



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

March 17, 2023 Newsletter

IMPORTANT DATES



- 3/17 2nd Progress Report Goes Home
- 3/17 Roaring Brook Nature Center here for Early Primary K - Intermediate
- 3/17 Pizza/Movie Night
- 3/20 Tanglewood Marionettes - 1:00 PM in Gym
- 3/22 Jump Rope for Heart - During PE Classes
- 3/22 Early Dismissal - 1:00PM - Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 3/23 Early Dismissal - 1:00PM - Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 3/28 PreK Screening for 23/24 School Year
- 3/29 NWR7 Budget Meeting - Cafeteria - 6:30PM
- 3/30 PreK Screening for 23/24 School Year
- 3/30 Upper Intermediate to Colebrook School - Internet Program
- 3/31 Botelle Musical - Aladdin, Jr. - 10:00AM & 6:00PM
- 4/1 Botelle Musical - Aladdin, Jr. - 2:00PM
- 4/3 - 4/6 6th Grade Trip to Nature's Classroom
- 4/4 Board of Education Meeting - 6:00PM - #211
- 4/6 Early Dismissal - 1:00PM - Teacher PD
- 4/7 No School - Good Friday

EXTRA, EXTRA! TONIGHT

Tonight at Botelle's movie night, there will be opportunities to shop and support good causes! Evie will have **delicious baked goods for sale**, Chloe and Gudrid will have their **fully stocked toy store** open, and Parker, Elana, and Gabriela will be **selling unique handmade gifts**. Profits will go to the 6th grade trip, Connecticut Children's Medical Center, and the Botelle and Norfolk libraries, respectively. Come and see what Botelle's entrepreneurs have to offer!

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Botelle will be hosting a Scholastic book fair at the end of March! We are looking for volunteers to help set up and run the fair. Opportunities are available during the school day and on the weekend (before and after play performances.) Click here for more information:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094AAAAA23A1FFC07-scholastic> .

MY NORFOLK PHOTO CONTEST - Celebrate the Beauty of Our Town

You're invited to participate in the inaugural "My Norfolk" Photo Contest! We're looking for photos that best capture Norfolk to you – images that you find to be beautiful, interesting and unique to our town. Rules and entry form at norfolkct.org/photo-contest Contest runs January 1 through March 31, 2023 Local judges, prizes, follow-up exhibition. Winners to be announced May 1.

BATTELL ARTS FOUNDATION YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP

The Battell Arts Foundation is now accepting scholarship applications to support local students' interest in the arts. Applicants must be residents of Norfolk or Colebrook, in grades 4-12, and studying an artistic endeavor - such as dance, music, theater, creative writing or the visual arts. To apply, please submit a letter of application, describing what you've done so far in your area of interest, and how you plan to use your scholarship. Include a letter of recommendation from an interested teacher, artistic mentor, or non-family member.

Applications are due April 21, 2023. For more information, contact Kim Crone at (860) 830-8862 or kimcrone@sbcglobal.net.

NEWS FROM THE NORFOLK LIBRARY

Irish Concert

Circle this date! March 19th at 5:30 pm, *TEADA* will be gracing the Great Hall with Celtic tunes. This is a family concert but registrations are necessary. This Irish music series has been part of this community for over 20 years! The concert will be about 1 hour and doors open at 5pm.

Corner Club

Wild Magic

Join Wildlife Rehabilitator and Animal Control Officer, Angela Grano on March 29th after school, for an interactive wildlife program. Every person will leave with a better understanding on how we can help the lives of creatures around us. Please pick up your children at 4:30 pm.

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

This was a snowy week! Today students got outside to enjoy the snow. It was deep! The primary students were up to their waists. But fun was had by all. Thanks to Mr. Ben, our custodian, who dug through the 6 foot snowbank so the students could go out for recess. Because two of our Spirit Week days were impacted by the storm, we will have them next week. On Tuesday, we will have crazy hair and clothes day. Wednesday is wacky backpack day. We heard rumors of canoes and baby carriages for backpacks. Don't go that crazy! You have to be able to carry your wacky backpack. Think picnic basket, empty violin case...etc.

Next week during parent-teacher conferences, I will be in the conference room to meet with parents and caregivers. The Safe School Climate Committee and our staff have drafted a statement that describes our school discipline program. We want your feedback too, as shaping our students' behavior is a collaboration between school and home. Stop by to read our draft statement and share your thoughts about discipline at school. When you make your way through the building, you will see our SOAR expectations, our school rules, posted in the hallways, bathrooms, cafeteria and gym. Shared expectations that are consistently reinforced by staff (and students) help everyone feel safe at school. That helps everyone learn!