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## November 8, 2021 Newsletter

### IMPORTANT DATES



- 11/9 Board of Education Meeting - 6:00PM - Room #211
- 11/10 Parent Ruler Presentation - 5:30PM - 7:00PM
- 11/12 Marking Period Ends
- 11/16 Pre-Kindergarten Dismisses @ **11:00**
- 11/18 Cultural Event - Tanglewood Marionettes - 9:00AM
- 11/19 Progress Reports Sent Home
- 11/22 Early Dismissal @ **12:00 (Bag lunch will be sent home)**
- 11/23 Early Dismissal @ **12:00 (Bag lunch will be sent home)**
- 11/22 & 23 Parent Teacher Conferences
- 11/24 - 11/26 No School - Thanksgiving Break

### RULER PARENT PRESENTATION

Join us on Wednesday, November 10 for a family pizza dinner at 5:30 in the cafeteria, followed by a fun RULER presentation in the Hall of Flags. Childcare will be provided in the gym. RSVP to Mrs. Valentino [valentinol@botelleschool.org](mailto:valentinol@botelleschool.org) or complete this [form](#). Hope to see you there!

### VETERANS DAY ASSEMBLY

On Friday, November 12 we will celebrate Veterans Day with a whole school assembly. Our students and teachers have prepared a wonderful celebration of our veterans that includes performances by our band, chorus and primary music classrooms. Students will share historical information about our Armed Forces, veterans and bring to life the White Table ceremony. Watch the assembly live on Botelle's FaceBook page <https://www.facebook.com/botelleschool/> or view the recording on the Botelle School website <https://www.botelleschool.org/>. **Students should wear RED, WHITE and BLUE to school on Friday.**

### VETERANS DAY SLIDESHOW

We are disappointed that our veterans and guests will not be able to join us in person, but we are streaming and recording the assembly so it can be enjoyed by all. To help our students learn more about our local veterans we want to create a slideshow with pictures of the veterans we invite to the assembly. If you know a local veteran, encourage him or her to email or drop off a picture. We want to know the name, branch of service, rank, rate, and years served. Call the main office with any questions and send emailed pictures to [laskom@botelleschool.org](mailto:laskom@botelleschool.org)

# Emotions Matter at Botelle School!



*Join us for a parent presentation on*

**Wednesday, November 10**

**5:30-7:00pm**

RULER is an approach for developing emotional intelligence in schools. Learn about the RULER tools, why emotions matter and how to use RULER at home! Join us for pizza at 5:30 in the cafeteria and a fun presentation at 6:00 in the Hall of Flags. Childcare will be available! Please RSVP using the link here: <https://forms.gle/xNQ9zAHLkaEDy8JZ6>

Or by returning the slip below!

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## **RULER Parent Night RSVP**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, will be able to attend on 11/10/2021.

**Number of adults in attendance:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of children in attendance:** \_\_\_\_\_

**I/we will have pizza in the cafeteria.**      Yes      No (circle one please)

**Please return this slip to Mrs. Valentino by Tuesday, November 9**

## NEWS FROM THE NORFOLK LIBRARY

On Mondays starting Nov. 8th at 11am, Miss Eileen is beginning a 5 week story time called **Wee Ones** for littles ones under 3 years old. Story times develop early literacy skills and foster the love of language and books . It helps children increase their attention span and provides young children with early group experiences. Parents are encouraged to register for this playful library time by calling the Front Desk at 860 542 5075.

**Corner Club** with art educator Ericka Crofut will be on Nov.17th due to the holiday. A flyer will come to the school with details. This creative time is limited to 12 children.

Don't forget to sign up for the **November Picture Book Challenge!**

Read 15 books and get a \$15 gift certificate for the Berkshire Store. Reading logs are at the Library Front Desk. Picture books are for all ages



## COVID UPDATES


Positive cases in school this week: 0

People quarantining: 0

Please use the health screening tool daily to determine if your child should come to school.

### Covid Protocols

Daily Screening For Parents



**Every morning before you send your child to school, please check for the following:**

- ⚠️ Does your child have a temperature of **100.4 degrees** or greater?
- ⚠️ Does your child have any other symptoms of COVID 19? *See the below list.*

Feeling Feverish Chills

Cough Shortness of Breath Difficulty Breathing

New Loss of Taste and/or Smell

Congestion Runny Nose

Sore Throat

Fatigue Headache

Nausea Vomiting Diarrhea

Muscle Pain

Keep Child Home

- ⚠️ Was your unvaccinated child in close contact\* with anyone confirmed with COVID-19 within the last 2 weeks?

✖️ If the answer is **YES** to **ANY** of these questions, **DO NOT** send your child to school. Instead, **begin quarantine** of your child and contact your healthcare provider. Strongly consider COVID-19 testing.

🛑 If **ANYONE** in your home has been tested for COVID-19 (**excluding routine testing**) or is symptomatic, **DO NOT** send your unvaccinated child to school until the results have been obtained.

- ⚠️ If your unvaccinated child has traveled, CDC Travel Guidelines advise that individuals who have traveled should quarantine for 7 days with a test on day 5.

COVID-19 Parents Screening Tool - Subject to Change Based on New Data/Guidelines - REVISED August 16, 2021

Thank you for all you do to keep our school community safe and healthy. It can be difficult to understand the health protocols. Here's a quick list of steps to follow if your child is presenting with any symptoms consistent with Covid.

1. Keep your child home and report the absence to the school nurse.
2. Call your child's doctor and follow their recommendations.

3. Your child can return to school with a negative Covid test and improved symptoms.
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4. Your child can return to school with an alternate diagnosis and note from the doctor and no or improved symptoms.
  5. Call or email the school nurse to inform us of the return to school plan.

If your child is a close contact of a positive individual or anyone in the household is awaiting test results, please keep your child home and contact the school nurse.

### **MAKE UP WORK**

If your child is home sick or awaiting test results, teachers can send home missed work so your child doesn't fall behind. Please allow 24 hours for our teachers to prepare the assignments, directions and materials. We want the work to be meaningful and doable for your child.

### **REMOTE LEARNING**

Remote learning is only available to students who are quarantining due to a positive case of Covid or is a close contact. Again, please allow 24 hours for our teachers to prepare the assignments, directions, and materials. Google Meets will be set up if the student has adult support available at home during live instruction. Otherwise, work will be available through SeeSaw or Google Classroom with a virtual conference with the teacher.

### **PRINCIPAL'S CORNER**

November is Native American Heritage Month. This month our students will learn about Native Americans and their history, culture, traditions and contributions to our country. Students will listen to our One Book, One School selection, *We are Water Protectors* by Carole Lindstrom. The author is Anishinabe/Métis and is a proud member of the Turtle Mountain Band of Ojibwe Indians. The book is illustrated by Michaela Goade, a Caldecott Medal-winning illustrator for *We Are Water Protectors*. She is from the Raven moiety and Kiks.ádi Clan from Sitka, Alaska.

*We are Water Protectors* is about an Ojibwe girl who has been taught by her Nokomis (grandmother) that water is sacred, "the first medicine". A prophecy tells of a black snake that will destroy the land, poisoning the water and killing plants and animals. Now it seems as though that prophecy has come true, and the girl wants to fight the black snake and save the water. She's fighting for the plants and animals that can't protect themselves and for Mother Earth herself. The last page shows the protest at Standing Rock: "We are water protectors. WE STAND! The black snake is in for the fight of its life." based on the protest about the Dakota Access Pipeline construction at Standing Rock. We encourage you to read this book with your family and child(ren). More information will come home next week. To learn more about Native American Heritage month, visit the following websites. Each features information, videos and fun activities you can do as a family to learn more about Native Americans, their heritage, culture, traditions, and beliefs. Learning more about other people and their unique heritage, helps us better understand, accept and include others.

Links-

[Every Child in Focus - Native American Heritage Month](#)

[8 Ways to Celebrate Native American Heritage Month With Kids](#)

[CPTV - PBS Kids - Native American Heritage Month](#)