



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

December 15, 2023 Newsletter

IMPORTANT DATES



12/18	Chorus to Meadowbrook - Holiday Performance
12/19, 20, & 21	Holiday Fair - Hall of Flags - mornings
12/18 - 12/22	Holiday Spirit Week for Staff & Students - Flyer will be sent home
12/22	Winter Sing-A-Long Concert - 2:00PM
12/25 - 1/1	No School - Winter Break
1/2	Board of Education Meeting - 6:00PM - Room #211
1/12	Early Dismissal - 1:00PM - Teacher PD
1/15	No School - Martin Luther King Jr. Day

NEWS FROM THE PTO - HOLIDAY FAIR NEXT WEEK!!

The Botelle Annual Holiday Fair will be held December 19, 20 & 21. As in years past we're again asking for donations of 10 new/unused gifts (ex. Dollar Spot Items from Target) from families. Parent Volunteers are also needed. Any parent, grandparent or guardian can volunteer. Click this link to sign up. [Botelle Elementary School: Botelle Holiday Fair \(signupgenius.com\)](https://www.signupgenius.com)

NEWS FROM THE NORFOLK LIBRARY

Norfolk Library Solstice Lantern Walk, Wednesday, Dec. 20, 3:45 – 5:15

Bundle up and shine your light at the Solstice Lantern Walk. We will honor the quiet beauty of the approaching winter season as we create beautiful lanterns in the Library. We will use them to guide our way along the City Meadow Boardwalk. Registration requested 860-542-5075 ext. 2. Children will need a note to get off the bus at the Library. Parents/caregivers are encouraged to participate in this program. No pets please. Here is the schedule:

- 3:35pm - Bus arrives at the library
- 3:40-4pm - Snack with poetry
- 4-4:30pm - Lantern making with music
- 4:45pm - Start our stroll to the meadow
- 5:15pm - Return to the library to enjoy some chocolate.

FOOD DRIVE

Botelle's Student Council is sponsoring a food drive in conjunction with our "Love Being Kind" campaign. Donations will stock the shelves of the Norfolk Food Pantry. We've set a goal of

collecting 200 food items. Thank you for your support. We have collected 174 items to donate and we have another week of collecting to go. Help us exceed our goal!

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Our staff has planned a Holiday Spirit week for EVERYONE at Botelle to enjoy next week. Students brought home a paper flyer that tells what each day has in store but today you received an email with one change.

Monday - Mad for Plaid - *Wear your favorite flannel/plaid*

Tuesday - Deck the Halls - *Wear a scarf, holiday hat, jewelry, tie, antlers...*

Wednesday - Spirit of the Season - *Wear red, green, blue or white*

Thursday - Holiday Lights - *Light up your outfits with sparkle, lights and bling*

Friday - Ugly Sweater Day

We swapped the Tuesday and Thursday themes because on Thursday we are having a SOAR celebration that matches the holiday lights theme. We are going to light up the Hall of Flags with kindness and fun! Glow sticks, snacks, crafts, games and face painting are the plan for our Holiday Lights party. We reached our school goal of 1000 acts of kindness and SOAR tickets so it is time to celebrate!

We hope to see you Friday at 2 at the Winter Sing-Along. We've invited members of the community to join us. Afterwards we will enjoy some hot cocoa together. It's hard to believe Winter Break is 1 week away!