



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

October 1, 2021 Newsletter

IMPORTANT DATES



- 10/4 PTO Meeting - 6:00PM - Cafeteria
- 10/5 Board of Education Meeting - 6:00PM - Room #211
- 10/7 Early Dismissal @ 12:00 - Teacher In-Service Day
- 10/8 No School - Teacher In-Service Day
- 10/11 No School - Columbus Day
- 10/13 Fall Picture Day
- 10/13 Cultural Event - Wacky Science - 2:00PM - Hall of Flags
- 10/13 Hour with Administrators - 5:30PM - Room #211

NEWS FROM THE NORFOLK LIBRARY

The Norfolk Library will be offering story hours with a flare this Fall.

Registration forms were sent to every child in the Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grades for parents to look at and sign. The story times are full of wonderful books, art projects, music and movement. This year we will have special guests pop in to inspire and entertain!

Miss Eileen, Head of the Children's Services, also plans to start Wee Ones , a story/play time for little ones 3 years and under. If you know any parents that would be interested in these programs, please have them get in touch with the Library at 860 542 5075 Ext 4 or by emailing efitzgibbons@biblio.org.

Pageeturners is a Norfolk Library book club for all children in the 5th and 6th grades. The readers should be finishing up *GHOST* by Jason Reynolds. A special Chinese dinner will be shared on the day the book discussion occurs. If you are interested in joining this book talk, please get in touch with Eileen Fitzgibbons.



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.*



- ⚠ 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.

OR

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.

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER



Last week at the Good News Gathering we shared our School Charter. At Botelle School we want to feel **Happy, Safe, Welcomed, Confident, Loved & Excited.**

These feelings were chosen by students, families and staff and will shape our actions. When we SOAR, we can feel this way at school. SOAR is an acronym we use to teach and reinforce our shared expectations or school rules. This year, SOAR is getting a makeover. SOAR used to stand for Show self discipline, Offer kindness, Act responsibly and Respect others. Now SOAR stands for Show self-control, Offer kindness and respect, Achieve your goals and be Ready to learn. We made these changes because some of our previous expectations were hard to teach to all students (self-discipline) and repetitious (offer kindness and respect others). We also wanted to identify expectations that contribute to academic success. We are SOARing to new heights at Botelle and our new SOAR expectations are a foundation for personal growth and academic success. Use this language at home with your child to remind him/her of our shared expectations.

Our students were more than happy to help one another learn the new SOAR expectations. Check out this [link](#) to the Good News Gathering slideshow that has videos starting our very own Botelle Eagles! Enjoy!