



BOTELLE

SCHOOL

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

June 16, 2025 Newsletter

8/27	First Day of School
9/5	Pre-Kindergarten Practice Bus Ride
9/8	First Day of Pre-Kindergarten - (8:30 - 11:45 M-F)

LUNCH ACCOUNT BALANCES

If your child has an outstanding balance on their lunch account, please be sure to bring it up to date. Letters were mailed from EDAdvance alerting families of negative balances. Payments through the payment system may be made until June 20th. Checks may be dropped off at Botelle until June 20th. Checks may be made payable to: EDAdvance.

Students that are exiting Botelle with a **positive balance** may request a **refund** from EDAdvance. Thank you for your cooperation. Please contact the school office with any questions.

NORFOLK LIBRARY SUMMER SPECIALS

Please join in and participate in the Summer Reading Program COLOR YOUR WORLD! Every child received a calendar of free summer special programs from the library plus information about how to sign up for the reading incentives. Students that complete 10 of the challenges receive a fabulous prize of their choosing. The Summer Kickoff is Monday June 16th at 5:30-6:30 with Science Heroes and the Adventure of the Missing Color. Hope to see you !

Please check our website or visit the library with any questions you may have.

SUMMER DAY CAMP 2025 - ONE FREE WEEK!

Camp Jewell Day Camp forms will be sent home. Once again this year the Norfolk Children's Foundation is offering **one free week to all Norfolk children**. If you are interested in sending your child to Camp Jewell this summer, please complete and return the form as soon as possible. Sessions will fill up quickly.

2025 SUMMER MEALS PROGRAM

2025 Summer Meals Program EdAdvance & Winchester Schools will offer federally funded free summer lunches for all children and teens 18 and under.

- Grab & Go Meals for 5 days: 5 Breakfast & 5 Lunch meals.
- Children need not be present at pick up.
- Each child is eligible for one breakfast and lunch per day.

- Children who attend a program where free summer meals are provided through the Summer Meals Program, are not eligible for this pick up.

When & Where...

RLC (former East School) **Every Wednesday - 3:30PM - 5:00PM** **June 25th - Aug. 13th**
215 Hogan Drive
Torrington, CT

First Congregational Church **Every Wednesday - 11:30AM - 12:15PM** **June 25th - Aug. 13th**
835 Riverside Ave
Torrington, CT

Pearson School **Every Wednesday - 3:30PM - 5:00PM** **June 25th - Aug. 13th**
2 Wetmore Ave.
Winsted, CT

Would you like more information on Summer Meals? Go to www.CTSummerMeals.org or call 211. Questions related to Free Meals may be directed to Becky Tyrrell, Food Service Director at Tyrrell@EdAdvance.org or 860-567-0863 ext. 1148.

SCHOOL CLIMATE SURVEY

Please complete our School Climate survey. Click the [link](#) to access it. Please complete one for each child you have enrolled at Botelle. It is a little long, and next year we will shorten it up!

Your feedback is VERY important to us. We use this information to create yearly goals and action steps so we can make Botelle even better for our students and families.

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

On Wednesday, June 11, we honored our 6th graders as they were promoted to Northwestern Middle School. They are wonderful students who created lasting memories and friendships with one another. One of my favorite parts of promotion is when we shine a spotlight on each student. Students were interviewed by their 5th grade classmates about their likes, memories and future plans. These spotlights were written by them about each 6th grader. We wish the 6th graders all the best in 7th grade and beyond. We will miss you!

Parker B.

Parker thinks he is chaotic and funny. His hobby is fishing. His favorite food at school is mozzarella sticks, his favorite movie is Jurassic World, and his favorite Botelle memory was the Aladdin play. He liked learning in the Makerspace. An academic accomplishment Parker is proud of was reading. His best day ever was when he left for Disney in Florida. He has had 21 pets over the years he has been alive.

Something Parker hopes to do one day is to go King Salmon fishing! He is looking forward to meeting new people at Northwestern. In the future he is worried about being broke. He hopes to live in Orlando, Florida.

by Nate

Wyatt C.

Wyatt, also known as Wy-Guy is the OG turtle lover. Wyatt likes to play basketball, baseball and Brawl Stars.

Wyatt describes himself as funny, weird, aggravated, and confusing. A Botelle memory that Wyatt won't forget is when Christian hit him with a hockey puck and chipped his tooth. He also won't ever forget playing football with his friends at recess. Wyatt enjoyed learning about math and he is most proud of his academic accomplishments in math. He knows A LOT about US History, especially WWII.

Wyatt hopes to get a job as a chef and work with his dad. Wyatt is looking forward to making new friends at Northwestern but is worried about it too. Wyatt is a great friend and we know he'll have no problem! *by James*

Luke D.

Luke describes himself as kind, helpful, and a good friend. His hobbies are basketball, baseball, soccer, relaxing, playing video games, and watching tv with his mom (mysteries with action.) His favorite food is spaghetti, favorite sport is basketball, and favorite book series is *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*. His overall favorite thing to do is play sports. His best Botelle memory is playing sports at recess and he will never forget his Botelle friends. The subject Luke most enjoyed learning was math. The academic accomplishment Luke is most proud of is being more confident about how to do 6th grade work.

One day, Luke hopes to make it to the NBA. What he is most looking forward to at Northwestern is study halls so he can catch up on homework, and he has no worries! *by Abigail*

Brion D.

Brion describes himself as funny, nice, helpful, energetic and confident. Brion's favorite hobbies are gaming, basketball, and biking. His favorite food is lasagna and his favorite drink is cream soda. A good memory of Botelle was when Brion won the creative writing award. He also is very happy about the friends he made over the years at Botelle. His favorite teachers were Ms. Buono, Mrs. Ward, Mrs. Meholik and Ms. Shakara - she gave the class ice cream one day. One thing that makes me laugh is when Brion says, "Release the baby!" from the movie, *The Croods*. He enjoyed PE and Math.

Brion thinks that Regional is going to be a new experience and he is very excited to make new friends. In the future, Brion wants to live in Japan and visit the Bahamas. He also hopes to go to Canada again. When he grows up he wants to be in the NBA. *by Mason*

Elana H.

Elana describes herself as a crazy, creative, hyper, kind, and funny person. Her hobbies are building, drawing, and rollerblading. Her favorite food is sushi, favorite sport is cheerleading, and *Coraline* is her favorite movie. Elana's overall favorite thing to do is play outside with her friends. Her favorite book was *Babysitters Club*, and her favorite lunch was the hot dog. Her best Botelle memory is going to Nature's Classroom, and her funniest memory is playing Gaga Ball there. The subject she most enjoyed learning about was writing, and her favorite subject was math.

Making friends is the thing she's most excited about at Northwestern and she is worried about nothing! The person Elana is going to miss the most is Mrs. McIntyre. *by Abigail*

Christian J.

Christian says he is funny, hyper, independent, confident, and sporty. His hobbies are basketball, gaming, soccer, and biking. His favorite games to play are Roblox and Fortnite. His favorite food at school is mozzarella sticks. His favorite movie is *The Minecraft Movie*. His favorite Botelle memory is throwing a frisbee in a basketball hoop. Someone he will never forget from his time at Botelle is Ms. Coughlin. He enjoyed learning about new games in P.E. He is proud of accomplishing math and reading.

Christian hopes to go to UConn. He is looking forward to meeting new people at Northwestern. His best day ever was when he got birthday money. His favorite places he went to were the Bahamas and North Carolina. He has had 5 pets over the years. *by Nate*

Andrew P.

Andrew describes himself as an energetic, funny, athletic, and hyper person. His hobbies are sports, music, and whittling. His favorite foods are steak and mac & cheese, his favorite sport is basketball, his favorite TV show is *Johnny Test*, and his overall favorite thing to do is play sports. Andrew loved the book series *Wings of Fire*, *InvestiGators*, and *Amulet*. If Sloppy Joes were on the Botelle lunch menu, Andrew definitely ordered them. Andrew's funniest memory is when Michael fell while playing football and accidentally did the splits. He enjoyed learning about math and science.

One day Andrew hopes to play in the NBA. He is excited about seeing his friends from New Hartford when he gets to Northwestern. But homework is already stressing him out! He is going to miss recess and Mrs. Meholik. *by Abigail*

Blake P.

Blake describes himself as funny, kind, energetic, persuasive and sporty. Blake's favorite movie is *Sandlot*, his favorite drink is root beer, and his favorite food is hot dogs. Blake's hobbies are mostly sports like basketball, baseball, soccer, football, and wiffleball. Blake's best Botelle memory is 2023-2024 Field Day, "It was fun." Blake will never forget Mrs. Meholik and his friends. Blake enjoyed learning about science and the academic accomplishment he's most proud of is band.

One day Blake wants to make it into the MLB! At Northwestern, he is looking forward to seeing friends from other towns. Blake is worried about having too much homework. Good luck at Northwestern, Blake! *by James*

Michael P.

Michael's hobbies are football, baseball, Pokemon, Legend of Zelda, video games, hanging out with friends, and riding bikes. His favorite food is sushi and his favorite drink is orange juice. His favorite ice cream is blue raspberry. Michael describes himself as silly, nice, energetic, happy, and goofy. His favorite memory at Botelle is Field Day in third grade because he was flinging shoes with his friend Sam. His favorite subjects are math and geography. He was happy when he won the technology award. He also very much liked his friends from this year. Michael won't forget Ms. Winn, Mrs. Meholik, Ms. Casey, Ms. Kelly and Mrs. McIntyre.

He is most looking forward to bringing his phone to school and seeing Robbie and Rocco. He wants to be a Twitch streamer when he grows up so he can crank 90s. He thinks Regional is going to be "massive like the low taper fade". *by Mason*