



**BOTELLE**

**SCHOOL**

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

## **June 20, 2022 Newsletter**

### **IMPORTANT DATES**



8/31 First Day of School

### **PRINCIPAL'S CORNER**

The close of the school year is a good time to reflect on all we have accomplished and are grateful for. We enjoyed another full year of in person learning. Although COVID continues to impact our lives, vaccines became available for students, quarantine periods were reduced and the mask requirement for students and staff was lifted.

The school year ended on a high note - several of them in fact!

- The Little Mermaid Jr. provided our students with an opportunity to shine outside of the classroom. The actors learned new skills, under the tutelage of many parent and community volunteers, and the performances were absolutely amazing. Each one was better than the one before.
- The Celebration of Learning showcased our students' hard work in the classroom. Families were taken on a journey of learning and students were the tour guides! The MakerSpace was open for families to experience the STEAM activities students grapple with and the Art Show featured colorful, creative artwork. The evening concluded with music - band performances by our beginning and advanced ensembles followed by classroom and chorus melodies. It may have been the most well attended family event all year!
- Field Day was a big hit with students, staff and families enjoying the sun and fun at the various stations. Students jumped, ran and played lots of water games. Capping off Field Day was the annual visit from the fire department where the engine shoots a big stream of water onto the field for students to run under and get SOAKED.

- The parents and volunteers who joined us for breakfast were showered with love and appreciation by students and staff who cheered for them while holding “Thank You” signs. Later we had our final Good News Gathering and Award Ceremony where students were recognized for their participation and excellence in math, art, band, chorus, the Nutmeg reading challenge and Student Council.
- Finally our 6th graders enjoyed old and new traditions at the Promotion. Each was put in the spotlight by their 5th grade friends, sharing fond memories of Botelle and hopes for their future in middle school, for which they are well prepared.

In addition to the 13 6th graders we say goodbye to, we also say goodbye to teachers and staff who are moving on to fulfill professional aspirations. We welcome Ashleigh Buono, school psychologist to the Botelle family and we are in the process of interviewing other highly qualified teachers and staff who share our beliefs, values and expectations for academic success and social emotional wellbeing for ALL students.

Summer officially starts tomorrow and we know you will enjoy this special time with your children- it goes by so fast! We will welcome them back to our Small School with a BIG Heart in August. A new school year will be here before we know it!