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## March 8, 2024 Newsletter

### IMPORTANT DATES



3/10	Daylight Savings Time Begins Spring Ahead
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
3/15	Roaring Brook Nature Center - here - presentations in classrooms
3/15	Progress Reports go home
3/20	PTO Book Fair
3/20 & 3/21	<b>Early Dismissal</b> - Conferences
3/21	PTO Book Fair
3/22	Frozen Performance - 7:00PM - Gym
3/22	PTO Book Fair
3/22	<b>Early Dismissal</b> - Teacher PD
3/23	Frozen Performance - <b>2:00PM*</b> - Gym
3/23	PTO Book Fair
3/27	NWR7 Budget Discussion - Cafeteria - 6:30PM
3/29	Good Friday - No School

### SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Botelle will be hosting a Scholastic book fair the week of March 18! We are looking for volunteers to help run the fair. Opportunities are available during the school day and on the weekend (before and after Frozen performances.) Click here for more information:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094AAAAA23A1FFC07-48258034-scholastic>

### 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](mailto:mfpadua21@gmail.com). Thank you for your continued support of our wonderful PTO.

## **THE BIG GREEN SLIDE**

The big green slide is closed for repairs. The First Selectman has contacted the company that installed it because many bolts are exposed, popped out and the plastic has cracked. We think there was an installation mistake that resulted in the damage. It was not due to vandalism.

## **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).

## **NEWS FROM THE NORFOLK LIBRARY**

### **Page Turners**

Miss Eileen is inviting 5th and 6th graders to join a book club .

The first meeting will be to see what kinds of books we want to read . Please join us on Monday March 11th 5-6 pm .

Pizza will be served . This book group is limited to 6 students so please call to reserve your place by calling 860. 542 5075 extension 4.

### **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.

## **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**

Parent - Teacher Conferences are right around the corner. Be on the lookout for communication from teachers and specialists so you can sign up. We are excited to share your child's progress with you! My door is always open, but conferences are also an opportunity to stop by and discuss what's on your mind. I hope to see all of you at conferences!