



PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

May 1, 2020

Dear Botelle Families,

Thank you for your feedback on our distance learning program. The survey results were overwhelmingly positive and your suggestions were shared with staff. We want to do all we can to make school at home a success for all students and families and will continue to modify our program to meet your child's and family's needs. Flexibility is key!

If your children are like mine, the novelty of distance learning is wearing off. Some things that have helped are calling friends on the phone, playing games as a family and getting outside for some fresh air. Please call if you are concerned about how distance learning is impacting your child. Your child's academic and social-emotional skills are being tested in new ways. We are here to help!

Next week is Teacher Appreciation Week. I'm making a video of our students for our staff. **Please email me a picture of your child holding a sign with a message.** You can use the sign again for the CAR PARADE! See below for more information.

IMPORTANT DATES-

- 5/4-5/7 School supply pick up 9-2.
- 5/5 ZOOM BOE Meeting. Click on the [link](#) to join.
- 5/5 Live Tech Help for students with Mrs. Dubecky. K-2 from 1-1:30 and 3-6 from 1:30-2.
- 5/6 Live Tech Help for parents with Mrs. Dubecky. Click on the [link](#) to join.
- 5/8 Botelle Staff Car Parade @ 1pm.

Botelle Car Parade

The Botelle staff is coming to see you in our CARS! On Friday, May 8th at 1pm the staff is leaving the Botelle parking lot and driving through Norfolk to visit our students. A Norfolk fire engine will lead our parade. The route we plan to drive will be sent out on Monday. We hope to see you along the way! Be safe and follow all social distancing guidelines.

Tech Help for Parents

Do you have tech issues to troubleshoot? Maybe you want a tutorial on Seesaw or Google Classroom. Join Mrs. Dubecky on Wednesdays at noon for live help over Google Meet. Click on the [link](#) to join. See below for tips to fix frozen Chromebooks.

Need School Supplies?

Chromebooks? Check! iPads? Check! Paper? Pencils? - Oh no! If you are in need of traditional school supplies, there will be supplies of lined paper, sharpened pencils, erasers and whiteboard markers on a table available for pick up next week from 9-2. Stop by and get what you need.

Readers BLOOM in May

Your child has plenty of screen time, but what about book time? Time spent reading is the single biggest contributor to reading success. To encourage our students and families to read together, please play our reading BLOOM game. During the month of May, complete the bingo reading game called BLOOM. For more details visit the library media [website](#). The BLOOM playing card can be found there and is also posted on Google Classroom and Seesaw.

Friday Read Alouds

Mrs. Dubecky is recording read alouds for students in all grades. For students in grades 3-6 she is offering First Chapter Fridays where she reads aloud the first chapter of a novel to pique students' interest in reading the rest. For students in grades K-2 she is offering Fun Story Fridays where she reads aloud a picture book. Check it out on Google Classroom and Seesaw.

Health Updates from Mrs. Ayers

Check out Mrs. Ayers' [website](#) for healthy tips and recipes to boost immunity. Much needed during this unprecedented time.

Attendance

Teachers and staff take attendance daily. Students are reported as present if they attend live instruction OR complete their assignments. If your child is sick and will be unable to participate in live instruction or complete assignments, please email your child's teacher and Mrs. Lasko. Your email is sufficient. We do not need doctor's notes at this time.

School Website

Please visit our website for distance learning resources and information. If you've misplaced important information that was sent home in print or electronically, you can find it on the website. www.botelleschool.org

Local Resources

There are resources available to children and families in need during social distancing. Please contact the First Selectman, Matt Riiska at 860-542-5829 or by email at firstselectman@norfolkct.org

Please don't hesitate to reach out with questions big and small. We are happy to help! You can email me, message me through Class Dojo or Seesaw or call me at 860-840-7818.

Lauren 😊

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To All Botelle Families and Staff:

Typically, Chromebooks freeze, lock up or stop responding due to one of two main reasons: software issues or hardware issues, but with remote Teaching Lessons we can add Bandwidth, i.e. Internet Access. Possible culprits for your Chromebook freezing or running slow may include:

- A program that is currently running
- A device that's plugged into your Chromebook
- Problems with Chrome OS
- Internal hardware problems with your Chromebook
- Bandwidth Issues – Too many devices using the Network and speed of the Internet Access.

How to fix a Chromebook that is frozen:

Remove any external devices. If your Chromebook freezes up or becomes unresponsive, first try removing USB drives, headphones, or any other external devices you have plugged in, to make sure they are not causing the problem.

Check error messages. If you're presented with an error message while your Chromebook is frozen, write down the message and Send the message to helpdesk@botelleschool.org, Please give as much info as possible and your name.

Close some apps. If your screen is frozen and you can still control the mouse cursor, press the **Shift** and **Escape** keys on your keyboard simultaneously to bring up the Chrome OS Task Manager. Scan the list of currently running apps and web pages. If you see one that's consuming a lot of memory, click on it and select end task. Please let us know what app or web page that be causing the issue.

Task	Memory	CPU	Network	Process ID
Tab: Edit Post < MakeUseOf — WordPr...	233,640K	3.5	0	7308
Browser	91,440K	2.0	0	7136
GPU Process	102,680K	0.0	0	7680
Extension: uBlock Origin	42,804K	0.0	0	7944
Extension: Trello	936K	0.0	0	7980
Background Page: Google Play Music	7,136K	0.0	0	8012
Extension: OneNote Web Clipper	4,692K	0.0	0	8048
Extension: LastPass: Free Password Ma...	16,736K	0.0	0	8108
Extension: Grammarly for Chrome	37,484K	0.0	0	8140
Extension: Reddit Enhancement Suite	1,000K	0.0	0	8176

End process

Perform a hard refresh of the tab or page. If you are in a specific tab in your browser and your Chromebook freezes, hard refresh the page: **Ctrl + Shift + r**. This forces the tab in your browser to completely refresh.

Perform a hard reset. If your Chromebook does not respond at all, you can perform a hard reset by holding down **Refresh+Power** simultaneously for about five seconds. This causes the Chromebook to reboot.

The refresh key looks like a circular arrow and is typically located at the top of the keyboard. Some Chromebooks have refresh buttons that look different; consult your device's user manual for help finding it.



Perform a hard Shutdown: If you still cannot control the mouse cursor, try performing a hard shutdown by holding down the **Power** key for approximately 3 seconds until your Chromebook turns off. When you turn it back on, open Task Manager (see above) to see if any apps are taking up too many resources.

Bandwidth – With extra apps or extensions trying to load and needing an internet connection to complete, this may cause freezes due to low bandwidth at a particular time or place. Try turning off any other devices using the bandwidth besides the Chromebook. i.e. Smart Phones, PCs, iPads, Tablets & laptops. Check the speed of your internet connection, <https://www.speedtest.net/> This will give you info on the speed of your internet connection at any particular time of the day. It will most likely vary.

Remember bandwidth issues could also be caused by the number of people working and learning remotely throughout the region. We have never come close to doing what we are doing now and it's a learning curve for all.

Hope this helps,

Tech Support
Botelle Elementary School