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## March 15, 2024 Newsletter

### IMPORTANT DATES



3/19	PTO Book Fair - 9:00AM - 11:00AM - Gym
3/20	PTO Book Fair - 8:30AM - 10:00AM - Gym
3/20 & 3/21	<b>Early Dismissal</b> - Conferences - 1:00PM
3/21	PTO Book Fair - 8:30AM - 10:00AM - Gym
3/22	Frozen Performance - 7:00PM - Gym
3/22	PTO Book Fair - 6:00PM - 8:00PM - Gym
3/22	<b>Early Dismissal</b> - Teacher PD - 1:00PM
3/23	Frozen Performance - <b>2:00PM*</b> - Gym
3/23	PTO Book Fair - 1:00PM - 3:30PM - Gym
3/27	NWR7 Budget Discussion - Cafeteria - 6:30PM
3/29	Good Friday - No School

### SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Attention **parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles!** Volunteers are still needed for the book fair on Saturday 3/23 before and after the play. (1:00 - 3:30) [Click here](#) for more information and to sign up.

### 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](mailto:laskom@botelleschool.org).

### SOLAR ECLIPSE - APRIL 8TH

Connecticut is right on the path of the 90% partial solar eclipse on Monday, April 8th. Even though Connecticut won't be in totality, the sky will get notably darker. This will happen around 3:20 p.m. when 92% of the sun will be blocked by the moon, the peak of the eclipse. Botelle has purchased **PNJ SOLAR** solar glasses for Botelle students and staff. They filter out 99.9999% of visible sunlight and 100% harmful UV light from the sun. Please let the school know if you would prefer not to have your child participate in this event.

## **NEWS FROM THE NORFOLK LIBRARY**

### **Irish Concert**

Sunday March 17th the STEPCREW will be performing a fabulous Irish concert with Irish step dancing!!!! Concert starts at 5:30 and runs about an hour. Doors open at 5pm so join the festivities!

### **World Puppet Day**

On Saturday, March 23 at 3pm, MY NIGHT at the PLANETARIUM will be performed by Tanya Nixen Silberg in the Great Hall. This is a true story of art and social protest where a 7 year old learns how a play has the power to spark a resistance movement. This is a rich and vivid kid-centered lesson about social justice and best for ages 5 and up.

### **Corner Club**

Wednesday, March 27 at 3:40pm, REPTILE NOOK will be bringing reptiles to visit the Library. Children should be picked up by 4:45pm .

### **Storytimes**

#### **WEE LUNCH**

Wednesday at noon, Miss Eileen invites all little ones to hear stories , sing, dance and eat your lunch at the Library. This is a wonderful way to meet other parents and Grandparents. Drop in if you can!

#### **PJ PAJAMA TIME**

On Thursdays in March at 6:15pm, Miss Eileen will tell bedtime stories in front of the fire. Milk and cookies are offered. This program is 30 minutes long since the Library closes at 7pm. All ages are welcome.

### **PRINCIPAL'S CORNER**

On Wednesday we went to Colebrook Consolidated School to watch the musical, *Polka Dots*. It was a story inspired by Rosa Parks and the Civil Rights Movement. It featured historically accurate events of the time, reframed for an elementary audience. Lily Polka Dot, one of the main characters, is the first student with polka dots to attend the all square school. A square student and a square teacher befriend Lily and help her and the other square students, who aren't too welcoming, to adjust. At the end of the play, the square characters learn that even though people look different on the outside, on the inside they are all the same.

It was an excellent musical and afterwards, students were able to ask questions of the actors. Later, the older students from Botelle and Colebrook mingled with one another. They knew one another from sports and other activities. It was a nice morning and enjoyed by all.

The Leprechaun Hunt, sponsored by our PTO, was another special event this week for our students. Students followed the clues around the school until they found the leprechaun's pot of "gold" at the end of the rainbow. Our PTO is AWESOME! Thank you for continuing this fun tradition.

Next week we look forward to the PTO Theater Club's production of Frozen, Jr.