

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

May 9, 2022 Newsletter

IMPORTANT DATES



- 5/9 Annual Town Meeting - 7:00PM - Hall of Flags - Budget Vote
- 5/9 PTO Meeting - 6:00PM - Cafeteria
- 5/13 Move Up Day - 6th Graders to NWR#7
- 5/13 Geography Bee - Hall of Flags - 2PM
- 5/17 SBAC Testing Begins
- 5/19 Cultural Event - 2:00PM - Hall of Flags
- 5/30 No School - Memorial Day
- 6/1 History Day - Upper Intermediate 5th - Little Red School House
- 6/1 Hour with Administrators - 5:30PM
- 6/2 Celebration of Learning - 5:30 - Classrooms, Art Show, MakerSpace, Concert
- 6:30 - Spring Concert in the gym
- 6/3 Upper Intermediate Dance Party - 6PM - 8PM - Hall of Flags
- 6/7 Board of Education Meeting - 6:30PM* - Room #211 - *(New time)
- 6/10 Field Day (rain date 6/13)
- 6/10 Talent Show - 6PM - Outdoor Amphitheater - (weather permitting)
- 6/14 Parent & Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast - 8:15 in cafeteria
- 6/14 Good News Gathering - 8:45 in gym
- 6/14 6th Grade Promotion Night - 6PM
- 6/15 Last Day of School - Dismissal at 1:15PM
- 8/31 First Day of School

GEOGRAPHY BEE

The Geography Bee Championship is coming Friday, May 13! Cheer on our final 10 contestants in the Hall of Flags from 2 - 3 PM.

Want to try your hand at some of our geography questions? Take the preliminary round quiz using the link below. (Our top scoring contestant answered 39 out of the 50 questions correct!)

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdjt-gBIB1KgjzYoNs7Sl7s9LWuSo6f45NrKKf3sIWHNMARA/viewform?usp=sf_link

CELL PHONES ON BUSES

If your child has a cell phone or electronic device that takes pictures and videos, please remind him or her that these devices can NOT be used to take pictures or videos of other students while on the bus. This protects our students' privacy, ensures a safe bus ride home and prevents unwanted social media postings.

NEWS FROM THE NORFOLK LIBRARY

On Friday, May 27th from 5-6pm Miss Eileen will be holding a Teddy Bear Clinic. Your favorite stuffed friend can get a wellness check up and enjoy meeting other friends on the Library lawn. Families may want to picnic outside afterwards.
More details to come.

NVFD 43rd ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY 5-MILE ROAD RACE

We are excited to announce that the Norfolk Volunteer Fire Department is having its 43rd Annual Memorial Day 5-Mile Road Race on Monday May 30, 2022 12-Noon! Proceeds to Benefit - "The William F. Kelley Memorial Scholarship". We hope that you are planning to run to support our cause to help local students. Donations are needed and greatly appreciated to help fund our program. To make a donation click the registration link and "Donate" in the upper right corner or mail your contribution to the Norfolk Volunteer Fire Department, 20 Shepard Rd. Norfolk, CT. 06058 Attn: 2022 Scholarships.

Online Registration and Donations at:

<https://runsignup.com/Race/CT/Norfolk/NorfolkVolunteerFireDepartment5MileRoadRace>

Pre-registered: \$35

Registered after May 27th: \$45

Day of race registration: \$50

Commemorative Norfolk 5-Mile race T-shirt: \$15

Race info and results will be posted on our social media, www.norfolkfire.org, and www.greystonercing.net


COVID UPDATES

Positive cases in school as of today: **6**

People quarantining: **1**

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.
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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. If your child is fully vaccinated and we have a record of that, you can inform us of the positive case and send your child to school.

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 have a positive case of Covid or are a close contact due to an out of school exposure. 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. Due to changes in the quarantine recommendations, we can provide virtual instruction if a student will be 3 days or more. If your child will be out for one or two days, teachers can provide students with assignments and will meet with your child upon their return to reteach as needed.

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Last week was Teacher Appreciation Week! Thank you for appreciating all our staff does but we also appreciate you! Because of our strong home-school partnership, our staff is able to do great things with our students. The Botelle school community values education and wants students to work hard and achieve at high levels academically. Our staff challenges our students and helps them persevere and grow. Because our staff knows our students so well and have warm, trusting relationships with them, we are able to fine tune our instruction to match our students' interests and individual needs. That means that teaching is personalized and relevant, which increases student learning.

One example of this is the Personal Interest Projects that Mrs. Dubecky is doing with our Upper Intermediate students. Students created a project based on their interests or a topic they wanted to learn more about. The projects were as different as our students! From RC cars, to repairing a dirt bike, to sewing to making jewelry to inventions, our students thought creatively and critically. Students made a proposal, which had to be approved before beginning the project. Then they researched and learned more about the topic. Afterwards they had to reflect on what they learned. Many students' projects benefited others and included a fundraiser. This opportunity for personalized, interest based learning that is aligned to the academic standards and challenges our students to problem solve, innovate and think critically is what Botelle is all about!