



BOTELLE

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October 8, 2021 Newsletter

IMPORTANT DATES



- 10/13 Fall Picture Day - Hall of Flags
- 10/13 Cultural Event - Wacky Science - 2:00PM - Hall of Flags
- 10/13 Hour with Administrators - 5:30PM - Room #211
- 10/15 Smoke Trailer & Fire Truck - Fire Prevention Week
- 10/29 Boo-telle Spooktacular - Covered Playground - 5:30 - 7:30

HELP WANTED!

The Boo-telle Spooktacular is rapidly approaching, and we need helpers to make it happen! This year it will be held in the covered playground and we need help decorating! We will be meeting after school on Thursday October 28th to make a plan. Kids are always welcome!

Please email pto@botelleschool.org to get involved or call/text Lisa Bazzano at 860-485-8513.

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

On Friday, October 15th, in recognition of Fire Prevention Week, we will have the Smoke Trailer here for our students to walk through, as well as a fire truck. **If you have concerns/questions or do not want your child entering the smoke trailer**, please call the nurse's office at 860- 542-1904 to speak with Ms. Dillard.

NEWS FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE

I am excited to inform you that Botelle school and Brooker Memorial have teamed up and have expanded the dental education program here at Botelle. Not only will your children receive dental education and the goodie bags that they love but now they have the opportunity to have their teeth cleaned while at school and possibly even sealants placed. The dental cleanings will take place in November for those families who have signed up. Further information about the program and associated forms to participate have been attached to this newsletter. In addition, hard copies of the same paperwork will be sent home with your children today. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. I can be reached at nurse@botelleschool.org or 860-542-1904.

NEWS FROM THE NORFOLK LIBRARY

The Norfolk Library will be offering story hours with a flare this Fall.

Registration forms were sent to every child in the Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grades for parents to look at and sign. The story times are full of wonderful books, art projects, music and movement. This year we will have special guests pop in to inspire and entertain!

Miss Eileen, Head of the Children's Services, also plans to start Wee Ones , a story/play time for little ones 3 years and under. If you know any parents that would be interested in these programs, please have them get in touch with the Library at 860 542 5075 Ext 4 or by emailing efitzgibbons@biblio.org.

Pageturners is a Norfolk Library book club for all children in the 5th and 6th grades. The readers should be finishing up *GHOST* by Jason Reynolds. A special Chinese dinner will be shared on the day the book discussion occurs. If you are interested in joining this book talk, please get in touch with Eileen Fitzgibbons.



COVID UPDATES

Positive cases in school this week: 0

People quarantining: 0

Please use the health screening tool daily to determine if your child should come to school.

Covid Protocols

Daily Screening For Parents

Every morning before you send your child to school, please check for the following:

- Does your child have a temperature of **100.4 degrees** or greater?
- Does your child have any other symptoms of COVID 19? *See the below list.*

Feeling
Feverish
Chills

Cough
Shortness of Breath
Difficulty Breathing

New Loss of
Taste and/or
Smell

Congestion
Runny Nose

Sore Throat

Fatigue
Headache

Nausea
Vomiting
Diarrhea

Muscle Pain

Keep Child
Home

- Was your unvaccinated child in close contact* with anyone confirmed with COVID-19 within the last 2 weeks?

If the answer is **YES** to **ANY** of these questions, **DO NOT** send your child to school. Instead, **begin quarantine** of your child and contact your healthcare provider. Strongly consider COVID-19 testing.

If **ANYONE** in your home has been tested for COVID-19 (**excluding routine testing**) or is symptomatic, **DO NOT** send your unvaccinated child to school until the results have been obtained.

- If your unvaccinated child has traveled, CDC Travel Guidelines advise that individuals who have traveled should quarantine for 7 days with a test on day 5.

COVID-19 Parents Screening Tool - Subject to Change Based on New Data/Guidelines - REVISED August 16, 2021

Thank you for all you do to keep our school community safe and healthy. It can be difficult to understand the health protocols. Here's a quick list of steps to follow if your child is presenting with any symptoms consistent with Covid.

1. Keep your child home and report the absence to the school nurse.
2. Call your child's doctor and follow their recommendations.
3. Your child can return to school with a negative Covid test and improved symptoms.

OR

4. Your child can return to school with an alternate diagnosis and note from the doctor and no or improved symptoms.
5. Call or email the school nurse to inform us of the return to school plan.

If your child is a close contact of a positive individual or anyone in the household is awaiting test results, please keep your child home and contact the school nurse.

MAKE UP WORK

If your child is home sick or awaiting test results, teachers can send home missed work so your child doesn't fall behind. Please allow 24 hours for our teachers to prepare the assignments, directions and materials. We want the work to be meaningful and doable for your child.

REMOTE LEARNING

Remote learning is only available to students who are quarantining due to a positive case of Covid or is a close contact. Again, please allow 24 hours for our teachers to prepare the assignments, directions, and materials. Google Meets will be set up if the student has adult support available at home during live instruction. Otherwise, work will be available through SeeSaw or Google Classroom.



PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

October 15 marks the end of Hispanic Heritage Month. Students have learned a little bit about Hispanic Heritage during morning announcements. We've listened to traditional Hispanic music, learned about favorite dances and foods, and learned where some of the Hispanic nations are in the world. Each month throughout the school year we will highlight different cultures or diverse groups so we can raise our students' awareness of others.

Hispanic Heritage month overlaps with Disability Awareness Month. Students learned today that a disability is a difference in the body or brain that makes it difficult (or impossible) for a person to walk, see, hear, speak, learn, or do other important things. According to the World Health Organization (WHO) over a billion people live with some form of disability. This means that nearly 1 in 7 people on Earth have some form of a disability. We will learn more about these differences this month. Accepting and appreciating our differences is one of the ways our students live our school charter and feel happy, excited, welcomed, confident, safe and loved at Botelle!

One of the ways we are going to develop our students' understanding of and appreciation for our differences is through literature and discussion. Each month, we will feature one picture book for our school to read. You can get involved too. After students listen to their teacher read the book aloud, we will post the book or a video of the book on our website. We'd like you to read the book with your child too and use some of the discussion questions we will provide to have a conversation with them about the important messages in the book. More information will be coming home about One Book, One School. We hope you will participate! One Book, One School is a way for our students to learn more about what makes us special and different, while enjoying a good book and discussion with their family and friends.