



SOAR to new heights at Botelle School ~ Show self-control, Offer kindness & respect, Achieve your goals & be Ready to learn!

November 3, 2023 Newsletter

IMPORTANT DATES



- 11/6 PTO Meeting - 6:00PM - Cafeteria
- 11/7 No School - Teacher PD
- 11/10 Veterans Day Assembly - 10:30AM - Gym
- 11/14 Hour with the Administrators - 5:30 - 6:30
- 11/14 Board of Education Meeting - 6:00 PM - Room #211
- 11/17 Progress Reports Go Home
- 11/20 Early Dismissal at 1:00PM - Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 11/21 Early Dismissal at 1:00PM - Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 11/22 - 11/24 No School - Thanksgiving Break

VETERANS DAY ASSEMBLY

Our Veterans Day Assembly will be held on Friday, November 10th at 10:30am in the Gym. Our 5th and 6th graders sent out over 100 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.

SOCK-TOBER

We have reached our goal of 100 pairs of socks! Thank you **ALL** for your generosity! The sock drive ends November 15th - *Let's keep those socks coming in!* Teen leaders from the Church of Christ will donate the socks to FISH, local YMCAs and the Church of Christ's clothes closet.

THE NORFOLK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Norfolk Volunteer Fire Department presents its 31st Annual Breakfast with Santa at the Battell Chapel on December 2nd from 7am to 10am. \$13 for adults, \$10 for seniors, \$8 for children ages 6-12, and children 5 and under are free. If you have any questions call (860) 542-5654.

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

November is here and this month especially, I am reminded to reflect on all I am grateful for. At the top of my list is my family, and that also includes our Botelle family. I speak for our staff when I say, we are so grateful for your support and partnership in the education of your children. Being a parent was never easy, but it has become harder over the years, especially since the world is at all of our fingertips. Thank you for all you do!

Educating the “whole” child is part of our mission. That means we consider a child’s academic, social, emotional, and physical strengths and needs. We teach more than the ABCs and 123s because we understand the connection between physical and emotional wellness and learning.

Communication, cooperation, and problem solving, to name a few, were once considered “soft skills” but today employers look for people skilled in these areas, who also are motivated to learn, when hiring. Success in life often depends on skills like these.

Today you will receive a letter from me, about a survey our students will complete that will help us identify areas of strength and potentially areas for growth with regards to these “soft skills”. We will use this information to teach the whole child with the goal of decreasing barriers to learning. We will also use this information to set school goals and ensure we make any changes to the learning environment and our teaching to positively impact our students. Please reach out if you have any questions once you read the letter.

At conferences, we will share information about what your child has learned and how they’ve grown. We also will discuss these “soft skills” that impact learning. Please be on the lookout for communication from our teachers about parent teacher conferences. Next Friday, a digital flier will be sent home that includes links you can use to sign up for conferences. That information will also be in the newsletter. We are **grateful** to have this time with you so our partnership can be even more impactful in the lives of your children.