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November 19, 2021 Newsletter

IMPORTANT DATES



- 11/19 Progress Reports Sent Home
- 11/22 Early Dismissal @ **12:00 (Bag lunch will be sent home)**
- 11/23 Early Dismissal @ **12:00 (Bag lunch will be sent home)**
- 11/22 & 23 Parent Teacher Conferences
- 11/24 - 11/26 No School - Thanksgiving Break
- 12/1 Picture Retake Day
- 12/6 PTO Meeting - 6:00PM - Cafeteria
- 12/7 Board of Education Meeting - 6:00PM - Room #211

LUNCH MENU CHANGE

On Monday, November 22nd students will be sent home with a bag lunch:

Ham & Cheese Sandwich or Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich

On Tuesday, November 23rd students will be sent home with a bag lunch:

Turkey & Cheese Sandwich or Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich

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COVID UPDATES

Positive cases in school this week: 1

People quarantining: 2

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.*



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

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 are quarantining due to a positive case of Covid or is a close contact. 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.

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Our students have been working hard and learning a lot these past few months. Teachers (and hopefully students too!) have been updating you along the way so you know what is being learned and how your child is progressing. Families are valuable members of our school community and your child's first teacher. Our partnership is key in supporting student learning and success. You know the saying, "Teamwork makes the dream work!" This couldn't be more true in helping our students accomplish their best academically, socially and emotionally!

Today you will have the opportunity to read your child's progress report. These reports help you know, at this point in time, how your child is progressing towards the grade level expectations for this time of the year. Some standards haven't been taught yet. In that case you will see NA in the box. That means that in future units, teachers will address that learning goal. Equally important are the personal and social development skills found on the back of the progress report. These are the social, emotional and behavioral skills that often impact a child's readiness and access to academics. For example, if a student is unprepared with the needed materials, he or she may not be able to accomplish the work in order to demonstrate the learning target. For more information on our progress reports, be sure to read A Family's Guide to the Botelle School Progress Report, that was sent home today with the progress reports. A link to this document is [here](#).

I speak for all of our teachers when I say we are EXCITED to welcome you into the building for conferences next week. We look forward to sharing examples of your child's work that illustrates what their performance on the progress report looks like. You'll have an opportunity to ask questions and find out more about how you can support your child at home.

With Thanksgiving on the horizon, it is important to take stock of what we are grateful for and without a doubt, we are grateful for you and your support! These are challenging times and words can not describe how grateful we are to work with you. I was struck by your kindness and generosity just the other day. We needed families to pick up their children at the end of the day when there was no driver for bus 71. Each person we called was understanding and able to help. There were even offers to bring other children home if needed. This exemplifies our motto, "Botelle School - a small school with a BIG heart." Thank you for all you do to make Botelle the wonderful place it is.

See you next week at conferences!