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October 15, 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

Family Fall Fest

Come to an old fashioned Fall Festival on the lawn of the Norfolk Library Oct. 22 from 3:45 - 5:15pm. There will be pumpkins to paint with Hilary Fitzgibbons, a story by Miss Eileen, hay rides, face painting and autumnal treats! Unaccompanied children must have a written permission slip to go on the hayride. Please register so we know how many pumpkins to purchase. You may sign up by visiting our website or calling the Circ Desk 860 542 5075 ext 2. Kids can take the bus to the library {with a note} and we hope families will join the fun until 5:15pm.

Pageturners

Pageturners will meet to discuss the book *Ghost* by Jason Reynolds on Oct 18th over a meal of Chinese food.

Merrymakers

The **Merrymakers** story hour begins after school at 3:45- 4:45pm on Oct 18th. Registration must be received before the program begins. Please check on our website to see all the wonderful programs being offered.

LUNCH AT BOTELLE

Meals are provided daily at no cost to our students. However, due to problems in the supply chain, the menus may change due to these unpredictabilities. We will continue to send emails when these changes occur. Thank you for understanding. For more information, please see the letter from EdAdvance, our food service provider, that went home with your child today. The letter is also attached [here](#).

NEWS FROM THE NURSE'S OFFICE

Please see the attached letter from Brooker Memorial to coincide with the paperwork that went out on Monday. This letter allows us to know if your family will be participating in the dental program. Please complete and return to the Health Office on Monday 10/18 or ASAP.

Thank you,
Keondra Dillard, RN




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.*



- ⚠️ Was your unvaccinated child in close contact* with anyone confirmed with COVID-19 within the last 2 weeks?

X 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.

STOP 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.



PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Each year at this time, we identify school goals to make Botelle School even better. We use your input to help identify these goals. Last year more than half of our families completed a Parent Survey to give us feedback on how we are doing. Our survey results were very positive overall. 82% of parents responded positively to questions about teaching and learning (individualized attention, quality of education). 91% of parents responded positively to questions about school engagement (communication, welcoming environment). Thank you for this feedback!

We always analyze the data to look for ways to improve and grow. We noticed that many parents responded "I don't know" to questions about our school accepting and including those with differences. This feedback prompted us to focus on this area for one of our school goals. As I mentioned in the last newsletter, one of the ways we are doing this is through our One Book, One School initiative.

Yesterday and today, I read the book **Just Ask**, to our students. This book is written by Sonia Sotomayor and illustrated by Rafael Lopez to our students. The author and illustrator both have Hispanic heritage, in honor of Hispanic Heritage month. We learned about where they are from, their interests as children and their accomplishments as adults. The book **Just Ask** is about children with differences and disabilities, which connects to Disabilities Awareness month. Children learned about differences like blindness, ADHD, dyslexia and Down syndrome. Students learned a little bit about these differences and how the children in the book managed them. We discussed what the author

wanted us to learn and your children easily recognized a variety of themes from, “Don’t judge others before you know them,” to “Our differences make us special.”

We’d like you to get involved in this discussion with your child. The book, **Just Ask**, is available as a YouTube video. We invite you to watch the video and discuss the topics and messages with your child. The conversations they have with you will be even deeper. Maybe they have questions they weren’t brave enough to ask at school. You can make connections to the people in your lives who have disabilities. The link to the video **Just Ask** is [here](#). We will also post it on the website.

Happy reading!