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March 18, 2022 Newsletter

IMPORTANT DATES



- 3/23 Early Dismissal @ 1:00 for afternoon Parent Teacher Conferences **New release time
- 3/24 Early Dismissal @ 1:00 for evening Parent Teacher Conferences ** New release time
- 3/30 NWR # 7 Informational Town Budget Presentation - Botelle Cafeteria - 6:30PM
- 3/31 Cultural Event - Art of Inspiration
- 4/1 Early Dismissal - 12:00 - Teacher PD
- 4/1 Little Mermaid Jr. Production - 10:00AM & 7:00PM
- 4/2 Little Mermaid Jr. Production - 2:00PM
- 4/5 Board of Education Meeting -6:00PM - Room#211
- 4/6 Hour with the Administrators - 5:30 - 6:30PM
- 4/8 6th Grade Take Out Pasta Dinner Fundraiser - 5:30 - 7:30
- 4/11 - 4/14 6th Grade Class Trip
- 4/15 No School - Good Friday
- 4/18 - 4/22 Spring Break

LOST & FOUND

We have accumulated a lot of unlabeled lost items. If your child has lost any items of clothing – shirts, flannels, socks, vests, sweatshirts or sweaters, please stop by the table by the main entrance during conferences on March 23rd & March 24th to claim items. Any unclaimed items will be given to Goodwill.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

The PTO is holding a Scholastic Book Fair at the end of the month and is looking for volunteers. Volunteering at the Book Fair is the perfect way to stay connected to your child at school and help students find the books they can't wait to read. Click the link to sign up now and get ready for a fun and rewarding volunteer experience! <https://volunteer.scholastic.com/#/signup/eAmRYgEq5> If you have any questions, please email Erin Dubecky at dubeckye@botelleschool.org

NEWS FROM NORFOLK LIBRARY

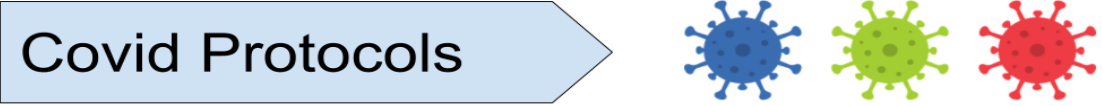
On Wednesday March 30th at 3:50 - 4:50pm **The Sharon Audubon** presents **Animal Menagerie**. Come meet some birds, reptiles and insects! If your child takes a bus to the Library, remember to bring a note to a school.

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?

X 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.

STOP 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

We had a fun-filled Spirit Week! Thanks to the Student Council and PTO for planning a variety of events to show our Botelle pride! Students enjoyed dressing up like family pets, favorite uncles and mom or dad. On Tuesday we rocked the rainbow with our annual "Rainbow Picture". On Wednesday, kids were comfy (and a little hot) in pjs and slippers. Thursday we celebrated St. Patrick's Day with a scavenger hunt by a sneaky leprechaun and Friday we enjoyed waffle sundaes in the sun. We capped off Spirit Week with Pizza and Movie Night.

Our Student Council adds a lot to our school. They create monthly projects to spread kindness throughout the school, local or global communities. This month we are sending "Clovers of Kindness" to the elderly residents of Meadowbrook. Students in grades K-6 cut out four leaf clovers and wrote words of kindness and encouragement on them. We will deliver the clovers to the residents next week.

This act of kindness was inspired by our One Book, One School selection, *The Oldest Student: Mary Walker Learns to Read*. On Tuesday at our Good News Gathering, Mrs. Dubecky read this true story to our students. Mary Walker had a lifelong goal of learning to read and write. She grew up in the time of slavery, so she wasn't allowed to learn these skills. When slavery ended, she had to work to support her family and didn't have time to learn. It wasn't until she was over 100 years old that she went to school and learned to read and write! It was an inspirational story for our students to hear- as many of our students are learning to read themselves. A flyer will go home next week about this book and we encourage you to read it and discuss it with your child. We chose this book in honor of Black History and Women's History Month. This supports our school goal of increasing our students' understanding and appreciation of diversity.

Next week at Parent-Teacher Conferences you'll have another opportunity to talk about what your child has learned and the progress they are making in all subjects. Progress reports went home today

and the conference between you and your child's teacher(s) helps bring this progress to life. Teachers will share the student's work in all subject areas and you'll have opportunities to ask questions, find out how you can support your child at home and understand how they are performing compared to the grade level standards and expectations. Our students work hard every day and we are proud of each of them. Please stop by the office to check in! I always want to hear feedback about your child's and your family's experience at Botelle.