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November 8, 2024 Newsletter

IMPORTANT DATES



11/11	Veterans' Day Assembly - 10:30AM
11/12	Board of Education Meeting - 6:00PM - #211
11/15	Marking Period Ends
11/22	Progress Reports Sent Home
11/25	Early Dismissal - 1:00PM - Parent/Teacher Conferences
11/26	Early Dismissal - 1:00PM - Parent/Teacher Conferences
11/27 - 11/29	Thanksgiving Break
12/2	PTO Meeting
12/3	Board of Education Meeting - 6:00PM - #211

VETERANS DAY ASSEMBLY

Our Veterans Day Assembly will be held on Monday, November 11th at 10:30am in the Gym. Our 5th and 6th graders sent out over 90 invitations to veterans and our PTO will share some delicious food with our Veterans & their families. It will be a busy, but important, day in the life of our school. ALL students are asked to wear something that is either **RED**, **WHITE** or **BLUE** (or any combination). Please join us on this special day.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

The Norfolk Volunteer Fire Department will be holding their 32nd Annual Breakfast with Santa on December 7th from 7:00AM to 10:00AM at the Battell Chapel in Norfolk. Children 5 and under are free. Adults - \$13.00, Seniors - \$10.00 and Older Children - \$8.00. Please contact Todd at (860) 542-5654 with questions.

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Last week I wrote about our School Charter and how we deserve to feel Safe when we are at school. Everyone has a role in creating a positive, safe school environment. However, there are certain staff members whose main job is to help our students feel safe. Nurse Dillard and Ms. Buono are two of those staff members. Ms. Buono helps our students feel emotionally safe. Nurse Dillard helps students physically (and emotionally sometimes too!) Here's a little more about them and what they love about their job at Botelle!

Nurse Dillard

Why did you become a school nurse?

I became a school nurse because I love caring for kids. Coming from a background in pediatrics, it was the best next chapter.

What is the most rewarding part of your role at Botelle?

The most rewarding part of being part of the Botelle team is the relationships I have formed with the students and their families. I get to contribute to our safe school climate by fostering trusting and caring relationships with our students, families, and staff and collaborating which allows the whole person to be cared for. It is way more than just ice packs and bandaids!

Favorites

Favorite Food - Ice cream

Favorite Music - I love music and listen to many genres.

Favorite Free Time Activity - I enjoy being at the barn with the horses or watching a good comedy or dance movie with my daughter.

Favorite Sport - Horseback riding and dancing. I enjoy both and can't choose only one. I am definitely a doer, not a spectator.

Ms. Buono

Why did you choose to become a school social worker?

From a young age, I was always interested in psychology and how the brain works. I studied psychology in college, and decided I wanted to use my knowledge to help people. I chose to become a school psychologist, because I felt that I could make a difference by working in schools and helping students learn and feel safe in school.

What's the most rewarding part of your role at Botelle?

Any time a student thanks me for helping them!

How do you feel you contribute to a safe school climate for our students?

As a school psychologist and a member of our Safe School Climate Committee, I am always looking out and planning for students and staff to feel safe at school! It is my goal to help students feel supported and connected at Botelle School.

Favorites

- Food - tacos
- Free Time Activity - hiking and reading
- Music - all kinds!
- Sport - baseball