

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

## November 10, 2023 Newsletter

### IMPORTANT DATES



- 11/13 World Kindness Day
- 11/14 Hour with the Administrators - 12-1 at the Berkshire Store and 5-6 at Botelle
- 11/14 Board of Education Meeting - 6:00 PM - Room #211
- 11/17 Progress Reports Go Home
- 11/20 Early Dismissal at 1:00 PM - Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 11/21 Early Dismissal at 1:00 PM - Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 11/22 - 11/24 No School - Thanksgiving Break
- 12/4 PTO Meeting - 6:00 PM - Cafeteria
- 12/5 Board of Education Meeting - 6:00 PM - Room #211
- 12/8 Early Dismissal - 1:00PM - Teacher PD
- 12/25 - 1/1 No School - Winter Break

### STARGAZING at GMF

The Norfolk Library invites you to Go Stargazing at the Great Mountain Forest at 201 Windrow Rd at 7pm on November 14th. All ages are welcome, so bundle up and come for some hot chocolate and stellar views.

### SOCK-TOBER

We have reached our goal of 100 pairs of socks! Thank you **ALL** for your generosity! The sock drive ends November 15th - *Let's keep those socks coming in!* Teen leaders from the Church of Christ will donate the socks to FISH, local YMCAs and the Church of Christ's clothes closet.

### THE NORFOLK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Norfolk Volunteer Fire Department presents its 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Breakfast with Santa at the Battell Chapel on December 2nd from 7am to 10am. \$13 for adults, \$10 for seniors, \$8 for children ages 6-12, and children 5 and under are free. If you have any questions call (860) 542-5654.

## TEACHER CONFERENCE SIGN UPS

Parent Teacher Conferences are on Monday 11/20 from 4:30-7:00 and Tuesday 11/21 from 1:15-4. The links to sign up are below. In addition to your child's classroom teacher, you are welcome to meet with specialists, Mr. T-K and Ms. Krusch on Monday and Mrs. Dubecky on Tuesday. In the spring, you'll have an opportunity to meet with Ms. Bazelmans too. Support staff, Ms. Buono, Ms. Duksis, Mrs. McIntyre, Ms. Santiesteban and Mrs. Pottbecker will join classroom teachers to share how students are doing in their classrooms too. You do not have to sign up for a separate conference with them. Conferences with classroom teachers and support staff are 15 minutes. Conferences with specialists are 10 minutes. If you need more time or are unable to attend conferences on these dates, please contact your child's teacher. We look forward to seeing you in a couple of weeks.

**Miss Holly PK-** <https://calendar.app.google/jPdwAwjcTRvNYnsd9>  
K- <https://calendar.app.google/cMX1oyqRo3fH5BL5A>

**Mrs. Tallon** <https://calendar.app.google/JCoL5jyLdgv4DuxB9>

**Ms. Garceau's** math (Grades 2, 3 and 6) - Ms. Garceau will join classroom teachers when possible and schedule separate conferences when there is a conflict.

**Mrs. Partyka** <https://calendar.app.google/yyzNMvStmv7aL6kx9>

**Mrs. Ward** <https://calendar.app.google/SBGeozCXF6kFfNdU6>

**Mrs. Dubecky** <https://calendar.app.google/KiiNtYrSFyg4E4GR9>

**Ms. Krusch** <https://calendar.app.google/R56Cpt6AoSwvuxUc8>

**Mr. T-K** <https://calendar.app.google/o7FgHWQ4sNimFYWU7>

## KINDNESS SPIRIT WEEK

Monday is World Kindness Day and November's *Celebrate All-Create Community* theme is SOAR with Kindness. Student Council planned a spirit week.

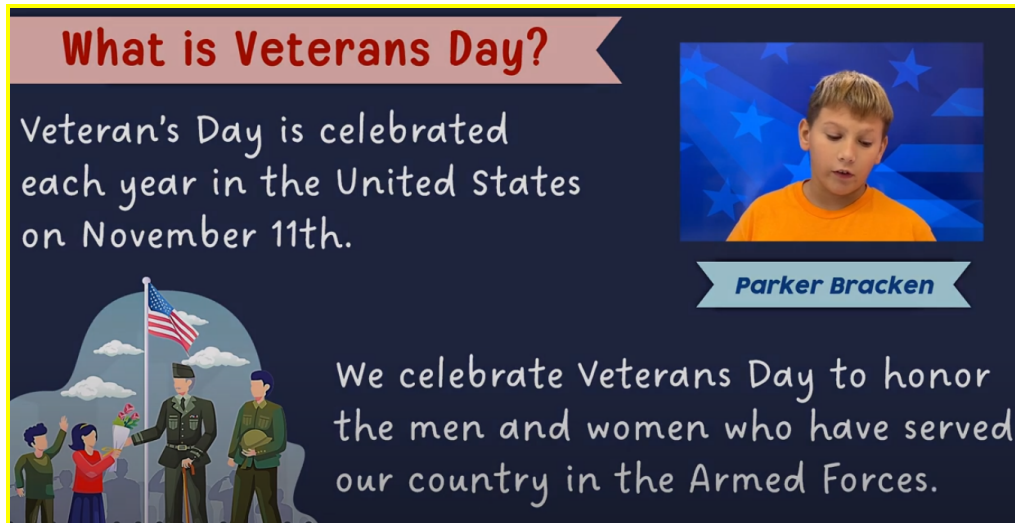
## PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Today, students and staff recognized the veterans and their service by holding a Veterans Day Assembly at 10:30. This 20-year Botelle tradition is a highlight of each school year.

5th and 6th graders invited over 100 veterans and their guests to the assembly. Norfolk municipal employees, volunteers, community members, and parents were also invited.

Ms. Krusch, Botelle's music teacher, led students in performing patriotic songs that show our gratitude and appreciation for the sacrifices made by our veterans and their loved ones. 5th and 6th

grade students ran the assembly. They escorted veterans and their guests to the gymnasium, handed out programs, and emceed the program. Students also created videos that teach about Veterans Day and the history of Norfolk's veterans' memorial. You can watch this video below.



In addition, students performed the White Table Ceremony. This solemn presentation honors Prisoners of War and those Missing in Action. A table is set with objects symbolizing the many emotions family and friends feel when their loved one does not return home.

Senator Lisa Seminara joined us and addressed the veterans in attendance, thanking them for their service. Mr. Richard Byrne introduced the veterans. The veterans had the opportunity to stand and tell the students their name, what branch of the Armed Forces they served in, and where they served. 20 veterans were able to join us. We even had two World War II veterans in attendance, one of whom is 100 years old, Mr. Ted Marolda from Winsted.

Afterwards the veterans and guests enjoyed a luncheon prepared by Botelle's PTO. We are so proud of our students and staff who worked hard to create a memorable and meaningful tribute. Please join us next year.