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## March 22, 2024 Newsletter

### IMPORTANT DATES



3/22	Frozen Performance - 7:00PM - Gym
3/22	PTO Book Fair - 6:00PM - 8:00PM - Gym
3/23	Frozen Performance - <b>2:00PM*</b> - Gym
3/23	PTO Book Fair - 1:00PM - 3:30PM - Gym
3/27	NWR7 Budget Discussion - Cafeteria - 6:30PM
3/29	Good Friday - No School
4/1	PTO Meeting - 6:00PM - Cafeteria
4/8	Solar Eclipse
4/9	Hour with Admins - Berkshire Store - 12:00 - 1:00
4/9	Hour with the Admins - Botelle - 5:30 PM
4/12	Early Dismissal - 1:00PM - PD
4/15 - 4/19	Spring Break - No School
4/22	Earth Day School Wide Presentation
4/22 - 4/26	Spirit Week - more details to follow

### PRE-KINDERGARTEN SCREENING AT BOTELLE SCHOOL

In April we will be conducting our pre-kindergarten screening for the 2024 - 2025 school year. Any Norfolk child born on or before September 1, 2020 is eligible for enrollment in this program.

To be sure that your child is included on our list, please contact Botelle School at (860) 542-5286, ext 200 or email [laskom@botelleschool.org](mailto:laskom@botelleschool.org).

### SOLAR ECLIPSE - APRIL 8TH

Connecticut is right on the path of the 90% partial solar eclipse on Monday, April 8th. Even though Connecticut won't be in totality, the sky will get notably darker. This will happen around 3:20 p.m. when 92% of the sun will be blocked by the moon, the peak of the eclipse. Botelle has purchased **PNJ SOLAR** solar glasses for Botelle students and staff. They filter out 99.9999% of visible sunlight and 100% harmful UV light from the sun. Please let the school know if you would prefer not to have your child participate in this event.

### NEWS FROM THE NORFOLK LIBRARY

## **World Puppet Day**

On Saturday, March 23 at 3pm, MY NIGHT at the PLANETARIUM will be performed by Tanya Nixen Silberg in the Great Hall. This is a true story of art and social protest where a 7 year old learns how a play has the power to spark a resistance movement. This is a rich and vivid kid-centered lesson about social justice and best for ages 5 and up.

## **Corner Club**

Wednesday, March 27 at 3:40pm, REPTILE NOOK will be bringing reptiles to visit the Library. Children should be picked up by 4:45pm .

## **Storytimes**

### **WEE LUNCH**

Wednesday at noon, Miss Eileen invites all little ones to hear stories, sing, dance and eat your lunch at the Library. This is a wonderful way to meet other parents and Grandparents. Drop in if you can!

### **PJ PAJAMA TIME**

On Thursdays in March at 6:15pm, Miss Eileen will tell bedtime stories in front of the fire. Milk and cookies are offered. This program is 30 minutes long since the Library closes at 7pm. All ages are welcome.

## **ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL PROCEDURES**

When dropping off and picking up your child, please follow these safety procedures

- Stay in line - do not pass a car in front of you. A child may get out on the driver's side and we want to prevent accidents.
- Get out at the bridge - do not allow your child to leave the vehicle until you pull up to the main entrance.
- Turn around in the upper driveway - no U-turns

## **NEW ROOF FOR BOTELLE**

A new roof is being installed this spring. On Monday, materials will be delivered to the upper lot. There will be little interruption to the school day and we will keep you informed as the project unfolds.

## **PRINCIPAL'S CORNER**

Thank you for your attendance at conferences. Updating you on your child's progress, celebrating their strengths and identifying areas for growth creates a partnership between school and home. Your investment and involvement in your child's education creates the conditions for your child to thrive at school.

One of our school goals is to improve our students' fluency in math. We want them to use their knowledge of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division facts to more efficiently solve multi-digit expressions like  $25+18$ ,  $475-286$ ,  $57\times 12$  or  $873/34$ . Your help at home, coupled with ongoing instruction at school will help our students achieve this goal.

At conferences, your child's teacher informed you that math homework, focused on math fluency, will be assigned throughout the rest of the year. Each teacher has systems for assigning, collecting and checking homework and these systems are designed to provide families with flexibility. They are also designed to hold students accountable. It is important that students complete assigned homework to reinforce and improve these skills. It is also an opportunity for our students to develop personal responsibility and time management skills.

Please provide students with a consistent time and space to complete their homework. If your child's homework is taking too long to complete, or seems too hard, please communicate this with your child's teacher. Thank you for your ongoing cooperation and support in your child's education.