

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

April 11, 2022 Newsletter

IMPORTANT DATES

4/11 - 4/14	6th Grade Class Trip
4/15	No School - Good Friday
4/18 - 4/22	Spring Break
5/3	Board of Education Meeting - 6:00 PM - Room #211
5/6	Roaring Brook Nature Center Field Trip - Early Primary, Primary & Intermediate
5/13	Move Up Day - 6th Graders to NWR#7
5/17	SBAC Testing Begins
5/19	Cultural Event - 2:00PM
5/30	No School - Memorial Day
6/1	History Day - Upper Intermediate 5th
6/1	Hour with Administrators - 5:30PM
6/2	Celebration of Learning
6/7	Board of Education Meeting - 6:00PM - Room #211
6/14	6th Grade Promotion Night
6/15	Last Day of School - Dismissal at 1:15PM

BATTELL ARTS FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

Are you a student in grades 3-12? Do you have a love of the arts? Do you want to pursue private lessons, summer camp, workshops or need materials and equipment? The Battell Arts Foundation has a scholarship to help. Please submit a letter application, describing what you have done so far in your area of interest and how you plan to use your scholarship. Also include a letter of recommendation from a teacher, mentor or non-family member who can attest to your interest in the arts. The deadline is April 18th. Send applications to Battell Arts Foundation PO Box 661 Norfolk, CT 06058

PET PARADE POSTERS DUE

The deadline to submit a Pet Parade Poster to the school office is Tuesday, April 26th. Poster board and informational sheets are available in the school office.

RECORDS DISPOSAL

In keeping with state and federal regulations on records retention and disposal, school officials plan to destroy records of Special Education and 504 students who left or graduated from Regional School District No. 7, Barkhamsted Elementary School, Colebrook Consolidated School, Botelle School in Norfolk or Hartland School on or before June 30, 2016 or were born before July 1, 1998. Please be

advised that records may be needed for Social Security benefits or other purposes. The destruction is scheduled to take place after June 30, 2022.

Anyone wishing to review his/her records or obtain the original may do so by calling Quentin Rueckert, Director of Shared Services, at 860-379-8583, before June 15, 2022.

NEWS FROM NORFOLK LIBRARY

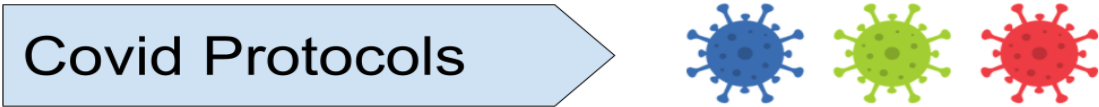
Celebrate Ukraine! Please join us on Saturday April 9th at 3pm for songs and dances of Ukraine in the Great Hall. This performance by Nadiya Ukrainian Dance Company of NY and NJ is also sponsored by the Church of Christ . Please let us know you are coming by calling the Library 860 542 5075 ext 2 or by registering online.

COVID UPDATES

Positive cases in school as of today: 0

People quarantining: 0

Please use the health screening tool daily to determine if your child should come to school.




Covid Protocols

Daily Screening For Parents

Every morning before you send your child to school, please check for the following:

- ⚠ Does your child have a temperature of **100.4 degrees** or greater?
- ⚠ Does your child have any other symptoms of COVID 19? *See the below list.*



- Feeling Feverish Chills
- Cough Shortness of Breath Difficulty Breathing
- New Loss of Taste and/or Smell
- Congestion Runny Nose
- Sore Throat
- Fatigue Headache
- Nausea Vomiting Diarrhea
- Muscle Pain
- Keep Child Home

- ⚠ Was your unvaccinated child in close contact* with anyone confirmed with COVID-19 within the last 2 weeks?

X If the answer is **YES** to **ANY** of these questions, **DO NOT** send your child to school. Instead, **begin quarantine** of your child and contact your healthcare provider. Strongly consider COVID-19 testing.

STOP If **ANYONE** in your home has been tested for COVID-19 (**excluding routine testing**) or is symptomatic, **DO NOT** send your unvaccinated child to school until the results have been obtained.

⚠ If your unvaccinated child has traveled, CDC Travel Guidelines advise that individuals who have traveled should quarantine for 7 days with a test on day 5.

COVID-19 Parents Screening Tool - Subject to Change Based on New Data/Guidelines - REVISED August 16, 2021

Thank you for all you do to keep our school community safe and healthy. It can be difficult to understand the health protocols. Here's a quick list of steps to follow if your child is presenting with any symptoms consistent with Covid.

1. Keep your child home and report the absence to the school nurse.
2. Call your child's doctor and follow their recommendations.
3. Your child can return to school with a negative Covid test and improved symptoms.

OR

4. Your child can return to school with an alternate diagnosis and note from the doctor and no or improved symptoms.
5. Call or email the school nurse to inform us of the return to school plan.

If your child is a close contact of a positive individual or anyone in the household is awaiting test results, please keep your child home and contact the school nurse. If your child is fully vaccinated and we have a record of that, you can inform us of the positive case and send your child to school.

MAKE UP WORK

If your child is home sick or awaiting test results, teachers can send home missed work so your child doesn't fall behind. Please allow 24 hours for our teachers to prepare the assignments, directions and materials. We want the work to be meaningful and doable for your child.

REMOTE LEARNING

Remote learning is only available to students who have a positive case of Covid or are a close contact due to an out of school exposure. Again, please allow 24 hours for our teachers to prepare the assignments, directions, and materials. Google Meets will be set up if the student has adult support available at home during live instruction. Otherwise, work will be available through SeeSaw or Google Classroom with a virtual conference with the teacher. Due to changes in the quarantine recommendations, we can provide virtual instruction if a student will be 3 days or more. If your child will be out for one or two days, teachers can provide students with assignments and will meet with your child upon their return to reteach as needed.

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

There's been lots of excitement at Botelle School in the past two weeks! Our students were inspired by art and story with the cultural event, *Art of Inspiration*. Mr. Richard Hight and his family visited us from Oklahoma. Richard drew two pictures, right in front of our students and afterwards shared an inspirational story about his experiences in school as a dyslexic student. Our students learned a lot about believing in themselves and the importance of following their dreams, even when it is hard.

We were all inspired by our students' performance of *The Little Mermaid Jr*. The Botelle stage came alive with these "under the sea" scenes featuring students in grades 3-6. If you missed it, no need to worry! We recorded the performances and will have them available for viewing on our website. Thank you to the PTO and the community for your support of our students.

The 6th grade Pasta Supper fundraiser was Friday. This year they did a take out version that was just as delicious! Next week the 6th graders visit Nature's Classroom and Project Oceanology with Colebrook students from Monday to Thursday. We always look forward to this annual tradition!

There is no school on Friday and Spring vacation is right around the corner. Once we return, the end of the year is a flurry of activities and time flies! Buckle up for the ride!