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April 8, 2024 Newsletter

IMPORTANT DATES



4/9	Hour with Admins - Berkshire Store - 12:00 - 1:00
4/9	Board of Education Special Meeting at 6PM in room 211
4/12	Early Dismissal - 1:00PM - PD
4/15 - 4/19	Spring Break - No School
4/22	Earth Day Celebration
4/23	Pre-Kindergarten Screening - 24 - 25 SY
4/22 - 4/26	Spirit Week - more details to follow
5/14	** Hour with Admins at the Norfolk Hub - <i>rescheduled from April 9th - 6:00PM</i>

PRE-KINDERGARTEN SCREENING AT BOTELLE SCHOOL

In April we will be conducting our pre-kindergarten screening for the 2024 - 2025 school year. Any Norfolk child born on or before September 1, 2020 is eligible for enrollment in this program.

To be sure that your child is included on our list, please contact Botelle School at (860) 542-5286, ext 200 or email laskom@botelleschool.org.

THANK YOU PTO

A big SHOUT OUT of gratitude for Botelle's PTO. Your commitment to our students and families is another way our school lives our motto - A Small School with a BIG Heart. You planned a fun St. Patrick's Day scavenger hunt with interactive clues and prizes at the end of the rainbow. You dedicated SO much time and your many talents so that our students had the opportunity to perform Frozen, Jr. It was a huge success - enjoyed by all! You supported the Upper Intermediate students fundraising for the upcoming Nature's Classroom trip. And you're busy again, planning Spirit Week, Movie Night, a dance and the Talent Show. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL PROCEDURES

When dropping off and picking up your child, please follow these safety procedures

- Stay in line - do not pass a car in front of you. A child may get out on the driver's side and we want to prevent accidents.
- Get out at the bridge - do not allow your child to leave the vehicle until you pull up to the main entrance.

- Turn around in the upper driveway - no U-turns

NEW ROOF FOR BOTELLE

A new roof is being installed this spring. On Monday, materials will be delivered to the upper lot. There will be little interruption to the school day and we will keep you informed as the project unfolds.

RECORDS DISPOSAL

In keeping with state and federal regulations on records retention and disposal, school officials plan to destroy records of Special Education and 504 students who left or graduated from Regional School District No. 7, Barkhamsted Elementary School, Colebrook Consolidated School, Botelle School in Norfolk or Hartland School on or before June 30, 2017 or were born before July 1, 1999. Please be advised that records may be needed for Social Security benefits or other purposes. The destruction is scheduled to take place on or after July 1, 2024. Anyone wishing to review his/her records or obtain the original may do so by calling Quentin Rueckert, Director of Shared Services, at 860-379-8583, before June 4, 2024.

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

In April, we are shifting our Celebrating All, Creating Community theme to Earth Day. This month, students will learn about the importance of protecting our planet and ways they can make an impact. Morning announcements will feature information and tips. We are viewing the eclipse today and on Monday, April 22, we will celebrate Earth Day with billions of other people around the world.

We have partnered with local organizations to make our Earth Day celebration an interactive community event. Great Mountain Forest will take students on a guided hike behind the school. Northwestern students and staff, along with the Norfolk Farmers Market will teach students about gardening and help students plant seeds for a salsa garden. Ms. Eileen from the Norfolk Library will read aloud an Earth Day picture book and complete a craft with students. Our staff will lead other activities like recycled instrument making, kindness rock painting, a scavenger hunt and making a pinecone, peanut butter bird feeder.

At 11:30, the Norfolk landscaping company, Consolini and Tonan, will help our students plant a Unity Tree. Student Council, when planning Unity Day in October, wanted to plant a tree as a reminder of the importance of inclusion and acceptance. We are planting a black gum tree, a native species that has bright orange leaves during the fall. Consolini and Tonan are donating the tree and their services to bring this plan to fruition. Thank you for your generosity!

Earth Day is another example of Botelle School's commitment to Celebrating All and Creating Community.