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## December 10, 2021 Newsletter

### IMPORTANT DATES



- 12/15 Hour with the Administrators - 5:30 - 6:30 <https://meet.google.com/mdu-exjq-hcg>
- 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

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### NEWS FROM THE NORFOLK LIBRARY- UNPLUG FOR A WINTER SOLSTICE LANTERN WALK

Right before sunset at 4:15pm on Dec 19th, come join your neighbors, lantern in hand, and take a winter stroll from the Norfolk Library down to the Memorial Green for a short holiday story time with Miss Eileen. If you care to skip the walk, please park at the Catholic Church parking lot and meet us at 4:30pm.

Do you want to make your own luminary? Sign up for a Lantern Workshop at 3:30pm at the Norfolk Library. After the lanterns are made, we will meet outside at 4:15pm for our promenade to the Green. This activity is limited to 15 children so registration is necessary by calling the Norfolk Library at 860 542 5075.

### 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!

# COVID UPDATES

Positive cases in school this week: 3

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**

PJ Day was a big hit. Thank you for your generosity. We raised \$251.50 for CCMC and childhood cancer. By wearing our PJs we showed kindness and care for children in the hospital receiving treatment. This was the first project from Student Council, whose mission is to spread kindness throughout our school, our town and our global communities. They are off to a great start! Thank you Student Council members - Rex, Bella, Lorelai, Anna, Nicola, Kayleigh-Raine, Forest, Ella, Alex, Landon, Reid and Lila for all your hard work!

More good news! Our Botelle students consistently achieve at high levels here and when they get to Northwestern. All 9 students from the Class of 2021 made the honor roll this fall as 7th graders. Clearly Botelle teachers and staff are preparing them for academic success in middle and high school. Congratulations to all former Eagles in grades 7-12 who made the honor roll this fall. Keep SOARING to new heights in all you do.

On Wednesday, December 15 from 5:30-6:30 join Dr. Iacobelli and me for an Hour with Administrators. Stop in - in person or virtually - and tell us what is on your mind. Have an idea for how to make Botelle even better? We're all ears! Have a question about the curriculum, COVID policies, or the budget? We're here to answer! This is an open forum for you to share your feedback, ideas, questions, concerns, appreciations, etc. We hope to see you there. Here's the virtual meeting link.

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/mdu-exjq-hcg>

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