



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

September 20, 2024 Newsletter

IMPORTANT DATES



9/26	Open House - 6:00PM
10/1	Board of Education Meeting - 6:00PM - Room #211
10/3	Picture Day - (raindate: 10/8)
10/4	Mountain Day - 1:00 - 3:15
10/7	PTO Meeting - 6:00PM
10/10	Early Release - Teacher PD 1:00PM
10/11	No School - Teacher PD
10/14	No School - Columbus Day
10/15	First Day of 5 Day A Week Pre-Kindergarten
10/25	Botelle Spooktacular
10/26	Lions Club Lasagna Dinner - Botelle Cafeteria - 5:30PM - 7:30PM

GLASS CONTAINERS

Please do not send food or drinks to school in glass containers.

BATTELL ARTS FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarships will be awarded to eligible and worthy applicants for study or experience in the arts. The standard award is \$500, although the Committee retains the right to be flexible in especially deserving circumstances.

Criteria for application:

- A resident of Norfolk or Colebrook
- Under the age of 18 or enrolled in school grades 4-12
- Currently engaged in an artistic endeavor
- In need of financial assistance

Criteria for selection:

- Quality and specificity of application materials
- Established history of applicant's artistic endeavor
- Assessment of applicant's significant financial need

Process:

I. The applicant should address a letter to the Battell Arts Foundation Scholarship Committee detailing the following. This letter should be written by the applicant.

- Applicant's age and educational affiliation
- The proposed activity or experience, along with an estimated cost
- How the activity or experience will benefit the applicant
- The applicant's past experience in relation to this activity or experience
- The applicant's financial need
- How the applicant will use the scholarship funds

II. A letter of recommendation supporting the applicant is also required. This letter must be from a teacher, artistic mentor, or non-family interested party. III. Scholarship materials can be emailed to kimcrone@sbcglobal.net or mailed to the address below.

No scholarship application will be considered without an accompanying letter of recommendation.
Mail: Battell Arts Foundation Email: kimcrone@sbcglobal.net, PO Box 181, Norfolk, CT 06058

NEWS FROM THE NORFOLK LIBRARY

Corner Club - Scarecrow Magic!

Help us decorate the lawn on Wednesday Sept.25 ,2024 ! Erika Crofut will lead the children and parents ,if they wish to come, to dress life size Scarecrows for the Fall. This workshop runs from 3:45 to 4:45pm. Children need a slip to take the bus to the Library. Packing a shirt that can get paint on it is a good idea.

Merry Makers on Mondays!

Flyers sent home to families. If you are interested in this afterschool program, please sign up!

Chess Anyone?

We are starting up a kids chess time on Thursdays. Gary Sheft will be teaching the children on Thursdays starting Sept. 19th at 3:45pm. This is a very low key class with a nurturing instructor. The children may take the bus if they have a note. Parents need to pick up the students at 4:45pm.

Books & Bubbles

On Wednesdays at 10:30am. join us for a delightful 30 minute storytime with stories, music, dancing and BUBBLES. Feel free to come early and stay late for conversation and connection . All ages welcome. This storytime starts Sept. 11-Oct. 16th and will run for 6 weeks. . Registration is appreciated but not required.

A Special Corner Club - International Non-Violence Day

Please join us to acknowledge Gandhi's birthday and his philosophy of non violence that inspired civil rights leaders around the world. To celebrate this day we will have a henna artist demonstrating the ancient practice for the children. We will also offer a taste of Indian cuisine and a peace symbol craft that the children will enjoy. This program is limited to 15 students . Registration is possible by calling the Circulation Desk at 860 542 5075 ext 2.

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

At Open House you'll learn more about our School Charter. The Charter is a RULER tool that can be used at school and at home. It is an agreement we make to act in ways that help us to feel the way we want to feel in our school or class. Everyone has a voice in creating a Charter and everyone has a responsibility to uphold it. When we made our School Charter, we had input from students, families and staff. Our Charter states, "At Botelle School we deserve to feel

Happy, Safe, Welcomed, Confident,
Excited, and Loved!

We uphold the Charter when we demonstrate our SOAR expectations - Show Self-Control, Offer Kindness and Respect, Achieve our Goals and are Ready to Learn. When we SOAR we can feel the emotions on the Charter. Throughout the year, you'll get to know more about how these feeling words come to life at Botelle. You'll hear from students, families, and staff.

One thing that made our students and staff happy this week was River Day. Students called "Hi!" to their friends from the other schools and got to explore and learn with them. This principal was happy to see how engaged they were, especially students in 5th grade when they were finding and catching small water organisms. For more than 20 minutes, they worked together, peering into the river water and using spoons and droppers to catch the critters and magnifying glasses and pictures of the animals to identify what they caught. Mrs. Pottbecker and I were all smiles, watching them!