



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

October 20, 2023 Newsletter

IMPORTANT DATES



- 10/21 Lions Club Lasagna Dinner - Botelle Cafeteria - 5 pm - 7:30 pm
- 10/23 Yale Woodwind Quintet - 1:00pm
- 10/26 Picture Retake Day - 9:30AM
- 10/27 Boo-telle Spooktacular - Covered Playground - 5 pm - 7:00 pm
- 10/28 Pet Costume Parade - Robertson Plaza 3-5pm
- 10/28 Full Moon Hike - Dennis Hill - 5:15pm
- 11/6 PTO Meeting - 6:00PM - Cafeteria
- 11/7 No School - Teacher PD
- 11/10 Veterans Day Assembly - 10:30AM - Gym
- 11/14 Hour with the Administrators - 5:30 - 6:30
- 11/14 Board of Education Meeting - 6:00 PM - Room #211
- 11/17 Progress Reports Go Home
- 11/20 Early Dismissal at 1:00PM - Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 11/21 Early Dismissal at 1:00PM - Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 11/22 - 11/24 No School - Thanksgiving Break

HALLOWEEN CANDY DONATIONS

Candy donations are needed as the Norfolk community invites its trick-or-treaters to Maple Avenue on the evening of Halloween - Tuesday, Oct. 31st. Candy in unopened bags may be dropped off at the following collection points: **Botelle • Berkshire Store • Post Office • National Iron Bank**

The recommended donation is one bag of candy per child. Please consider contributing an extra bag if your child is bringing a friend. Candy may be brought to school and dropped off in the school office. Final collection is Friday, October 27th. Thank you!

NEWS FROM THE BOTELLE LIBRARY

For the rest of October, Botelle is doing a monster of a reading challenge! For every 10 minutes that students read and complete an activity, they get to add a part to monsters that they design. Packets went home with students this week, so check your child's folder for more information. Please note:

There is a typo on one page - students can add a monster part for every 10 minutes they read (not 20). Monsters are due back to school on October 31 and all students who turn them in get a special treat!

VETERANS DAY ASSEMBLY

Our Veterans Day Assembly will be held on Friday, November 10th at 10:30am in the Gym. Our 5th and 6th graders sent out over 100 invitations to veterans and our PTO will share some delicious food with our Veterans & their families. It will be a busy, but important, day in the life of our school. **ALL** students are asked to wear something that is either red, white or blue (or any combination). We hope you can join us on this special day.

FAMILY FUN with your FURRY FRIENDS!

On October 28 bring your furry friends in costume to Robertson Plaza from 3-5 for a Pet Costume Contest and Parade (weather permitting). There will be treats, face painting and prizes for the best costumes. Registration is requested by clicking [HERE](#). Bring socks to donate too!

SOCK-TOBER

Donate new socks to those in need. Teen leaders from the Church of Christ are sponsoring Sock-tober and Botelle students, families and staff are invited to participate. Purchase new socks to be donated to FISH, local YMCAs and the Church of Christ's clothes closet. The sock drive is October 16 - November 20. Our goal is to donate 100 pairs of socks!

BULLYING ISN'T "WRITE"

Write an acrostic poem using the phrase ANTI-BULLYING or respond to the following prompt - "Describe your best strategy for preventing bullying." Prizes for the most creative submissions will be awarded on October 28th at 3:30 at the Halloween Pet Costume Contest and Parade. Deadline for submissions is October 25th. You can mail or drop off handwritten poems or paragraphs at Botelle School or you can participate electronically using this [form](#).

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

On Wednesday, October 18th we celebrated Unity Day as part of Bullying Prevention Month. We united in kindness to accept and include all! Thank you for sending your child to school in orange. There was a lot of participation.

Mountain Day gave us the perfect opportunity to create unity as a school community. Students hiked with their learning buddies, read books and worked on a nature scavenger hunt together. It was wonderful to see them building relationships with students outside of their classrooms and the older students also developed their leadership skills. They were very protective of their younger buddies and encouraged them to be safe on the trail.

We hiked to the top of Dennis Hill and enjoyed the beautiful views and fall foliage. The Norfolk Land Trust treated us to cider and donuts. Mr. Hartley Mead connected the importance of being kind to others with being kind to the environment and the creatures who live there. They gave students a flier about upcoming events, along with a pocket trail map for Norfolk.

“Best day ever!” was a comment we heard frequently. We look forward to surprising our students with Mountain Day next year. Thanks for keeping it a secret!