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February 10, 2023 Newsletter

IMPORTANT DATES



- 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.

BOTELLE BASEBALL/SOFTBALL

This year there will be no recreation baseball/softball teams formed out of Norfolk. Unfortunately, we just don't have the numbers or resources for teams. This season players can either sign up through Canaan Little League or Colebrook Little League. (see attached forms) There is a very good chance that minors, majors & softball will not have numbers when combined with Colebrook. If this happens, players will be offered a spot on the Winsted, Barkhamsted, Hartland or New Hartford teams. Payment goes to whatever spot you sign your child up for. All players are required to have their own bat, glove, cleats and cup for the boys. Sign-ups for Colebrook end March 1, 2023. Sign-ups for Canaan end March 6, 2023. There will be *No late sign ups!* Chris Gomez 860-309-1786 Please see attached registration forms.

FIDGETS and OBJECTS FROM HOME

Please help! Fidgets can be a useful tool that improve attention and release energy, but they are **tools**, not toys. We have fidgets at school that children can choose from if needed, but putty, slime and kinetic sand are not allowed in the classrooms, so please do not send them to school with your child. If your child wants to use a fidget, please check with your child's teacher to see if it would be helpful or distracting. Some students use fidgets as part of their educational programming, but only if they are using them responsibly.

Toys and objects from home should only come to school with permission from your child's teacher. Share time, show and tell and special projects sometimes require students to bring toys and objects from home to school. Otherwise, they should remain at home. Crafts like knitting and crocheting or drawing and sketching are wonderful hobbies and interests. Students may do that at recess. However, when teachers see these objects out during the day, they will direct students to return them to their backpacks. Maintaining the learning environment is our number one priority. This way students are engaged in learning, not distracted by things from home.

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.

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Welcome to Botelle School Miss Melesa Santiesteban! Miss S, as she likes to be called, joins us from the Hartford Public Schools where she was a second grade teacher and most recently, a special education teacher. Miss S is a Norfolk resident. Her family recently moved here and after finishing college last year, she joined them.

Miss S loves animals and children. Her favorite animal is a turkey - she had one as a pet and called her Baby. Her favorite children's books are the Pigeon books by Mo Willems. Miss S is excited to work in her hometown and looks forward to volunteering in the community - now that she has a two minute commute!

Come one and all to the Winter Concert on Monday at 6pm. Our students have been learning instrumental and choral pieces that they are excited to perform for our community. The program includes every child! Classroom and whole school songs will be sung, along with performances by the chorus. The band will also play. We hope to have a packed house!