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## February 9, 2024 Newsletter

### IMPORTANT DATES



2/11	Uprooting Addiction Film - 4:00 - 6:00 - Battell Chapel
2/13	Hour with Administrators - 12:00 - 1:00 @Berkshire Country Store
2/13	Hour with Administrators - 5:30 - 6:30 @Botelle
2/16	Early Dismissal - 1:00PM - Teacher PD
2/19	No School - Presidents' Day
2/23	Roaring Brook Nature Center - here - presentations in classrooms
2/24	Farmer's Market at Botelle - Hall of Flags - 10:00AM - 2:00PM
3 /4	PTO Meeting - @5:00PM - <b>in room #139 (Classroom closest to the Hall of Flags)**</b>

### NEWS FROM THE NORFOLK LIBRARY

On Feb. 12th, come to the Norfolk Library , one and all, to create a one of a kind card for a special someone .....Maybe Grandpa or an Aunt or to hang on your front door!

We will start when the bus gets here about 3:40. We will enjoy a treat and work on our collage projects. A story and sweet music will be included. Please contact Miss Eileen with any questions.

### KID'S HEART CHALLENGE - FEBRUARY 14TH

Mr. T-K & Botelle School have teamed up with the American Heart Association for our 2024 Kids Heart Challenge (KHC) campaign. Registration is free and fundraising is easy and fun for your child. The more money students raise, the more thank-you gifts they will earn, and most importantly the more money we will raise for the American Heart Association. The Kid's Heart Challenge is not just a fundraiser, it is an educational opportunity for our students to learn about healthy living habits and the importance of helping others in need. Click on the following link to register, if you haven't already done so!

- Click to Register: [Botelle School Web Page](#)

On Wednesday, February 14th your child and all staff are encouraged to **WEAR RED** in support of the American Heart Association. During PE classes on February 14th, the students will navigate through Heart Healthy Stations set up by Mr. T-K.

### CHESS ANYONE?

Students of all ages are welcome to drop in for a fun hour of chess with chess lover, Gary Scheft, at the Norfolk Library. On 2/15 and 2/22, Gary will teach students to play or help them improve their

game. Botelle will provide transportation to the library, just send in a note with your child. Parent pick up is 4:45. If there is interest, Gary will plan additional dates.

### **WINSTED YMCA FAMILY NIGHT**

Friday, February 16th from 6PM - 8PM join the Winsted Y for a family winter movie followed by an indoor snowball fight! Parents must stay with their children - no drop offs are permitted. Register online - [nwcty.org](http://nwcty.org), \$5.00 per person.. Please see attached flyer.

### **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).

### **2024 BASEBALL REGISTRATION IS OPEN!**

Please see the attached flyer for information regarding registration for spring baseball. Again this year, we will be joining Colebrook.

### **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.

### **KEEP TOYS AT HOME PLEASE!**

We need your help! There are many reasons we request that your child's toys stay at home. Safety is one of the most important reasons. This week on the bus, a child swallowed a button battery, after a friend gave it to them. The friend's toy had broken and they kindly handed out the broken parts to

others. Please help us avoid accidents like these. Keep your child's toys at home. Luckily the child is fine, but it might not have turned out the way. We want to keep our students safe - at school and on the bus. Thank you for your cooperation.

### **BUS DRIVERS WANTED**

All-Star Bus Company is looking for bus drivers. There is an Open House on Tuesday, February 20, 9am-12:00 at 177 Rowley Street, Winsted. On the spot interviews for those interested.

### **PRINCIPAL'S CORNER**

What would you like to see in Norfolk that would encourage economic growth and attract young people to town? Norfolk's Economic Development Commission (EDC) was charged by the Plan of Conservation and Development (PODC) to elicit ideas from residents. The EDC invited our students to participate too. Here's what our youngest students had to say...

- a real train station
- a farm
- more colors
- plants
- rubber ducky games
- more stores

More stores and restaurants was a consistent theme and their ideas included

- a coffee shop
- candy store
- toy store
- pet shop
- Hibachi or Chinese buffet
- McDonalds, Wendy's, Dairy Queen
- Target, Starbucks, and other national chains!

Other ideas were

- more houses
- places for kids to do things - art studio, trampoline park, aquarium, gaming club, indoor pool, indoor playground, movie theater, book store
- Food truck - ice cream, hot dogs, etc.

The EDC wants to hear from ALL Norfolk residents. To share your ideas, click this [link](#) or use this QR code. Submit your ideas by February 15th. For more information about this project, read this [letter from the EDC](#).

