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## April 18, 2022 Newsletter

### IMPORTANT DATES



4/18 - 4/22	Spring Break
5/3	Board of Education Meeting - 6:00 PM - Room #211
5/6	Roaring Brook Nature Center Field Trip - Early Primary, Primary & Intermediate
5/13	Move Up Day - 6th Graders to NWR#7
5/17	SBAC Testing Begins
5/19	Cultural Event - 2:00PM
5/30	No School - Memorial Day
6/1	History Day - Upper Intermediate 5th
6/1	Hour with Administrators - 5:30PM
6/2	Celebration of Learning
6/7	Board of Education Meeting - 6:00PM - Room #211
6/14	6th Grade Promotion Night
6/15	Last Day of School - Dismissal at 1:15PM

### SEXUAL ABUSE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION PROGRAM

State law requires school districts to implement a sexual assault and abuse prevention and awareness program for students in Kindergarten to Grade 12. In May, we will teach students in grades K-6 about this topic using age-appropriate materials to deliver a program aligned with the state's Sexual Assault and Abuse Prevention and Awareness Program Standards and Performance Indicators.

Our implementation team consists of your child's teacher, our school psychologist, Caitlin Chabot, and our school nurse, Keondra Dillard. Mrs. Chabot and Mrs. Dillard will use curriculum materials from the Second Step, Child Protection Units, designed by The Committee for Children. Each student will participate in a series of three lessons (30 minutes in length) specific to their grade level. The three lessons in the series highlight the following topics: Ways to Stay Safe; Ask Adults for Permission; Safe, Unsafe and Unwanted Touches; and Private Body Parts. A letter was sent home with more information about this program. Please contact Mrs Chabot with any questions.

### BATTELL ARTS FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

Are you a student in grades 3-12? Do you have a love of the arts? Do you want to pursue private lessons, summer camp, workshops or need materials and equipment? The Battell Arts Foundation has a scholarship to help. Please submit a letter application, describing what you have done so far in

your area of interest and how you plan to use your scholarship. Also include a letter of recommendation from a teacher, mentor or non-family member who can attest to your interest in the arts. The deadline is April 18th. Send applications to Battell Arts Foundation PO Box 661 Norfolk, CT 06058

### **PET PARADE POSTERS DUE**

The deadline to submit a Pet Parade Poster to the school office is Tuesday, April 26th. Poster board and informational sheets are available in the school office.

### **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, 2016 or were born before July 1, 1998. Please be advised that records may be needed for Social Security benefits or other purposes. The destruction is scheduled to take place after June 30, 2022.

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 15, 2022.

### **NEWS FROM NORFOLK LIBRARY**

A Storytime for WEE ONES for children under 3 years old will be resuming again in May. Please get in touch with Miss Eileen to let her know at the Norfolk Library.

Please come to a concert by Northwest Passage on Saturday, April 30, 2022 at 6pm. This family concert brings an Americana sound with a bluesy and folk flair, tasty mandolins, beautifully arranged guitar and harmonica giving the band a warm crisp homespun feel. Please let the Library know you are coming if possible.

### **COVID UPDATES**

Positive cases in school as of today: 0

People quarantining: 0

Please use the health screening tool daily to determine if your child should come to school.

# Covid Protocols



## Daily Screening For Parents

**Every morning before you send your child to school, please check for the following:**

- ⚠ Does your child have a temperature of **100.4 degrees** or greater?
- ⚠ Does your child have any other symptoms of COVID 19? See the below list.



- ⚠ Was your unvaccinated child in close contact\* with anyone confirmed with COVID-19 within the last 2 weeks?
- ✗ If the answer is **YES** to **ANY** of these questions, **DO NOT** send your child to school. Instead, **begin quarantine** of your child and contact your healthcare provider. Strongly consider COVID-19 testing.
- ⛔ If **ANYONE** in your home has been tested for COVID-19 (**excluding routine testing**) or is symptomatic, **DO NOT** send your unvaccinated child to school until the results have been obtained.
- ⚠ If your unvaccinated child has traveled, CDC Travel Guidelines advise that individuals who have traveled should quarantine for 7 days with a test on day 5.

COVID-19 Parents Screening Tool - **Subject to Change Based on New Data/Guidelines** - REVISED August 16, 2021

Thank you for all you do to keep our school community safe and healthy. It can be difficult to understand the health protocols. Here's a quick list of steps to follow if your child is presenting with any symptoms consistent with Covid.

1. Keep your child home and report the absence to the school nurse.
  2. Call your child's doctor and follow their recommendations.
  3. Your child can return to school with a negative Covid test and improved symptoms.
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4. Your child can return to school with an alternate diagnosis and note from the doctor and no or improved symptoms.
  5. Call or email the school nurse to inform us of the return to school plan.

If your child is a close contact of a positive individual or anyone in the household is awaiting test results, please keep your child home and contact the school nurse. If your child is fully vaccinated and we have a record of that, you can inform us of the positive case and send your child to school.

## MAKE UP WORK

If your child is home sick or awaiting test results, teachers can send home missed work so your child doesn't fall behind. Please allow 24 hours for our teachers to prepare the assignments, directions and materials. We want the work to be meaningful and doable for your child.

## REMOTE LEARNING

Remote learning is only available to students who have a positive case of Covid or are a close contact due to an out of school exposure. Again, please allow 24 hours for our teachers to prepare the assignments, directions, and materials. Google Meets will be set up if the student has adult support available at home during live instruction. Otherwise, work will be available through SeeSaw or

Google Classroom with a virtual conference with the teacher. Due to changes in the quarantine recommendations, we can provide virtual instruction if a student will be 3 days or more. If your child will be out for one or two days, teachers can provide students with assignments and will meet with your child upon their return to reteach as needed.

### **PRINCIPAL'S CORNER**

Enjoy your vacation!