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## November 20, 2023 Newsletter

### IMPORTANT DATES



- 11/20 Early Dismissal at 1:00 PM - Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 11/21 Early Dismissal at 1:00 PM - Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 11/22 - 11/24 No School - Thanksgiving Break
- 12/4 PTO Meeting - 6:00 PM - Cafeteria
- 12/5 Board of Education Meeting - 6:00 PM - Room #211
- 12/8 CCMC PJ Day - donate [here](#)
- 12/8 Early Dismissal - 1:00PM - Teacher PD
- 12/19, 20, & 21 Holiday Fair - Hall of Flags - mornings
- 12/25 - 1/1 No School - Winter Break

### NEWS FROM THE PTO

The Botelle Annual Holiday Fair will be held December 19, 20 & 21. As in years past we're again asking for donations of 10 new/unused gifts (ex. Dollar Spot Items from Target) from families. Parent Volunteers are also needed. Any parent, grandparent or guardian can volunteer. Click this link to sign up. [Botelle Elementary School: Botelle Holiday Fair \(signupgenius.com\)](https://signupgenius.com)

Apparel Order Forms went home this week with our students. Support our school and show your school spirit! These items make wonderful gifts for the upcoming holiday season. All orders are due by Friday, December 1. No late orders can be accepted. Please see the attached order form.

### SOCK-TOBER

Thank you Botelle Eagle Families! We collected 154 pairs of socks! Teen leaders from the Church of Christ will donate the socks to FISH, local YMCAs and the Church of Christ's clothes closet. Thank you again for your kindness & generosity.

### REIMAGING EMPATHY AT THE WARNER THEATER

Amidst the myriad heartbreaking crises we are faced with in our current world, accessing empathy and hope can be a formidable challenge. At this transformative one-day event on 11/30 from 9-5, Johann Hari and Dr. Gabor Mate will delve into the latest research and powerful tools to unlock these essential qualities and explore how empathy leads to connection, connection leads to action, and collective action leads to healing solutions for ourselves and our communities.

[www.lcotf.org/conference/](http://www.lcotf.org/conference/)

## **NEWS FROM THE NORFOLK LIBRARY**

On Monday, November 20th there will be no Merrymakers story hour due to early Botelle's early dismissal. We will continue on Mondays after school until December 4th. We will start back up again in the New Year.

A flyer has been sent to every child about Animal Embassy This is a special program on Wednesday, November 29th where lots of animals will visit the library !! Children may take the bus to the library if they have a note to ride the bus .

**SAVE THE DATE:** November 25th !! A flyer about the Holiday sing-a-long and the annual tree lighting will be coming home soon.

## **THE NORFOLK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**

The Norfolk Volunteer Fire Department presents its 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Breakfast with Santa at the Battell Chapel on December 2nd from 7am to 10am. \$13 for adults, \$10 for seniors, \$8 for children ages 6-12, and children 5 and under are free. If you have any questions call (860) 542-5654.

## **TEACHER CONFERENCE SIGN UPS**

Parent Teacher Conferences are on Monday 11/20 from 4:30-7:00 and Tuesday 11/21 from 1:15-4. The links to sign up are below. In addition to your child's classroom teacher, you are welcome to meet with specialists, Mr. T-K and Ms. Krusch on Monday and Mrs. Dubecky on Tuesday. In the spring, you'll have an opportunity to meet with Ms. Bazelmans too. Support staff, Ms. Buono, Ms. Duksis, Mrs. McIntyre, Ms. Santiesteban and Mrs. Pottbecker will join classroom teachers to share how students are doing in their classrooms too. You do not have to sign up for a separate conference with them. Conferences with classroom teachers and support staff are 15 minutes. Conferences with specialists are 10 minutes. If you need more time or are unable to attend conferences on these dates, please contact your child's teacher. We look forward to seeing you in a couple of weeks.

**Miss Holly PK-** <https://calendar.app.google/jPdwAwjcTRvNYnsd9>

K- <https://calendar.app.google/cMX1oyqRo3fH5BL5A>

**Mrs. Tallon** <https://calendar.app.google/JCoL5jyLdgv4DuxB9>

**Ms. Garceau's math (Grades 2, 3 and 6) -** Ms. Garceau will join classroom teachers when possible and schedule separate conferences when there is a conflict.

**Mrs. Partyka** <https://calendar.app.google/yyzNMvStmv7aL6kx9>

**Mrs. Ward** <https://calendar.app.google/SBGeozCXF6kFfNdU6>

**Mrs. Dubecky** <https://calendar.app.google/KiiNtYrSFyg4E4GR9>

**Ms. Krusch** <https://calendar.app.google/R56Cpt6AoSwvuxUc8>

**Mr. T-K** <https://calendar.app.google/o7FgHWQ4sNimFYWU7>

## **CCMC PJ DAY**

We are raising money for CCMC and children who are fighting cancer. Our goal is to raise \$100. Please donate at our school [site](#) or give your child a dollar to bring to school. If we reach our goal, we will wear PJs on 12/8 to show our solidarity with the children at CCMC. Here's a [video](#) about PJ Day to learn more.

## **PRINCIPAL'S CORNER**

Monday was World Kindness Day. To celebrate this day, we met as a school at a Good News Gathering and we were joined by a special guest, Pastor Erick Olsen from the Congregational Church in Norfolk. During Bullying Awareness Month, our students wrote about strategies to prevent bullying. Pastor Olsen's teen group, Mission Impact, selected three pieces of writing for their creativity and message and Pastor Olsen came to recognize these students. Congratulations to... Kallyn Hagarty, Andrew Porter and Abigail Bennett. Click on their names to read their writing.

Student Council also launched the "Love Being Kind" campaign. Students set a goal of SOARing 1000 times - especially focusing on acts of kindness. When students notice kind acts, they will give a paper heart to one another. Staff are handing out eagle tickets and I encouraged students to complete at least 20 acts of kindness at home inspired by a Kindness Bingo board. The class that returns the most bingo boards will be awarded the Kind Class Award. All students who return their bingo boards will be invited to my Kindness Party!

The Eagles also love LEARNING and our teachers can't wait to share the progress our students have made in reading, writing, math, science and social studies. Can't wait to see you at conferences.