



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

## September 15, 2023 Newsletter

### IMPORTANT DATES



9/15	PTO Snow Cone Social - 5:00PM - Playground
9/19	First Day of Pre-Kindergarten
9/19	Picture Day - Raindate: 9/20
9/28	Open House - 6:00PM
10/2	PTO Meeting - 6:00PM - Cafeteria
10/3	Board of Education Meeting - 6:00PM - Room #211
10/5	Early Dismissal - 1:00PM- Teacher PD
10/6	No School - Teacher PD
10/9	No School - Columbus Day

### BACK TO SCHOOL PACKETS

The back to school packets were sent home in mid-August. Please update all contact information and return the completed packets to the Botelle office as soon as possible. If you need an additional packet, please contact the school office at 860-542-5286, ext 200. Thank you.

### STUDENT & FAMILY HANDBOOK

Our student & family handbook is on our website, [www.botelleschool.org](http://www.botelleschool.org) - **please be sure to read the handbook with your child and return your signed acknowledgement/receipt (also can be found on our website) of the 2023 - 2024 handbook to the school office.** If you would like a hard copy of the handbook please contact the school. Thank you.

### LUNCH PROGRAM BENEFIT

Part of the back to school packets included an application for free or reduced lunch. If you qualify for free or reduced lunch, you can also receive additional benefits. Please complete [Addendum A: Sharing Information with Other Programs](#), if you wish to receive this benefit and return the completed form to Botelle School. Thank you.

## NEWS FROM THE NORFOLK LIBRARY

### CORNER CLUB

#### **Scarecrow Party on the Lawn**

On **Sept. 27th** right after school , it's that time again to decorate the Library lawn with autumnal magic! Kids who want to take the bus will need a bus slip. Parents please pick up your child by 4:45pm.

#### **Norfolk Library's Puppet Workshop for kids**

Eric Weiss is an amazing teacher and he is coming to teach an advanced sock puppet workshop on **September 30th at 1pm**. This 2 hour workshop will be held at the HUB, and is for children ages 8 and up unless a parent is there to help.

The puppets made in the class will be invited to be part of the Puppet Parade on Oct 14th at 3pm!!!! What FUN. This workshop is **limited to 15** .

**Registration must be made** online or by calling the Norfolk Library .

#### **October is Family History Month**

Come meet Laurie Foulke-Green with Miss Eileen at Center Cemetery on Oct 2 at 5pm for an hour exploration. Laurie will start you on a family chart to work on together on future Mondays in October.

#### **Greenwoods Puppet Festival**

**Save these dates!!**

**Friday, Oct 13** -3:45 -5:15pm a showing of a **creative puppet film** and meet and greet the puppeteers

**Saturday, Oct 14** - 10am - 5pm **Puppet Shows and Big Puppet Parade**

Wait until you see the poster with details!!!

#### **Bubbles and Books**

Come to a story hour/play group on Thursdays at the Norfolk Library. This gathering is open to children of all ages . Miss Eileen will read stories, sing songs and foster friendship and connection. And there will be BUBBLES!

## PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

There are many ways we communicate with our families about what happens at Botelle and how your children are learning and growing - newsletters, Class Dojo, our website and social media. We are proud of our school, students, families and staff. Botelle is a special, little school where BIG things happen.

Our little school is also part of a little town where BIG things happen too! There is always something going on in Norfolk and you can find a lot of information all in one place. Check out the new(ish) Norfolk website. <https://norfolkct.org/>. This website is chock full of information about this wonderful town.

You can find upcoming events, watch recorded municipal meetings, read the latest news, including Norfolk Now, subscribe to their newsletter, and even read about happenings at Botelle. Visit the Norfolk website - you'll be impressed.