



PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

May 11, 2020

Dear Botelle Families,

Seeing you and your child(ren) last Friday during the Car Parade was the best. Thank you for meeting us along the route so we could see you and connect with you. My face hurt from smiling so much - it was a great feeling! Many thanks to the Norfolk Volunteer Fire Department for the official escort.

I'm sure you have heard by now that Governor Lamont closed schools for the rest of the school year. This was expected but still difficult to accept - we miss our students and educating them back in the building would have been a wonderful way to end the school year. We appreciate the active role you are taking to support your child's education during distance learning. It's a challenge on so many levels, and we couldn't do it without you.

Finally, I want to thank you for sending me pictures of our students with signs showing their appreciation for our teachers. The video is on our [website](#) and teachers LOVED watching the video. There were many teary-eyed viewers. It is really sweet. Be sure to watch it!

IMPORTANT DATES-

- 5/12 Live Tech Help for PARENTS with Mrs. Dubecky from 1-2. Click on the [link](#) to join.
- 5/13 Live Tech Help for STUDENTS with Mrs. Dubecky for K-2 from 1-1:30 and 3-6 from 1:30-2.
- 5/18 Parent Meeting with Dr. Iacobelli and Mrs. Valentino @ 12 and 6

Parent Meeting

Dr. Iacobelli and Mrs. Valentino will meet with parents to answer questions, discuss concerns and share information about how Botelle continues to respond to school closures and COVID. Join us for a dialogue beginning at noon and 6pm next Monday, May 18.. Invitations will be sent to the email address we have on file.

Northwestern Spring Plant Sale

Northwestern's Agriculture Program's Spring Plant Sale is going on now. There is a large assortment of Hanging Baskets and Geraniums, as well as a wide variety of vegetable and bedding plants for containers and gardens. ***Due to Social Distancing, our plant sale will be pre-order, curbside pick-up only - to place an order please go to:***

nwrghouse.squarespace.com

For more information, see the flyer below.

Tech Help for Parents

Do you have tech issues to troubleshoot? Maybe you want a tutorial on Seesaw or Google Classroom. Join Mrs. Dubecky on Tuesday from 1-2 for live help over Google Meet. Click on the [link](#) to join.

Tech Help for Students

Students who want to meet with Mrs. Dubecky to troubleshoot tech problems and learn how to use different digital resources can join a weekly Google Meet session on Wednesday. K-2 students can join from 1-1:30 and students in grades 3-6 can join from 1:30-2.

Readers BLOOM in May

Your child has plenty of screen time, but what about book time? Time spent reading is the single biggest contributor to reading success. To encourage our students and families to read together, please play our reading BLOOM game. During the month of May, complete the bingo reading game called BLOOM. For more details visit the library media [website](#). The BLOOM playing card can be found there and is also posted on Google Classroom and Seesaw.

Friday Read Alouds

Mrs. Dubecky is recording read alouds for students in all grades. For students in grades 3-6 she is offering First Chapter Fridays where she reads aloud the first chapter of a novel to pique students' interest in reading the rest. For students in grades K-2 she is offering Fun Story Fridays where she reads aloud a picture book. Check it out on Google Classroom and Seesaw.

Health Updates from Mrs. Ayers

Check out Mrs. Ayers' [website](#) for healthy tips and recipes to boost immunity. Much needed during this unprecedented time.

Attendance

Teachers and staff take attendance daily. Students are reported as present if they attend live instruction OR complete their assignments. If your child is sick and will be unable to participate in live instruction or complete assignments, please email your child's teacher and Mrs. Lasko. Your email is sufficient. We do not need doctor's notes at this time.

School Website

Please visit our website for distance learning resources and information. If you've misplaced important information that was sent home in print or electronically, you can find it on the website. www.botelleschool.org

Local Resources

There are resources available to children and families in need during social distancing. Please contact the First Selectman, Matt Riiska at 860-542-5829 or by email at firstselectman@norfolkct.org

