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Welcome to the first BTLVA Newsletter for the 2021-22 school year!

My name is Rita Lilyquist and I am the BTLVA Teacher Liaison. Throughout the year I will be keeping you up-to-date on what is happening within BTLVA via our monthly newsletter. I will also be planning a variety of activities that you and your family are encouraged to attend. As virtual school students and families, I want to be able to provide you with a range of activities (social, STEAM, art, music, field trips, etc.) to allow you to further connect with the larger BTLVA family.

It is very important that we can provide accurate numbers, so please be sure to RSVP no later than the dates provided below. When RSVPing, please include the event in the email subject and the name/age of each person who will be attending. Transportation to and from the events will not be provided. I look forward to getting to meet you and your family throughout the school year.

*If you ever have a request for a particular field trip, event, or other gathering
I would love to hear from you!*

Dates to remember:

8/17/2021 Parent Meeting 8am & 6pm
9/01/2021 First Day of School
9/21/2021 Picture Day from 8:00 - 9:30 at the
Kiel Middle School

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Have a picture from a BTLVA event, club, activity, or other that you'd love to share?

Please email me and you may be featured on social media or in a future newsletter with some details about what you've been up to!

September and October Opportunities

September 3 Party in the Park 3 pm Hingiss Park 315 River Terrace, Kiel Feel free to bring a snack for yourself to enjoy, discs for the frisbee Golf course, fishing poles, or just your imagination to play at the park and meet other BTLVA families! Weather permitting. **This is a free event.**

September 8 Last day to register for The Little Farmer rlilyquist@kiel.k12.wi.us

September 20 Last day to register for Maker Faire rlilyquist@kiel.k12.wi.us We will need a minimum of 10 people to participate in this event!

September 24 Education Day at Maker Faire Milwaukee 9 am to 2 pm MSOE's Kern Center and WE Energies STEM Education Center In-person, hands-on demonstrations and talks with makers and facilitated workshops in our pop-up makerspace invite students and teachers to explore education and career paths, hobbies and STEAM topics that are impacting our world. **Cost is \$7.50 per person (students and parents both).** If you would like to check out Maker Faire but not participate in hands-on activities or workshops, you can register and receive up to 10 free admission tickets [here](#) for a free (no hands on or workshops/events included) admission for Saturday Sept 25th.

October 1 Party in the Park 3 pm Stayer Park 39 S Stafford St Plymouth Play at the park and meet other BTLVA families! Weather permitting. **This is a free event.**

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October 4 Last day to register for STEAM Magnetic Art Time rlilyquist@kiel.k12.wi.us

October 5th Last day to register for Old World Wisconsin rlilyquist@kiel.k12.wi.us We will need a minimum of 6 people to participate in this event!

October 8th STEAM Fall Art Time 10 am will be held in KASD building (room TBD) **This is a free event.**

October 15th The Little Farmer Malone WI 9 am All ages welcome! This will be a 75 minute guided tour and includes a hayride, picking an apple, and activity books. **Cost is \$5/person (students and parents both).**

Pumpkins may be available at an additional cost. There is a play area and a store where you can also make additional purchases.

October 22 Old World Wisconsin Time Traveller Eagle, WI Time TBD The Time Traveller tour is the best of Old World Wisconsin, all in one field trip! Travel back in time and find out what life was like for immigrant kids in the 19th century – have an animal encounter in the 1860s barn, attend 1870s-style school lessons in one-room, explore the STEM that kept farms running in the 1880s, and ride a vintage bike at the 1890s Wheelmen's club. **Cost is \$8/person (students and parents both). We need a minimum of 6 students.**

November 4th? John Michael Kohler Arts Center workshop along with Preserve Tour 12 pm Wonderful Wisconsin Artist-built environments exist all over the world and in all 50 states—but we have A LOT right here in Wisconsin and the Upper Midwest. On this tour students will explore how Wisconsin geography and culture shaped the work of five artists on the first floor of the Art Preserve. **Cost is \$6/person.**

Do all or some of these look like a lot of fun, but you just can't fit it in your schedule? Here is a learning opportunity/resource for any time use:

STEAM online recordings This link provides a wide range of recorded/virtual sessions on topics ranging from A Day in the Life of a Scientist to X-rays to Engineering to Physics in the World Around Us and even a deeper look into the science behind a Cheese Factory from the 2020 Wisconsin Science Festival.