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## December 6, 2021 Newsletter

### IMPORTANT DATES



- 12/6 PTO Meeting – 6:00PM – Cafeteria
- 12/7 Board of Education Meeting – 6:00PM – Room #211
- 12/10 PJ Day
- 12/15 Hour with the Administrators – 5:30 – 6:30
- 12/21, 12/22, 12/23 Holiday Day Fair
- 12/23 Early Dismissal @1:15
- 12/23 Pre-Kindergarten dismisses @1:15
- 12/24 - 1/02 Winter Break – No School

### FROM THE NURSE'S OFFICE

- Botelle students have outdoor recess year around. If the temperature is 20 degrees or higher counting the wind chill your child/children will be outdoor recess. Please make sure your child has appropriate outerwear for the weather (winter coat, snow pants, boots, hat, and gloves). You may consider keeping a set of snow pants and boots here at school. In addition to the outerwear it would be helpful if your child had an extra set of clothes available in their backpacks or cubbies here at school. Many times snow gets in or through the outerwear and gets to their clothes leaving them cold and wet. The Health Office does have some clothes for emergencies but does not have a large supply.
- There was a notification sent out today on how to inform the Health Office about your child's COVID-19 vaccination status. A hard copy letter will be sent out in addition. The notification states the following:

Thank you for the phone calls and emails seeking guidance on how to report your child's COVID-19 vaccination status. If you have begun or are planning to have your child/children receive the vaccines, please email the Health Office with the name of the child receiving the vaccines and the dates of immunization. Once your child has received their second dose please email a photo or scanned copy of the vaccination card to the Health Office for their medical records. The email address is [nurse@botelleschool.org](mailto:nurse@botelleschool.org). This information is vital and will assist in determining if your child would need to quarantine if they were identified as a close contact in the future. Thank you for your partnership in this matter and helping keep our school community safe and healthy.

### YOU SHOP. AMAZON GIVES TO THE BOTELLE PTO!

When you shop at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com), Amazon donates 0.5% of your eligible purchases - at no cost to you - to a non-profit of your choice. Just go to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com), log on with your regular Amazon account information, and then follow the prompts to choose the Botelle PTO as your charity. AmazonSmile offers the same products, same low prices, and same services as the Amazon you know. Please use [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) for your holiday purchases and all your regular Amazon shopping!

## HOLIDAY FAIR DONATIONS

The Holiday Fair will be held December 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, & 23<sup>rd</sup>. This is an annual non-profit event sponsored by the PTO. The purpose is to allow Botelle students to shop for holiday gifts for family members. Gifts are priced (with a few exceptions) between \$1.00 and \$4.00. The children take great joy in selecting gifts for people in their lives! **We are asking for your help. If you could donate 5-8 items to the fair it would be greatly appreciated. Homemade items, pet treats, golf balls, socks, pencils, note pads, calendars are just a few ideas and are always desirable items.** All donations may be sent into school to the main office.

Thank you for your support!

## NORTHWESTERN REGIONAL #7 FFA SALE

Attached is an order form for NWR7 FFA holiday sale. NMWR#7 is happy to once again be putting their students to work handcrafting these items! If you would like to order items, simply fill out the attached form and either mail it in, (NWR7, 100 Battistoni Drive, Winsted CT 06098, Atten: FFA) or email it back to Mr. Wildes at [ewildes@nwr7.org](mailto:ewildes@nwr7.org). If you need a pick up time, other than what is listed on the order form, please contact Mr. Wildes and he will see if we can accommodate your request. Thank you for supporting the students!



## COVID UPDATES

Positive cases in school this week: 2

People quarantining: 10

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?
- ✗ 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**

Student Council is sponsoring PJ Day to raise money for CCMC and childhood cancer. When children receive treatment for cancer at CCMC, they spend a lot of time in their jammies. For 11 years, schools and businesses across the state have participated in PJ Day. We set a goal of \$100 and have raised \$31 so far. PJ Day is Friday, December 10. If we reach our goal, we will wear PJs to show our solidarity and support of children fighting cancer. Please consider donating. You can even do it online!

<https://give.connecticutchildrens.org/team/393780>

This week we learned of two positive COVID cases in our school community. This can cause anxiety, especially if you are unsure of the protocols we use to keep you informed. You may wonder why we don't give specific information to the whole school community. Why don't we identify if it is a student or staff member? If it is a student, why not give the grade level? These questions are understandable. The more information you have, the better decisions you can make for your child and family. However, schools **can not** release an individual's health information. And in a school this small, if we provide more specific information, that person's privacy is at risk.

When we learn of a positive COVID case, these are the protocols we use to inform the school community~

1. The whole school community will receive an email with a letter that informs you of the positive case and the last day this individual was in school. The email and letter are sent through our Blackboard Connect system.
2. After contact tracing is complete, parents of children who are identified as close contacts are notified by phone and email. We will inform you of the length of quarantine, testing options, the date your child can return to school and remote learning.

The adage "No news is good news," rings true. If you have any questions when you receive email notification of a positive COVID case in our school community, you can always contact me or Ms. Dillard.