



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

February 23, 2024 Newsletter

IMPORTANT DATES



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| 2/24 | Farmer's Market at Botelle - Hall of Flags - 10:00AM - 2:00PM |
| 3 /4 | PTO Meeting - @5:00PM - in room #139 (Classroom closest to the Hall of Flags)** |
| 3/10 | Daylight Savings Time Begins |
| 3/12 | Hour with the Administrators - 12-1 - Berkshire Country Store |
| 3/12 | Hour with the Administrators - 5:30 - 6:30 - Botelle |
| 3/13 | Field Trip to Colebrook School - Cultural Event |
| 3/14 | Roaring Brook Nature Center - here - presentations in classrooms |
| 3/15 | Progress Reports go home |
| 3/21 | Frozen Performance - 10:00AM - Gym |
| 3/20 & 3/21 | Early Dismissal - Conferences |
| 3/22 | Frozen Performance - 7:00PM - Gym |
| 3/22 | Early Dismissal - Teacher PD |
| 3/23 | Frozen Performance - 7:00PM - Gym |

NEWS FROM THE NORFOLK LIBRARY

On Wednesday, February 28th right after school, children are invited to create a BIRDBOOK mobile at the Norfolk Library. With the help of artist Ericka Crofut, the children will create a one of a kind sculptor. This free workshop is limited to 15 students due to the supplies needed. Please register by calling the Circ Desk { 860 542 5075} and leaving a message after- hours. Children will be given a snack and must be picked up by 4:45pm.

Wee Lunch on Wednesdays @Noon

The Norfolk Library invites all children up to 4 years old to bring your lunch and enjoy stories and songs together. This is a 6 week story time that focuses on early literacy skills. No registration needed.

PRE-KINDERGARTEN SCREENING AT BOTELLE SCHOOL

In April we will be conducting our pre-kindergarten screening for the 2024 - 2025 school year. Any Norfolk child born on or before September 1, 2020 is eligible for enrollment in this program.

To be sure that your child is included on our list, please contact Botelle School at (860) 542-5286, ext 200 or email laskom@botelleschool.org.

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 21 and March 22, 2024, 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.

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

This past Tuesday, we had a Good News Gathering to celebrate the A in SOAR - Achieving our goals. K-6 students wrote informational posters (K) and chapter books (1-6) on topics of their choice. They researched information for weeks and worked VERY hard to compile that information into a book that was accurate and interesting to read. Learning buddies read these books (and posters) to one another after the students had a chance to look at everyone's work, laid out on tables.

Student Council planned a SOAR challenge, focusing on Achieving our Goals. They did a skit comparing a growth mindset to a fixed mindset and at the end, Spark the Eagle (Mr. Tyler) made a cameo appearance. Students learned more about why a growth mindset helps you achieve your goals. Student Council also created a bulletin board featuring a picture of a brain that will be colored in to represent all the times students were observed using a growth mindset to achieve their goals.

A growth mindset is the belief that with practice, effort and time, you can learn anything. What we say to ourselves when something gets difficult either helps us persevere and grow or results in us giving up. We teach our Eagles the academic skills they need to succeed alongside the emotional intelligence skills they need to succeed so they can SOAR and achieve their goals!