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## October 14, 2022 Newsletter

### IMPORTANT DATES



10/26	Evacuation Drill to NELC - 2:00PM
10/27	Cultural Event - Hall of Flags - 2:00PM
10/28	Botelle PTO Spooktacular - Covered Playground
11/1	Board of Education Meeting - Room #211 - 6:00PM
11/2	PTO Meeting - Cafeteria - 6:00PM
11/8	No School - Teacher PD
11/11	Veterans' Day Assembly
11/11	Marking Period End
11/18	Progress Reports sent home
11/21	Early Dismissal - Parent/Teacher Conferences
11/22	Early Dismissal - Parent/Teacher Conferences
11/23 - 11/25	No School - Thanksgiving Break

### HALLOWEEN CANDY DONATIONS

Candy donations are now being accepted for Trick or Treat on Maple Avenue for the residents of Maple Avenue and the feeder streets.

Candy drop-off locations:

- Botelle School office
- The Norfolk Post office

Please donate one bag of candy per child, if you plan to have your child trick or treat on Maple Avenue.

### STUDENT & FAMILY HANDBOOK

Our student & family handbook is on our website. Please be sure to read through the handbook with your child. Once you have read our handbook please complete the 'acknowledgement & receipt form (found on our website)(a paper receipt will be sent home on Tuesday) and return it to Botelle. If you would like a hard copy of the handbook please contact the school office.

## **SNOWPANTS & BOOTS**

Winter will be upon us before we know it. If your family is in need of snow boots and/or winter jackets please contact the school office. The town of Norfolk has gently used, and new winter jackets and boots for anyone in need.

## **FREE COVID CLINIC AT THE NORFOLK TOWN HALL**

On November 10th & December 1st from 11:00AM - 3:00PM the Norfolk Town Hall will be holding a free covid vaccination clinic at 19 Maple Avenue. No appointments necessary. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

## **NEWS FROM THE NORFOLK LIBRARY**

Miss Eileen hopes to start again a story hour for younger children ages Pre K - 1st grade. Additionally, if there is interest, she would love to do a book time for older students in grades 1-3. Miss Eileen would like to start a **Pre Teen with a Twist** series. This series would be geared for 5th and 6th graders focusing on being together, games, books and just special time together in the Library. We will see who is interested but it would be once a month perhaps early evening during the week for about an hour. This has never been done at the Norfolk Library so we are excited about it. This program could be in the early evening. Please email Miss Eileen at [efitzgibbons@biblio.org](mailto:efitzgibbons@biblio.org) if your child would like to participate in any of these library programs. It would help to hear what days would work for your family.

Miss Eileen has gotten some requests to begin a book club for 3rd and 4th graders. A book talk club is a great way to share ideas and thoughts about books. At the Library, we always try to enhance the experience by cooking, eating or inviting someone who would be connected to the book somehow. Please let me know if this interests your child. My email is [efitzgibbons@biblio.org](mailto:efitzgibbons@biblio.org).

In recognition of Indigenous People Day, The Norfolk Library welcomes the renowned South American musicians of ANDES MANTA to present a concert of traditional Andean music.

Please come on Saturday, Oct 15, 5:00-6:00pm and enjoy the haunting melodies of the high Andes and the joyous dance rhythms of Indian village festivals. This is a free family concert but please let us know how many in your family are coming by visiting our website.

## **PRINCIPAL'S CORNER**

A strong home-school connection supports students' growth and achievement. One way to see what your child is learning and support their academic and personal growth is through homework. Homework looks different at every level and sometimes for every student! You can help your child build successful homework habits by providing them a quiet place to complete their homework at a consistent time. Please see our homework policy which describes our research-based rationale, as well as the amount of homework given at the various levels. And of course, if you have questions or concerns about your child's homework, please contact his or her teacher!

## **BES Homework Policy**

Homework serves many purposes. In the elementary school years, it is one way to create a home-school partnership. When families know what students are learning, they can support their growth and development. Homework provides students with time to review and practice important foundational, critical thinking and problem solving skills. Homework develops responsibility and self discipline. It is expected that each student will balance homework and outside activities.

Please encourage your child to complete his/her homework assignments on a daily basis. Provide him/her with a place to work that is free from distractions and well lit. While you may assist your child in completing his/her assignments, do not do the work for them. In the primary grades, successful homework completion may require a family member and child to work together. In the intermediate grades, most assignments should be completed independently by the child. Your child’s teacher will communicate specific homework expectations during Open House and if you have questions, please contact them.

Each grade level serves as the foundation for the next. Homework is given in grades K-6 on Monday-Thursday and is optional on Friday, depending on the professional judgment of the teacher. The times below are based upon how long the assignments should generally take. If your child takes much longer to complete the assignments, please contact the teacher. Establishing a nightly reading routine is encouraged. Reading at home is a consistent assignment across the grades that develops the habit, joy and development of reading skills.

<b>Grade</b>	<b>Average Time Each Night</b>	<b>Assignments May Include</b>
Early Primary (PK* and K)	10-20 minutes	Early literacy and numeracy skills like letters & sounds, handwriting, number identification, sight words, shared and independent reading, math practice, math games.
Primary (1st and 2nd)	20-30 minutes	Sight word reading, shared and independent reading, word study/spelling, math practice, math games.
Intermediate (3rd and 4th)	30-45 minutes	Independent reading, word study/spelling, math practice, math games.
Upper Intermediate (5th and 6th)	40-60 minutes	Independent reading, writing, math, word study/spelling, studying for tests and occasional long-term projects.

*\*PK students may have one homework assignment a week.*