

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

May 27, 2020

Dear Botelle Families,

The warm, sunny weather has finally arrived! I hope you had an opportunity to enjoy it over the long weekend. The change in weather also can bring a change in attention and motivation for learning. Now more than ever, it is important to stick to the routine of regular attendance and work completion. We will be in touch if your child is having difficulty so we can work together and make a plan so he/she is successful. Here are some important tips to maximize engagement~

- make sure your child keeps his/her video on during live instruction
- if possible, have your child work at the kitchen table (or a spot conducive for learning)
- sign your child up for "office hours" with his/her teacher

Support staff have noticed a drop in attendance. **Please make sure your child attends sessions promptly OR email the staff member about your child's absence.** Staff wait online for the entire session in case the student signs on.

We have some fun end of the year activities in the works for students (and families). Virtual field day and a reverse parade are just a few of the activities we have in mind. Our PTO is also planning special events. Even though we can't all be together, doesn't mean that we can't acknowledge the hard work of our students with end of the year celebrations. Last Friday, Mrs. Asselin and I had the honor of delivering lawn signs to our 6th graders, along with donut kits and a stuffed eagle toy.

IMPORTANT DATES

- 6/2-6/5 Teacher Professional Learning from 1-3pm
- 6/2 BOE Meeting @ 6pm
- 6/9 Virtual Field Day (rain date 6/10) - schedule and details below
- 6/12 Last Day of School and Reverse Parade - times TBD



Teacher Professional Learning Days

Classroom teachers and some support staff will participate in professional learning from 1-3pm on June 2, 3, 4 and 5. This professional learning will support math instruction and a new curricular resource that will be implemented next year. Teachers will not be available via email

or for office hours during that time. It will take them longer to give feedback on work too. Thank you for your understanding.

Virtual Field Day

Mr. Thorne-Kaunelis is planning a VIRTUAL field day! Each class will have an opportunity to compete in a variety of fun activities from the water balloon toss and egg spoon race to the bottle flip challenge and the dress up relay. The activities feature equipment that you have at home (water balloons will be sent home). The schedule and equipment list is at the end of the newsletter, along with the list of activities. Mr. T-K is making videos of each activity so students can participate at another date or time if they can't make the live event. Field Day is scheduled for Tuesday, June 9th with a rain date of Wednesday, June 10.



Summer Learning Activities

Each summer we encourage students to participate in the Governor's Summer Reading and Math Challenges. This year however, we want to provide families with greater options that match their interests and needs. Do you want your child to be able to use their iPad or Chromebook for summer learning? Do you want a summer packet with review worksheets for literacy and math? Please answer this 2 question [survey](#) so we know how to prepare for your child's summer learning.



Progress Reports

Students will get a progress report for the last marking period. The progress report will have different performance codes because of distance learning. The comments section will be longer for more detailed comments so you know your child's strengths and areas for growth in each content area. If you would like a virtual parent-teacher conference before progress reports go home, please contact your child's teacher.



Reverse Parade

On the last day of school we are having a "reverse" parade. Families will drive to school where staff will be holding signs and cheering for our students. There will be a pick up and drop off location. You will be able to drop off devices, library books, and other school materials. You will also be able to pick up your child's progress report, summer learning materials, personal belongings, and a special gift. Times will be scheduled by class and social distancing practices will be followed.



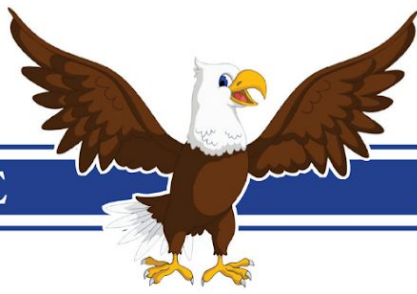
Tech Help for Parents and Students

Do you have tech issues to troubleshoot? Maybe you want a tutorial on Seesaw or Google Classroom. Join Mrs. Dubecky on Tuesday from 1-2 for live help over Google Meet. Click on the [link](#) to join. Students who want to meet with Mrs. Dubecky to troubleshoot tech problems and learn how to use different digital resources can join a weekly Google Meet session on Wednesday. K-2 students can join from 1-1:30 and students in grades 3-6 can join from 1:30-2.



Readers BLOOM in May

Your child has plenty of screen time, but what about book time? Time spent reading is the single biggest contributor to reading success. To encourage our students and families to read



together, please play our reading BLOOM game. During the month of May, complete the bingo reading game called BLOOM. For more details visit the library media [website](#). The BLOOM playing card can be found there and is also posted on Google Classroom and Seesaw.

Health Updates from Mrs. Ayers

Check out Mrs. Ayers' [website](#) for healthy tips and recipes to boost immunity. Much needed during this unprecedented time.

Attendance

Teachers and staff take attendance daily. Students are reported as present if they attend live instruction OR complete their assignments. If your child is sick and will be unable to participate in live instruction or complete assignments, please email your child's teacher and Mrs. Lasko. Your email is sufficient. We do not need doctor's notes at this time.

School Website

Please visit our website for distance learning resources and information. If you've misplaced important information that was sent home in print or electronically, you can find it on the website. www.botelleschool.org

Local Resources

There are resources available to children and families in need during social distancing. Please contact the First Selectman, Matt Riiska at 860-542-5829 or by email at firstselectman@norfolkct.org

Please don't hesitate to reach out with questions big and small. We are happy to help! You can email me, message me through Class Dojo or Seesaw or call me at 860-840-7818.

Lauren 😊

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VIRTUAL FIELD DAY



DATE: June 9 or June 10 (rain date)

SCHEDULE:

Event 1: Early Primary **9:00-9:30**

Event 2: Primary **9:45-10:45**

Event 3: Intermediate **11:00-12:00**

Event 4: Upper Intermediate **1:00-2:00**

EVENT 1: EARLY PRIMARY

Required Equipment:

- 2 bowls/bucket for water and a sponge or small towel
- 1 or more water balloons
- A spoon and an egg or Easter egg or ping pong ball
- 10 or more plastic bottles partially filled with water
- 3 or more sock balls
- 5 kitchen bowls
- 1 Bed Sheet
- 3 different sized targets ex. (Laundry basket, kitchen pot, kitchen bowl, frying pan, etc)
- A pile of Laundry

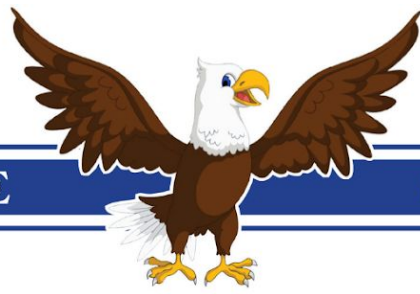
Activities:

1. Sponge Water Relay/Fill the bucket challenge
2. Water Balloon Toss
3. Egg Spoon relay
4. Plastic Bottle Bowling
5. Bowl ball
6. Underhand Toss game
7. Sheet Parachute object shake
8. Skee Ball toss
9. Laundry Jump Long Jump (A pile of laundry- dirty may be best as they might need a wash after)

EVENT 2: PRIMARY

Required Equipment:

- 2 bowls/bucket for water and a sponge or small towel
- 1 or more water balloons
- A spoon and an egg or Easter egg or ping pong ball



- 10 or more plastic bottles partially filled with water
- 3 or more sock balls
- 5 kitchen bowls
- 1 Bed Sheet
- 3 different sized targets ex. (Laundry basket, kitchen pot, kitchen bowl, frying pan, etc)
- A pile of Laundry
- A laundry basket
- A complete set of oversized clothing
- A stick, wiffle ball or baseball bat

Activities:

1. Sponge Water Relay/Fill the bucket challenge
2. Water Balloon Toss
3. Egg Spoon relay
4. Plastic Bottle Bowling
5. Bowl ball
6. Laundry basket, water bottle trap game
7. Underhand Toss game
8. Sheet Parachute object shake
9. Skee Ball toss
10. Dress up relay
11. Laundry Jump Long Jump
12. Dizzy bat Relay race

EVENT 3: INTERMEDIATE**Required Equipment:**

- 2 bowls/bucket for water and a sponge or small towel
- 1 or more water balloons
- A spoon and an egg or Easter egg or ping pong ball
- 10 or more plastic bottles partially filled with water
- 3 or more sock balls
- 5 kitchen bowls
- 1 Bed Sheet
- 3 different sized targets ex. (Laundry basket, kitchen pot, kitchen bowl, frying pan, etc)
- A pile of Laundry
- A laundry basket
- A complete set of oversized clothing
- A stick, wiffle ball or baseball bat

Activities:

1. Sponge Water Relay/Fill the bucket challenge

2. Water Balloon Toss
3. Egg Spoon relay
4. Bottle Flip Challenge
5. Plastic Bottle Bowling
6. Bowl ball
7. Laundry basket, water bottle trap game
8. Towel Flip Challenge
9. Skee Ball toss
10. Dress up relay
11. Laundry Jump Long Jump
12. Dizzy bat Relay race

EVENT 4: UPPER INTERMEDIATE

Required Equipment:

- 2 bowls/bucket for water and a sponge or small towel
- 1 or more water balloons
- A spoon and an egg or Easter egg or ping pong ball
- 10 or more plastic bottles partially filled with water
- 3 or more sock balls
- 5 kitchen bowls
- 1 Bed Sheet
- 3 different sized targets ex. (Laundry basket, kitchen pot, kitchen bowl, frying pan, etc)
- A pile of Laundry
- A laundry basket
- A complete set of oversized clothing
- A stick, wiffle ball or baseball bat

Activities:

1. Sponge Water Relay/Fill the bucket challenge
2. Water Balloon Toss
3. Egg Spoon relay
4. Bottle Flip Challenge
5. Plastic Bottle Bowling
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7. Laundry basket, water bottle trap game
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