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March 1, 2024 Newsletter

IMPORTANT DATES



3 /4	PTO Meeting - @ 5:00PM - in room #139 (Classroom closest to the Hall of Flags)**
3/5	Board of Education Meeting @ 6pm - in room 211
3/10	Daylight Savings Time Begins
3/12	Hour with the Administrators - 12-1 - Berkshire Country Store
3/12	Hour with the Administrators - 5:30pm - 6:30pm - Botelle
3/13	Field Trip to Colebrook School - Cultural Event
3/14	Roaring Brook Nature Center - here - presentations in classrooms
3/15	Progress Reports go home
3/20	PTO Book Fair
3/20 & 3/21	Early Dismissal - Conferences
3/21	PTO Book Fair
3/22	Frozen Performance - 7:00PM - Gym
3/22	PTO Book Fair
3/22	Early Dismissal - Teacher PD
3/23	Frozen Performance - 2:00PM* - Gym * NEW TIME
3/23	PTO Book Fair -

PTO FUNDRAISER - BUTTER BRAID PASTRY SALE

The PTO Butter Braid Pastry sale continues through March 11th. Order forms were distributed last week. Additional order forms are available in the main office. You can also visit the online site <https://my.mcmfundraising.com/signup/84sr> to order and sell. Please contact Michelle Padua with questions - mfpadua21@gmail.com. Thank you for your continued support of our wonderful PTO.

NEWS FROM THE NORFOLK LIBRARY

Wee Lunch on Wednesdays @Noon

The Norfolk Library invites all children up to 4 years old to bring your lunch and enjoy stories and songs together. This is a 6 week story time that focuses on early literacy skills. No registration needed.

Pajama Time for All Ages

Come sit in front of the fire to listen to bedtime tales with Miss Eileen. Every Thursday in March at 6:15pm, we will gather in our PJ's to hear some sleepy time stories. Milk and cookies will be served.

The Library closes at 7 pm so come early if you want to check out books. No registration is needed but always appreciated.

Chess for all Ages

Miss Eileen and Mr. Gary Scheft invite all children to the library on Thursday after school to learn and play chess. Transportation from school to the library provided. Pick up at 4:45.

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.

EDADVANCE EMPLOYMENT

EdAdvance is looking for Food Services candidates for cafeteria positions & substitute cafeteria workers. Please see attached flyer for more information and how to apply.

SHARED SERVICES INTEGRATED PRESCHOOL PROGRAM (SSIPP)

The SSIPP is an integrated preschool program serving the needs of children ages 3 to 5 in the towns of Barkhamsted, Colebrook, Hartland and Norfolk. The program is located at the Barkhamsted School and follows the Barkhamsted School calendar.

A screening is being offered on March 21 and March 22, 2024, for parents who have concerns regarding their child's development. The screening process helps to identify children who may need intervention to perform successfully in school. Identified children will qualify to become a participant in the Shared Services Preschool Program.

Parents who are interested in having their child attend Shared Services Integrated Preschool Program as a role model must submit their child's name at this time as well. In the event that there are more role model applicants than slots, a lottery will be held.

To be eligible for the program, children must live in Barkhamsted, Colebrook, Hartland, or Norfolk; be age 3 by September 1; and must have attended the screening. The lottery will be held the week following the screening and parents will be notified of lottery results.

Please call the Preschool Program, before 9 a.m. or after 3 p.m. at 860-379-2729 ext. 7 to schedule a screening for your child.

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Yesterday in art, Ms. Bazelmans led her primary students in giving peer feedback on their artwork. The students had created a 3-dimensional vase filled with hand drawn flowers that were outlined in black marker and glued onto the paper background that was painted with watercolors. The students were very proud of their work and the work of their classmates. Ms. Bazelmans gave them the option

of getting feedback from their peers and if the student agreed, they stood in the front of the class, Ms. Bazelmans holding up the art, while the class first said together, "Ooh, aah," as a collective appreciation for what they were seeing. Afterwards, the artist called on a classmate for feedback. The feedback was varied and specific - "I like the wavy lines on the flower you drew," "Your background is pretty because you used rainbow colors," and "I like how your flowers reach above the background," were just a few of the specific compliments students gave one another. The arts and PE are not "specials", they are "essentials". Students who have instruction in the arts and PE have opportunities beyond academics to identify and grow their interests. These essentials ask our students to create, problem solve, and challenge themselves in different ways. These experiences, along with social emotional and academic learning educate the whole child - something we are committed to at Botelle.

We are grateful for your support in this endeavor and for your ongoing communicating with us. Thank you for the emails, texts and phone calls that make us aware of your child's changing needs. When we know what your child is telling you at home or what you are noticing, we can partner together to best support your child. Please continue to keep the lines of communication open. Feedback is an important ingredient that helps children make progress, but it is also important for us as educators!