



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

February 6, 2023 Newsletter

IMPORTANT DATES



2/6	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
2/17	Fundraiser for 6th Grade Class - Pasta Dinner & Game Night - Botelle School - 5:30 - 7:30PM
2/20	No School - Presidents Day
2/24	Roaring Brook Nature Center here for Early Primary K - Intermediate

PRE-KINDERGARTEN SCREENING 2023 - 2024 SCHOOL YEAR

We are compiling a list of children who will be of pre-kindergarten age in September of 2023. Norfolk children born in 2019 or on January 1, 2020 are eligible for enrollment in our pre-kindergarten program.

It is important for you to contact the school, so that we can plan for the coming school year and share with you important information about registration & orientation. Please help us get the word out by telling your friends and neighbors who have a child that is eligible to attend pre-kindergarten this fall. Please contact the school at (860) 542-5286 - ext. 200 or email mplasko.norfolk@snet.net to register your child

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!

CAFETERIA UPDATE

Ice Cream is available for purchase on Fridays to children who bring money in on Fridays. Charging ice cream from your child's account is not permitted.

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

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 February 7th 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!

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. "Why should one play chess? Simply by playing you will develop problem solving, critical thinking and planning strategies. The game may help with cognitive ability and scholastic achievement. It is a magnificent game played worldwide and throughout history. I

love the game and have solved over 12,500 chess puzzles and played thousands of times. I am happy to share my enthusiasm with any young person in our town. The idea is to have fun while learning.....and always be a good sport-win or lose!" Gary Sheft, Norfolk CT