



## PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

April 3, 2020

Dear Botelle Families,

PHEW!!! We made it through week 1 of distance learning. Thank you for all you have done to help your child at home! Logging in, school work, taking pictures...I'm sure it's been overwhelming at times. Although there have been challenges, the rewards of seeing our students and interacting with them make it all worthwhile. Our staff is so happy! Of course, nothing beats face to face contact but we'll take what we can get in this time of social distancing.

### IMPORTANT DATES-

- Live instruction for Reading and Math begins **MONDAY, 4/6** at 9am and 10:15am. Your child's teacher will create meetings in Google Meet so your child can join.
- Parent Meeting **April 8th** at noon and 5pm.
- April 10th is Good Friday. There will be **NO SCHOOL**.
- Spring Break is April 13th- 17th. There will be **NO SCHOOL**.

### ATTENDANCE-

- 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.
- If your child is unable to attend a lesson with support staff, please send an email to them. Otherwise they wait for the entire session to see if the student joins.
- Teachers and staff take attendance daily. Students are reported as present if they complete their assignments, even if they are unable to attend live instruction.

### 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](http://www.botelleschool.org)

### HOW TO...

- Check out this [tutorial](#) about how to take a picture using a Chromebook. It's also on the website.

## PARENT MEETING-

- Please join me for **An Hour with...** to ask questions, share ideas and give feedback. Two meetings will be held on Wednesday, April 8 at noon and 5pm. You can join through a link on the website. In the meantime, don't hesitate to contact us!

## SOME FUN-

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- Encourage your child to think of a meaningful name for our eagle mascot! We've had creative, thoughtful suggestions (Feagle the Eagle, Richard, SOAR, Myrtle, Spark, and Fluffy - to name a few). Your child can complete this [assignment](#) in my Seesaw class. We'll start voting soon.
- Daily morning announcements are recorded and shared with students on Google Classroom and Seesaw. They'll also be added under the "Communication" tab on the website.
- Keep sending pictures of your children learning at home. We love seeing them and it makes us feel more connected.

## LOCAL RESOURCES-

- There are resources available to children and families. Please contact the First Selectman, Matt Riiska at 860-542-5829 or by email at [firstselectman@norfolkct.org](mailto: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.

Enjoy your weekend. You've certainly earned it!

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