



May 2011

Dear Parents,

It's time to look ahead to the fall and signing up for the Berkshire Hills bus. The Berkshire Hills Regional School District consists of **Great Barrington (portions designated as Berkshire Hills School District), Housatonic, Stockbridge, and W. Stockbridge. Southern Berkshire School district does NOT provide bus service, this district includes Alford, New Marlborough, Mt. Washington and Egremont among others. Berkshire Hills bus does not provide transportation to students who live outside the school district, please contact us if you have questions about which district applies to your residence.** Parents outside the district who wish to use bus transportation must contact their respective district's office for information.

Berkshire Hills District families: To be eligible for the service, your child must turn 5 before December 1st of the school year. Please fill out the form below and mail it back to the school as soon as possible, but no later than Tuesday, July 5. This form must be returned to reserve a seat on the bus for your child/ren, even if you have used the bus service this year. The Massini Bus Company needs to know how many Berkshire Hills District children request bus transportation in the morning only, afternoon only, and both morning and afternoon, so they can plan accordingly.

*Also please note that the bus driver will drop your child at designated stops only, so you **must** notify the bus driver in writing if there is a change.*

Once we have received parents' intentions regarding use of the bus, we will forward this information to the Massini Bus Company. They will develop a schedule and a route; and we will forward this on to you in the August mailing. The route will be similar or identical to this year's route. The current bus route is included on the back of this form for new parents. All bus parents will receive the revised bus route in the August mailing. Parents who are interested in the early morning shuttle (on the Berkshire Hills public school bus route) from the Middle School should call Massini during the summer to check on scheduling and availability.

QUESTIONS? Call Maria Crespo in the school office.

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Parent Name: _____

Residential Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____

Student(s) _____

- I need bus service AM only. I need bus service PM only.
- I need both.

Signature _____ Date _____
Parent/Guardian

(Route information on back)



**BERKSHIRE HILLS BUS ROUTE (MASSINI BUS CO.)
2011 – 2012**

Morning Route

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| 1. Muddy Brook Elementary School Parking Lot (playground side) | 7:45 |
| 2. Main St and Gt. Barrington Post Office | 7:50 |
| 3. Taconic and Benton Ave., Then directly to school. | 7:55 |
| 4. West Ave and Macony Pediatric | 7:57 |

Rudolf Steiner students can also use the Berkshire Hills Middle and High School buses to meet the Steiner bus at the Middle school in the morning. Call Marie Massini for more information at 229-7962.

Afternoon Route LEAVES GBRSS AT 3:00 P.M.

IMPORTANT: These drop off times are approximate. Parents are responsible for meeting their children at their designated stop. We cannot control traffic conditions so **be at the stop 5 minutes ahead of schedule and be prepared to wait 5 minutes after the estimated time.** A \$50.00 fee will be charged for any student who has to be returned. Delays on this route cause delays on the driver's next route.

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| 1. West Ave. #127 | 3:03 |
| 2. West Ave and Lewis Ave | |
| 3. Taconic Ave and Oak St | |
| 4. Oak St and Castle St | |
| 5. Prospect St and Castle Hill Ave | |
| 6. Castle Hill Ave and Hollenbeck Ave | |
| 7. Hollenbeck Ave and Sumner St | |
| 8. Castle St and Brainard Ave | |
| 9. Castle St and Benton Ave | |
| 10. Main St and Church St. by Barnbrook Realty | 3:10 |
| 11. Christian Hill and Welcome St | |
| 12. #125 Christian Hill Rd | |
| 13. #156 Christian Hill Rd | |
| 14. #117 Division Street | 3:20 |
| 15. Divison St. / Rte 41 (near little bridge) | |
| 16. #276 North Plain Rd | |
| 17. #304 North Plain Rd | |
| 18. Main St. (Hous.) to center of Housatonic, Elementary Sch. | 3:20 |
| 19. Route 183 and Meadow St | |
| 20. Main St. Stockbridge by the Old Town Hall | 3:30 |

ACCORDING to the Director of Vehicle Safety and Compliance of the Registry of Motor Vehicles, students should NOT carry anything on the bus they cannot hold in their laps. For example: skateboards, suitcases, large instruments and athletic equipment, will not be allowed on the buses.