



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

## January 5, 2024 Newsletter

### IMPORTANT DATES



1/9	Hour with Admins - 12-1 @ Berkshire Country Store & 5:30-6:30 @ Botelle
1/12	Early Dismissal - 1:00PM - Teacher PD
1/15	No School - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
2/5	PTO Meeting - 6:00PM - Cafeteria
2/6	Board of Education Meeting - 6:00PM - Room #211
2/16	Early Dismissal - 1:00PM - Teacher PD
2/19	No School - Presidents' Day
2/23	Roaring Brook Nature Center - here - presentations in classrooms

### WINTER WEATHER GEAR

A friendly reminder - please send your child to school with the clothing they need to play outdoors in the cold and snowy weather. Students go outside unless it is raining or the temperature feels like 20 or below. If it is below freezing, we expect students to wear a coat outside. This weekend we are getting snow and in order to play in it, students need snow clothes and boots. Students can not use the playground equipment without boots. The blacktop is clear for playing, and students without boots can only play there. We have these rules in place to prevent injury and keep kids dry. It's hard to learn in the afternoon if they are cold and wet! Thanks for your cooperation.

### HOLIDAY FAIR

Thank you to our PTO for organizing a wonderful Holiday Fair. Students had a wide variety of items to choose from because of the generous donations from families and community members. There are even left overs for next year. It was also lovely to see so many volunteers. Parents, grandparents and other family/community members came to the school to set up the fair, help our students shop and check out, and pack everything up too. Our students enjoyed interacting with you all and we appreciate you taking the time to make this a special event. We hope you enjoyed your gifts!

### PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Happy 2024! I hope your holiday season was filled with special times that made lasting memories. The new year is a time to celebrate accomplishments and set goals. Students have personalized "Power Goals" they are working on that help them grow as readers. Your child's teachers meet with them individually and in small groups to teach them the skills and strategies they need to achieve

those goals. Then they get new ones! Ask your child what their “Power Goal” is and what books they are reading to achieve it.

Students are also busy researching and writing about an informational topic of their choice. By the end of the month, most classes will have written informational books on these topics and students will get to publish them. Students will have an opportunity to see how they’ve grown as writers and set goals for themselves. Goal setting and intentional practice motivates students and increases learning. We love seeing our students’ confidence and skills improve - it’s one of the many reasons we became educators!