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## November 11, 2022 Newsletter

### IMPORTANT DATES



11/11	Marking Period Ends
11/14	Norfolk Library Tweens with Twist Program
11/16	Special Board of Education Meeting (rescheduled from 11/1) - 6:00PM - Hall of Flags
11/16	Corner Club - Norfolk Library - 3:30 - 4:30
11/18	Progress Reports sent home
11/12	Norfolk Library Enchanted Walk
11/21	Early Dismissal - Parent/Teacher Conferences - 1:00PM
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11/23 - 11/25	No School - Thanksgiving Break
11/30	Norfolk Library Book Talk

### ONLINE CONFERENCE SIGN UPS

Parent - Teacher conferences are Monday, 11/21 and Tuesday, 11/22. Please use this link to sign up for a conference with your child's teachers(s). <https://pickatime.com/client?ven=11617323> Conferences with classroom teachers are 15 minutes. If your child receives math instruction from Ms. Garceau, you can schedule a 10 minute conference with her. The specialists' conferences are also 10 minutes long. If you need a time that isn't listed or all of the conference times are filled, please contact your child's teacher and they will find a time that works for both of you. We are always available to meet with you or talk on the phone. If you have any questions about the online scheduler, please reach out.

### SNACKS AT SCHOOL

Please pack your child a snack each morning. Students PK - 6 have snack time in their classroom every day.

### NEWS FROM THE NORFOLK LIBRARY

#### Enchanted Forest Walk

Come on an enchanted forest walk in the Great Mountain Forest with Miss Eileen and the Firefly Fairy to explore and build wee huts in the woods. Families are invited to meet at the GMF East Gate on Nov. 12th 1-3pm . Raindate is Nov. 19th. A flyer with more details was sent to every child from Botelle this week. This program is limited to 30 people so register by calling the Circulation Desk at 860 542 5075.

#### November is PICTURE BOOK MONTH

On November 30th, at 3:45 pm Nancy F. Castaldo, author of *The Wolves and Moose of Isle Royale Restoring an Island Ecosystem* will visit and give a booktalk at the Library. This is a fascinating story

with amazing photographs. The author has written nonfiction children's books about our planet for more than 20 years. Ms. Castaldo is a National Geographic Certified Educator who writes to inform, inspire and empower readers about the world. Parents are welcome also!

Please call the Cirk Desk at 860 542 5075 to let us know you are coming.

### *Tweens with a Twist*

The Norfolk Library would like to invite children in the 5th and 6th graders to join in a new program Tweens with a Twist! Miss Eileen will start with a 5 week series to explore with the kids what they would like to do at the Library. Some of the ideas are playing games like Twister, learning a skill like hand sewing,

creating a craft project or forming a monthly book club. We will begin Monday, Nov 14th. What time would be best for your family? We could do 4, 5, 5:30, 6, or even 6:30pm.

Please email me with your time preference, questions, ideas and most importantly to register by emailing Eileen Fitzgibbons at [efitzgibbons@biblio.org](mailto:efitzgibbons@biblio.org) with TWEENS in the subject line

### **NORFOLK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT BREAKFAST**

The Norfolk Volunteer Fire Department presents the 30<sup>th</sup> annual Breakfast with Santa on December 3rd from 7am to 10am at the Battel Chapel. \$13 for adults, \$10 for seniors, \$8 for children 12 and under, children 5 and under free. Any questions call (860) 542-5654.

### **FREE COVID CLINIC AT THE NORFOLK TOWN HALL**

December 1st from 11:00AM - 2:00PM the Norfolk Town Hall will be holding a free covid vaccination clinic at 19 Maple Avenue. No appointments necessary.

### **NO TOYS AT SCHOOL PLEASE**

Please discuss with your child the need to keep personal toys from home, at home. Beloved items like stuffed animals, legos, cars, action figures, etc. can get lost at school, broken or sometimes stolen. Toys from home also can be a distraction from learning. Teachers will inform parents of show and tell, sharing days, or rewards. On these occasions, toys from home might be allowed. We have plenty of things for our students to do during recess so please keep toys from home, at home.

### **PRINCIPAL'S CORNER**

Happy Veterans Day! It was wonderful to see our local veterans at our annual assembly. This is the first time in two years that we were able to celebrate in person with the veterans and their guests. Our students played and sang patriotic songs to show our appreciation for the freedom our veterans have secured for us. Much thanks to Ms. Krusch, our vocal and instrumental music teacher. Not only did she lead our students in filling the gym with joyful music, she used her artistic talents to create a visual slideshow and video to accompany the information students share about Veterans Day. Mr. Barrieau also did his part in preparing our oldest students to emcee the assembly and reenact the White Table Ceremony that remembers those veterans who did not return home.

We will post the video of the assembly on our website so you can see our students performing. Everyone had a part and we are so proud of their talents.