



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

August 30, 2024 Newsletter

IMPORTANT DATES



8/30	Ice Cream Social - 5:00PM - Playground
9/2	No School - Labor Day
9/3	Board of Education Meeting - 5:00PM - Room #211
9/9	PTO Meeting - 6:00PM - Botelle Cafeteria
9/10	Hour with Administrators - 12:00 - Berkshire Store
9/10	Hour with Administrators - 5:30PM - Botelle School
9/12	Pre-Kindergarten Practice Bus Run - 9:00AM - 10:00AM
9/13	Early Dismissal - Teacher PD - 1:00PM
9/17	First Day of Pre-Kindergarten
9/18	River Day - Riverton CT (9/19 raindate)
9/26	Open House - 6:00PM - More details to follow
10/1	Board of Education Meeting - 6:00PM - Room #211

BOTELLE LIBRARY UPDATES

If your child filled out a [summer reading log](#), please send it in to school with them. All students who return their logs get to attend a beach party in the library!

Would your child take advantage of free access to [Epic](#) at home if Botelle offered it? Epic is a website/app that has over 40,000 books, audiobooks, and learning videos. Students currently can use Epic during school hours, but can't access it from home without a subscription. Please take this [two question survey](#) to show your interest! (If you took the survey this summer, please do not complete it a second time. Thank you!)

CELL PHONES

Botelle is a cell phone free school. Students are not allowed to use them on the bus or in school. This can sometimes cause parents to worry but if you need to contact your student, the best way is to call the school. If we see a student with a cell phone, we will hold onto it in the main office until a parent, caregiver or guardian can pick it up. You can read more about this policy in our Student and Family Handbook. Call Mrs. Valentino with any questions or concerns.

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

The first few days of the 24 - 25 school year are off to a SOARing start! Here's what our students are saying about Botelle and how it feels to be back at school.

Elana - "I'm tired but I like it. I love it. I love being a 6th grader."

Ian and Lilly - "My favorite place is school."

Parker - "Being back feels good. I love 6th grade, seeing my friends and my favorite teachers."

Madison - "Kindergarten is the best thing I ever thinked!"

Charlie and Eli - "Botelle's the best school in the whole wide world."

Abigail - "It's fun. I'm glad we're being flexible. I love math."

Brion - "It's been a fun start."

Charlie - "My brother said that 3rd grade would be fun. He was right."

Ryleigh - "I am so happy because I love the school!"

Some quotes from our staff-

"I'm so happy! I love seeing the kids."

"It's been the best start to the school year."

"My students came in like they never left. They got right back into everything!"

At the beginning of the year, educators get to know their students. They teach them the rules and routines for the school and classroom. That takes less time at Botelle School because half of the students in each classroom have the same teacher as last year. They already know their teacher's rules and routines. As a result, the younger students who are new to the class, watch how the older students do things. The teacher counts on them to mentor the younger students so they get acclimated to their new classroom faster. That is one of the many benefits of the multiage model.