



SOAR to new heights at Botelle School ~ Show self-control, Offer kindness & respect, Achieve your goals & be Ready to learn!

## March 28, 2025 Newsletter

4/8	PTO Scholastic Book Fair - 8:30 - 10:30 - Gym
4/8	Board of Education Meeting - 5:30PM - Room #211
4/8	Hour with Administrators - 12-1 - Berkshire Store
4/9	PTO Scholastic Book Fair - 8:30 - 10:30 - Gym
4/10	PTO Scholastic Book Fair - 8:30 - 10:00 - Gym
4/11	PTO Scholastic Book Fair - 4:45 - 6:45 - Gym
4/11	Early Dismissal - 1:00PM - Teacher PD
4/11	The Musical - <i>The Jungle Book Kids</i> Performance - 5:30 PM - Gymnasium
4/12	PTO Scholastic Book Fair - 1:15 - 3:00 - Gym
4/12	The Musical - <i>The Jungle Book Kids</i> Matinee Performance - 2:00PM -Gymnasium
4/14 - 4/18	Spring Break - No School
4/28	Pet Parade Posters Due to School Office

### SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Botelle will be hosting a Scholastic book fair the week of April 7th! The PTO is looking for volunteers to help run the fair. Opportunities are available during the school day and on the weekend (before and after performances of *The Jungle Book*). Click here for more information:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094AAAAA23A1FFC07-55801750-botelle#/>

### LEGAL NOTICE FOR AREAWIDE 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, 2018 or were born before July 1, 2000. 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, 2025. 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, 2025.

### PET PARADE POSTER CONTEST

Students have been sending in their Pet Parade Posters! Keep sending those posters in! The deadline for submitting posters is Monday April 28th. Judging will take place in Winsted on May 6th. Winners will be notified by the school.

## SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH COMMITTEE

Dr. Iacobelli is retiring at the end of this school year after 11 years of service to the Botelle School community. The Board of Education is forming a search committee to hire a part-time Superintendent for the Norfolk Public School. The BOE is looking for 2 community volunteers to join the search committee. If you are interested in participating, please write a letter of interest expressing why you'd like to be part of the committee. For more information, see the [flyer](#) attached to this newsletter.

## PROGRESS REPORT PARENT FEEDBACK

It's not too late to share your feedback on our progress reports. We are revising our progress reports and input from you will be very helpful. Complete this [survey](#) please!

## SPARK'S SHOUT OUTS!



Our SOAR challenge is about **Achieving Your Goals**. The eagles are working hard. Spark's shout outs this week are for...

★ All Primary students~ they are working hard to write details to make their family stories interesting. Jackie B. is the kind of writer who plans her stories with a lot of detail then adds even more when she is writing. She likes funny stories best!

★ Lyko, Julianna, and Chloe~ they were DEEP thinkers about historically accurate dialogue and what the words really meant because of the time period. Mrs. Partyka was so impressed and called it her *Dead Poet Society* moment (movie buffs will recognize the reference!)

- ★ Upper Intermediate students~ they learned all about immigration and on the end of unit test, Brion, Abby, Wyatt and Luke answered all or nearly all of the questions correctly.
- ★ Elana and Abby~ they created an inspiring Student Council project for the community!
- ★ All the students who participated in this [video](#) about feeling "Confident" one of our School Charter emotions. Thanks Miss Holly for making it and thanks to the students who contributed! Check it out on our FaceBook and Instagram accounts too.

## PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

The Botelle Eagles are SOARing by Achieving Their Goals! Our latest SOAR Challenge has our students learning about strategies people use to set and achieve goals. When staff see students using these strategies - determination, repeated practice, chunking, completing smaller goals, we give them positive feedback. This feedback also includes an "eagle ticket". Tickets go into a bucket in the classrooms and Chloe and Chase, our weekly ticket counters, gather the tickets, count them and add them to determine the ticket total. Our goal for this challenge was to reach 1500 tickets. This week we reached and exceeded our goal with 1614 tickets! When we reach our school goal, we plan a SOAR celebration with the whole school. Student Council members, Elana and Abby, will help plan the celebration, usually with voting by students. I'm excited to see what they come up with!

Student Council also plans community outreach initiatives. This month, they organized a fun project that connects to our Achieve Your Goals SOAR challenge. Students decorated paper coffee cup

sleeves with positive affirmations and colorful art. With their Learning Buddies, students made these inspiring sleeves and soon, patrons of the Berkshire Country Store and the Ice Box Cafe will have them to put on their coffee cups. Students were excited that their project would make a positive impact on someone's day. Stop by these local establishments and see what our students created!