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## September 8, 2023 Newsletter

### IMPORTANT DATES



9/14	Pre-Kindergarten/Parent Bus Ride
9/15	PTO Snow Cone Social - 5:00PM - Playground
9/15	Early Dismissal - 1:15PM - Teacher PD
9/19	First Day of Pre-Kindergarten
9/19	Picture Day - Raindate: 9/20
9/28	Open House - 6:00PM
10/2	PTO Meeting - 6:00PM - Cafeteria
10/3	Board of Education Meeting - 6:00PM - Room #211
10/5	Early Dismissal - 1:15PM- Teacher PD
10/6	No School - Teacher PD
10/9	No School - Columbus Day

### BACK TO SCHOOL PACKETS

The back to school packets were sent home in mid-August. Please update all contact information and return the completed packets to the Botelle office as soon as possible. If you need an additional packet, please contact the school office at 860-542-5286, ext 200. Thank you.

### STUDENT & FAMILY HANDBOOK

Our student & family handbook is on our website, [www.botelleschool.org](http://www.botelleschool.org) - **please be sure to read the handbook with your child and return your signed acknowledgement/receipt (also can be found on our website) of the 2023 - 2024 handbook to the school office.** If you would like a hard copy of the handbook please contact the school. Thank you.

### LUNCH PROGRAM BENEFIT

Part of the back to school packets included an application for free or reduced lunch. If you qualify for free or reduced lunch, you can also receive additional benefits. Please complete [Addendum A: Sharing Information with Other Programs](#), if you wish to receive this benefit and return the completed form to Botelle School. Thank you.

## NEWS FROM THE NORFOLK LIBRARY

### CORNER CLUB

#### **Scarecrow Party on the Lawn**

On **Sept. 27th** right after school , it's that time again to decorate the Library lawn with autumnal magic! Kids who want to take the bus will need a bus slip. Parents please pick up your child by 4:45pm.

#### **Norfolk Library's Puppet Workshop for kids**

Eric Weiss is an amazing teacher and he is coming to teach an advanced sock puppet workshop on **September 30th at 1pm**. This 2 hour workshop will be held at the HUB, and is for children ages 8 and up unless a parent is there to help.

The puppets made in the class will be invited to be part of the Puppet Parade on Oct 14th at 3pm!!!! What FUN. This workshop is **limited to 15** .

**Registration must be made** online or by calling the Norfolk Library .

#### **October is Family History Month**

Come meet Laurie Foulke-Green with Miss Eileen at Center Cemetery on Oct 2 at 5pm for an hour exploration. Laurie will start you on a family chart to work on together on future Mondays in October.

#### **Greenwoods Puppet Festival**

**Save these dates!!**

**Friday, Oct 13** -3:45 -5:15pm a showing of a **creative puppet film** and meet and greet the puppeteers

**Saturday, Oct 14** - 10am - 5pm **Puppet Shows and Big Puppet Parade**

Wait until you see the poster with details!!!

#### **Bubbles and Books**

Come to a story hour/play group on Thursdays at the Norfolk Library. This gathering is open to children of all ages . Miss Eileen will read stories, sing songs and foster friendship and connection. And there will be BUBBLES!

## PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Our theme this year is "Celebrating All - Creating Community" and our focus for the month of September is encouraging creativity. Mrs. Bazelmans is working with our students to create a community quilt. Students, staff and community members are encouraged to design a paper triangle for the quilt and Mrs. Bazelmans will assemble it as a symbol of our interconnectedness.

On Friday the 15th, we are celebrating International Dot Day, based on the book, The Dot by Peter Reynolds. Students will get their creative juices flowing with different activities that encourage and celebrate the creative process - an important component of educating the whole child!

Sharing one's creativity requires vulnerability and risk taking. This is why a positive, safe and caring learning environment is so important. Our students - particularly those who have the same teacher again this year - have fallen right back into the familiar routines and community established last year. This is part of the magic of the multi age learning model. The foundation for learning is established early and learning starts right away because teachers know many of their students interests, strengths and needs. Here are some of the topics students are learning about now...

- Early primary students are learning about community helpers.
- Primary students are identifying topics they love to write about.

- Intermediate students are setting goals to improve their reading stamina.
- Upper intermediate students are learning about space in science and aliens in reading.

Big learning takes place in a safe, positive environment and we are grateful for the foundation you provide in helping our students be successful.