



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

October 22, 2021 Newsletter

IMPORTANT DATES



- 10/29 Boo-telle Spooktacular - Covered Playground - 5:30 - 7:30
- 11/1 PTO Meeting - 6:00PM
- 11/2 No School - Teacher In-Service
- 11/9 Board of Education Meeting - 6:00PM - Room #211
- 11/12 Marking Period Ends
- 11/19 Progress Reports Sent Home
- 11/22 Early Dismissal @ 1:05
- 11/23 Early Dismissal @ 1:05
- 11/22 & 23 Parent Teacher Conferences
- 11/24 - 11/26 No School - Thanksgiving Break

HELP WANTED!

The Boo-telle Spooktacular is rapidly approaching, and we need helpers to make it happen! This year it will be held in the covered playground and we need help decorating! We will be meeting after school on Thursday October 28th to make a plan. Kids are always welcome!

Please email pto@botelleschool.org to get involved or call/text Lisa Bazzano at 860-485-8513.

HALLOWEEN ON MAPLE AVENUE

Candy donations are needed as the Norfolk community invites its trick-or-treaters to Maple Avenue for Halloween. Candy in unopened bags may be dropped off at the following collection points: Botelle School, The Norfolk Hub, and the Norfolk Post Office. Thank you in advance for your donation.

NEWS FROM THE NORFOLK LIBRARY

Have you ever wanted to design a bulletin board? Miss Eileen from the Norfolk Library invites any family to occasionally decorate the Children's bulletin board. The design changes once a month, so all interested families will have an opportunity. If interested, please email efitzgibbons@biblio.org or call at 869 542 5075 Ext. 4.

NURSE'S OFFICE UPDATE

- There has been an increase in visits to the Health Office first thing in the morning due to ticks. Thankfully the ticks have not been embedded, but this is a good reminder that tick season is still upon us. Please be mindful of leaves, tall grass and other opportunistic environments while kids are out waiting for the bus in the mornings. In addition, I encourage tick checks be added to nightly routines to ensure ticks are caught and removed.

- Thank you to those that have returned the Brooker Memorial Dental Program paperwork. This paperwork allows the Health Office to know how many students will be participating in the program, for planning purposes. If you have not yet returned the letter indicating if your child will be participating or not, please do so ASAP. If you need a new copy of the paperwork, please contact the Health Office.



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.

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 with a virtual conference with the teacher.

SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING TIPS by Mrs. Chabot

"Fidgets" at Botelle School

I find myself in many meetings at Botelle School. When I am in meetings that are lengthy, I frequently find myself fidgeting with objects around me, such as paper clips, pencils and hair ties. We all fidget! Fidgeting is our way of releasing restless energy, especially when we're asked to sit and listen for a long time. Fidget toys have become increasingly popular to help children release their energy in school without causing disruption. Some examples of fidget toys include pop-its, putty, monkey noodles and stress balls.

In my experience, I've found that fidgets can be incredibly helpful for some students. However, I have observed that in some cases, using a fidget toy in class may actually increase distractibility. For example, items like putty, intended to squeeze in your hand to release stress or tension, can be quickly turned into a toy for building and creating. While this is great during free time or in art, it may take your child's mind away from their learning during instruction.

Okay, so, what can we do? If you feel that your child is easily distracted during class and may benefit from a fidget, try some different ones at home first while they are completing their homework or sharing about their school day. Are they able to maintain attention? You can also have a discussion about how the fidget toy is intended to be used and when it should be used. For instance, fidgets are best used during whole group instruction when hands are empty. I've asked that our classroom teachers keep an eye out for fidget use in their classrooms. If we find that using a fidget is more distracting for your child, we may contact you and ask that it stay at home. As always, our intention is to help your child SOAR at Botelle School and to be the best learner that he/she can be.

Here is a picture of my favorite type of fidget toy. I recommend this one often because I've found that it is the least distracting.



VETERANS DAY

On Friday, November 12 we will celebrate Veterans Day with a whole school assembly. 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.