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January 20, 2023 Newsletter

IMPORTANT DATES



2/1	PTO Meeting - 6:00PM - Cafeteria
2/7	Board of Education Meeting - 6:00PM - #211
2/13	Winter Concert - 6:00PM
2/14	Hour with the Administrators - 6:00PM - #211
2/16	Cultural Event - Soro Bindi - 9:00AM
2/17	Early Dismissal - Teacher PD - 1:00PM
2/20	No School - Presidents Day
2/24	Roaring Brook Nature Center here for Early Primary K - Intermediate

SCHOOL RULES

We have noticed an increase in children chewing gum and using their cell phones while at school. Please note that gum is NOT allowed at school. We have found chewed pieces on the gym floor and other locations. We want to keep our school and buses clean.

Cell phones ARE allowed to be brought to school. However, students must keep them in backpacks throughout the day. They can not be used for games, texting, listening to music or making phone calls. Cell phones are a distraction from learning. Cell phones are used on the bus only. Please review these rules with your child, if you let them chew gum and use a cell phone. Thank you!

SHARED SERVICES INTEGRATED PRESCHOOL PROGRAM (SSIPP)

The SSIPP is an integrated preschool program serving the needs of children ages 3 to 5 in the towns of Barkhamsted, Colebrook, Hartland and Norfolk. The program is located at the Barkhamsted School and follows the Barkhamsted School calendar. A screening is being offered on **March 23 and March 24, 2023**, for parents who have concerns regarding their child's development. The screening process helps to identify children who may need intervention to perform successfully in school. Identified children will qualify to become a participant in the Shared Services Preschool Program. Parents who are interested in having their child attend Shared Services Integrated Preschool Program as a **role model** must submit their child's name at this time as well. In the event that there are more

role model applicants than slots a lottery will be held. To be eligible for the program, children must live in Barkhamsted, Colebrook, Hartland, or Norfolk; be age 3 by September 1; and must have attended the screening. The lottery will be held the week following the screening and parents will be notified of lottery results. Please call the Preschool Program, before 9 a.m. or after 3 p.m. at 860-379-2729 ext. 7 to schedule a screening for your child.

NEWS FROM THE NORFOLK LIBRARY

MERRYMAKERS STORY HOUR

This Story hour, starting Mondays Jan 23, 2023, is designed for K-2nd grade. We will share stories, crafts, conversation and music. Miss Eileen will tailor this afterschool program to the needs of the children. Please call the library to register your child by calling the Circulation Desk at 860 542 5075. The bus will drop the children off at the library at 3:30 and pick up time is 4:30pm. Children **must** be registered before joining the storytime.

PAGETURNERS BOOK CLUB

This book club has been popular for decades! Children in the 5th and 6th grade are welcome to join. It's really fun because we include related foods, maybe a movie or a guest at the meeting. Before I pick the book, I would like to hear who is interested. We will then choose a time best for most. Please email Miss Eileen at efitzgibbons@biblio.org and put Pageturners in the subject line. I would like to have the kids begin the book this month.

CORNER CLUB 2023

CHINESE NEW YEAR!

On Jan. 25th after school, LU LI will perform her acrobatic performance to celebrate the Year of the Rabbit. This dance will begin about 3:45 and parents are asked to pick up around 4:30pm. Children being dropped off at the Library do need a note. Fortune cookies included!

MUSIC AMONG NEIGHBORS

Join us to hear Trina Hamlin { Sam's Mother} give an amazing performance at the Norfolk Library on Saturday January 21st at 5-6pm. **Please register** so we know how many chairs to set up by calling the Library or visiting the website. Get a babysitter and make a night out of it!! Come hear her" powerhouse voice, sizzling harmonic chops andblending blues, folk, pop and rock"

TAKE YOUR CHILD TO THE LIBRARY DAY

On Feb. 4th at 1pm we invite you to enjoy the Sock Monkey Circus by Honey Goodenough. This puppet show is perfect for school age children who want to have a good laugh. This is the 12th anniversary of this national event.

Chess Anyone?

Want to learn the game? All levels are welcome. Call the **Norfolk Library** Circ Desk at 860 542 5075 ext 2 to sign up. We are thinking Saturday mornings but open to other time ideas. A wonderful winter game. Ages 8 and up

NEWS FROM THE NURSE'S OFFICE

Per Public Act 21-116 please find a list of resources available to you for educational, safety, mental health, and food security resources and programs. The link is as follows: Resources [for Families and Students](#). These resources will also be on our school website under the health and safety tab. Have a great weekend and let me know if you have any questions. I can be reached at nurse@botelleschool.org or 860-542-1904.

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Ms. Jen, our Intermediate teacher, accepted an administration position at the school she used to teach at. We are sad to see her go, but happy that she is fulfilling a professional goal she set. Ms. Jen was a welcome addition to our Botelle family and made her mark on our staff, students and families. Her students planned a surprise, farewell party all on their own - with homemade decorations and cupcakes! You can watch a video and see pictures on Class Dojo.

We interviewed very qualified teachers to replace Ms. Jen. Each came in for an interview and to teach a lesson. I am happy to announce that Ms. Melesa Santiesteban is the new Intermediate teacher. Melesa is currently a special education teacher in Hartford. Prior to that she taught 2nd grade and has student teaching experience in grade 3. Melesa is also a Norfolk resident. She is thrilled to teach in the community where she lives and looks forward to volunteering after school for the benefit of our students! We are lucky to have her. Her first day is Tuesday, January 31.