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## March 3, 2023 Newsletter

### IMPORTANT DATES



- 3/7 Board of Education Meeting - 6:00 PM - #211
- 3/8 6th Grade Parent Meeting regarding Nature's Classroom - 5:30PM
- 3/9 Upper Intermediate - American Mural Project Field Trip
- 3/10 End of 2nd Marking Period
- 3/13 - 3/17 Spirit Week
- 3/14 Upper Intermediate to Colebrook School - Internet Program
- 3/14 Hour with Administrators - 6:00PM
- 3/15 Tanglewood Marionettes - Morning Cultural Event
- 3/17 2nd Progress Report Goes Home
- 3/17 Roaring Brook Nature Center here for Early Primary K - Intermediate
- 3/17 Pizza/Movie Night
- 3/22 Early Dismissal - 1:00PM - Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 3/23 Early Dismissal - 1:00PM - Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 3/28 PreK Screening for 23/24 School Year
- 3/29 NWR7 Budget Meeting - Cafeteria - 6:30PM
- 3/30 PreK Screening for 23/24 School Year
- 3/31 Botelle Musical - Aladdin, Jr. - 10:00AM & 6:00PM
- 4/1 Botelle Musical - Aladdin, Jr. - 2:00PM
- 4/3 - 4/6 6th Grade Trip to Nature's Classroom
- 4/4 Board of Education Meeting - 6:00PM - #211
- 4/6 Early Dismissal - 1:00PM - Teacher PD
- 4/7 No School - Good Friday

### PRE-KINDERGARTEN SCREENING 2023 - 2024 SCHOOL YEAR

We are compiling a list of children who will be of pre-kindergarten age in September of 2023. Norfolk children born in 2019 or on January 1, 2020 are eligible for enrollment in our pre-kindergarten program.

It is important for you to contact the school, so that we can plan for the coming school year and share with you important information about registration & orientation. Please help us get the word out by telling your friends and neighbors who have a child that is eligible to attend pre-kindergarten this

fall. Please contact the school at (860) 542-5286 - ext. 200 or email [mplasko.norfolk@snet.net](mailto:mplasko.norfolk@snet.net) to register your child.

## **NEWS FROM THE NORFOLK LIBRARY**

### **Celebrating Women's History Month**

On March 6th at 6:30, the Norfolk Library will screen *SELMA* by the acclaimed director Ava DuVernay. Please join us to watch the epic march which began March 7th 1965 from Selma to Montgomery that changed the world forever. A discussion afterwards will be led by Pastor Erick Olsen for those who wish to stay. This movie is rated PG-13 and is recommended for teens and adults.

### **Marionette Manipulation**

Have you ever wanted to try your hand at working a marionette?

Come join us and the Tanglewood Puppeteers on Wednesday, March 15th at 3:30 pm. Please register with the Library and bring a note to school if you want to take the bus to the Library. This program is open to 24 kids ages 8 and up. Registration is necessary.

### **Irish Concert**

Circle this date! March 19th at 5:30 pm, *TEADA* will be gracing the Great Hall with Celtic tunes. This is a family concert but registrations are necessary. This Irish music series has been part of this community for over 20 years! The concert will be about 1 hour and doors open at 5pm.

### **Corner Club**

#### **Wild Magic**

Join Wildlife Rehabilitator and Animal Control Officer, Angela Grano on March 29th after school, for an interactive wildlife program. Every person will leave with a better understanding on how we can help the lives of creatures around us. Please pick up your children at 4:30 pm.

## **PRINCIPAL'S CORNER**

On Thursday we celebrated Read Across America Day! Mrs. Dubecky invited us to dress up as a favorite character or wear clothes with lots of words on them. Students and staff had fun and some of the favorite characters that were represented were - Pippi Longstocking, Frodo, Peter Pan, Pinkalicious, Junie B. Jones, Piggie and Gerald, Harry Potter, Shadow, and the BFG. We met in the Hall of Flags to listen to a picture book in honor of Women's History Month. [Alice Across America](#) fascinated the students. They learned about Alice Ramsey, who in 1909 was the first woman to drive cross country. Students learned that life was different then - the roads were mostly dirt, people used a crank to start a car, women couldn't vote and many people didn't think women could or should drive!

After the read aloud, students met with their learning buddies and each read a story. The older students picked out picture books they thought their buddies would enjoy. The younger students showcased their growing reading skills by reading their just-right books from reader's workshop. The older students were wonderful role models for their younger buddies.

Speaking of reading, we welcome our new literacy specialist, Mrs. Amy Pottbecker, to Botelle. Mrs. Pottbecker's first day was today and she will have many important roles in our school. She will provide instruction for students receiving academic support in reading and writing. Mrs. Pottbecker

will work with teachers on literacy curricula and instruction. Welcome Mrs. Pottbecker! We are so glad you are here.