crossroads Academy Parent Association. Your plants will be available for pick-up from Wednesday, May 21st through Friday, May 23rd —just in time for Memorial Day weekend! Thank you in advance for supporting this wonderful school fund raiser. If you have any questions, please call me at 802-785-4001 in the evenings or e-mail me at [djrichardson65@yahoo.com](mailto:djrichardson65@yahoo.com).

**Collared Shirts:** THE SALE HAS STARTED! Please stop by the Klee lobby and check it out. **You can buy one shirt for \$5.00 or two for \$8.00.** Please choose your shirts and deposit the money / check in the envelope nearby. Thanks to all those families who have already donated clothes to the sale. We'll continue to collect shirts until the end of the school year. Your clean, gently used shirts **can be dropped off in the collection boxes located by the mailboxes in the Klee Building.** Proceeds from this sale help fund the many Parent Association initiatives that benefit the whole Crossroads community. Many thanks for your cooperation!  
— Veronica Ingham-La Porta

**May is Walk Your Child to School Month at Crossroads**—or at least walk your child INTO school. The Parent Association has been thinking of ways to strengthen a sense of community and relieve some of the hectic nature of drop-off and pick-up. Now that spring weather is here, we're proposing an experiment: On Tuesdays, consider parking at the Bancroft Center and walking your child up to the Klee Building in the morning, or back from the Klee Building in the afternoon. Catch up with other parents along the way, stop in and see what's new in the Klee Building, check out the fabulous new art installation along the stairway in the Bancroft Center... Relax and enjoy the fresh air rather than hurrying through the line! If this is successful, we'll build on the idea for June and beyond... Other ideas welcome, too — send your thoughts to [Jim.Collins@dartmouth.org](mailto:Jim.Collins@dartmouth.org)

**Notes from the Parent Association:** This is a reminder that the Spring Business Meeting of the Parent Association will take place at 8:15 am on Tuesday, May 27, in the Bancroft Center's library conference room -- and ALL PARENTS ARE WELCOME.

At that meeting, we will be deciding on requests for funding special projects or items that aren't covered in the current school budget. If parents wish to submit petitions, they can do so by filling out the petition request forms found in the rack near the family mailboxes in the Klee Building. Deadline is Tuesday, May 20. If you have questions, contact PA treasurer Liz Bayne at [elizabeth.bayne@yankeeaca.com](mailto:elizabeth.bayne@yankeeaca.com)

**CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS:** Any parent wondering about getting involved with the school or the Parent Association? There are lots of fun and important opportunities for next school year, many with one-time or light time commitments. Look for sign-up forms in your family mailboxes this week. (Completed forms to be returned, if possible, by Tuesday, May 20.) Contact PA Chair Jim Collins-Laine at [jim.collins@dartmouth.org](mailto:jim.collins@dartmouth.org) or 603-523-1103 if you have questions. Thanks!

**Refreshments:** In past years, families have enjoyed refreshments during intermission at the Middle School musical. The proceeds from the bake sale help defray the costs of the performance. This year at the performances of Mulan on May 16 at 7:30 pm and May 17 at 2:00 pm, we will be selling refreshments for 50 cents each. You can help us by providing some of the necessary baked goods. Please do not bring cupcakes or individually wrapped items because these tend to be messy. Snacks can be brought directly to the tables in the back of the gym.

If you can help by providing some goodies for the play, please e-mail or call me and let me know what you are willing to do. We are asking parents to make brownies, cookies or Rice Krispie treats. I also need parents to help serve and clean up.

All foods served in the Bancroft Campus Center for all events and celebrations must be peanut-free. Peanut-free means no foods containing peanuts, peanut butter, peanut oil, or peanut flour. Thank you for supporting the safety of our students. —Robin Shield ([robin.shield@valley.net](mailto:robin.shield@valley.net) / 802-649-1124)