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## September 13, 2024 Newsletter

### IMPORTANT DATES



9/17	First Day of Pre-Kindergarten
9/18	River Day - Riverton CT (9/19 raindate)
9/26	Open House - 6:00PM - More details to follow
10/1	Board of Education Meeting - 6:00PM - Room #211
10/3	Picture Day - (raindate: 10/8)
10/4	Mountain Day - 1:00 - 3:15
10/7	PTO Meeting
10/10	Early Release - Teacher PD 1:00PM
10/11	No School - Teacher PD
10/14	No School - Columbus Day
10/15	First Day of 5 Day A Week Pre-Kindergarten
10/26	Lions Club Lasagna Dinner - Botelle Cafeteria - 5:30PM - 7:30PM

### GLASS CONTAINERS

Please do not send food or drinks to school in glass containers.

### BATTELL ARTS FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarships will be awarded to eligible and worthy applicants for study or experience in the arts. The standard award is \$500, although the Committee retains the right to be flexible in especially deserving circumstances.

#### Criteria for application:

- A resident of Norfolk or Colebrook
- Under the age of 18 or enrolled in school grades 4-12
- Currently engaged in an artistic endeavor
- In need of financial assistance

#### Criteria for selection:

- Quality and specificity of application materials
- Established history of applicant's artistic endeavor

- Assessment of applicant's significant financial need

Process:

I. The applicant should address a letter to the Battell Arts Foundation Scholarship Committee detailing the following. This letter should be written by the applicant.

- Applicant's age and educational affiliation
- The proposed activity or experience, along with an estimated cost
- How the activity or experience will benefit the applicant
- The applicant's past experience in relation to this activity or experience
- The applicant's financial need
- How the applicant will use the scholarship funds

II. A letter of recommendation supporting the applicant is also required. This letter must be from a teacher, artistic mentor, or non-family interested party. III. Scholarship materials can be emailed to [kimcrone@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kimcrone@sbcglobal.net) or mailed to the address below.

No scholarship application will be considered without an accompanying letter of recommendation.  
Mail: Battell Arts Foundation      Email: [kimcrone@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kimcrone@sbcglobal.net), PO Box 181, Norfolk, CT 06058

## **NEWS FROM THE NORFOLK LIBRARY**

### Corner Club - Scarecrow Magic!

Help us decorate the lawn on Wednesday Sept.25 ,2024 ! Erika Crofut will lead the children and parents ,if they wish to come, to dress life size Scarecrows for the Fall. This workshop runs from 3:45 to 4:45pm. Children need a slip to take the bus to the Library. Packing a shirt that can get paint on it is a good idea.

### Merry Makers on Mondays!

We are sending a flyer to the school. If you are interested in this afterschool program, please sign up!

### Chess Anyone?

We are starting up a kids chess time on Thursdays. Gary Sheft will be teaching the children on Thursdays starting Sept. 19th at 3:45pm. This is a very low key class with a nurturing instructor. The children may take the bus if they have a note. Parents need to pick up the students at 4:45pm.

### Books & Bubbles

On Wednesdays at 10:30am. join us for a delightful 30 minute storytime with stories, music, dancing and BUBBLES. Feel free to come early and stay late for conversation and connection . All ages welcome. This storytime starts Sept. 11-Oct. 16th and will run for 6 weeks. . Registration is appreciated but not required.

### A Special Corner Club - International Non-Violence Day

Please join us to acknowledge Gandhi's birthday and his philosophy of non violence that inspired civil rights leaders around the world. To celebrate this day we will have a henna artist demonstrating the ancient practice for the children. We will also offer a taste of Indian cuisine and a

peace symbol craft that the children will enjoy. This program is limited to 15 students . Registration is possible by calling the Circulation Desk at 860 542 5075 ext 2.

### **RIVER DAY**

The K-6 field trip to the Riverton Fairgrounds is next Wednesday. Remember to send in the permission slip. Your student should apply bug spray and sunscreen before coming to school. Dress for the weather and a full morning of outdoor experiences. Close toed shoes are a must. If you have a Botelle School top or something red - wear it to show your school spirit. Bring a snack, water bottle and lunch (gr. 2-6) labeled with your name.

### **PRINCIPAL'S CORNER**

Open House is September 26 from 6:00-7:45. Each year we host an Open House to share information with you about your child's upcoming school year. Learn about a typical day, the curriculum, homework and special events. There are individual classroom presentations by the teachers, a whole school presentation by me, and our specialists are also here. Be sure to visit the PTO table to learn about the amazing events our PTO offers and to learn where your gifts and talents can be utilized.

Your children are also invited to attend. There will be a fun activity, with prizes, that they can complete with you or independently. The PTO will provide snacks. There's something for everyone. Hope to see you there!