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November 26, 2024 Newsletter

IMPORTANT DATES



11/27 - 11/29	Thanksgiving Break
12/2	PTO Meeting - 6:00PM - cafeteria
12/3	Board of Education Meeting - 6:00PM - #211
12/13	Early Dismissal - 1:00PM - Teacher PD
12/17, 18 & 19	Holiday Fair - Hall of Flags - 9-12
12/23/24 - 1/1/25	No School - Winter Break

DECEMBER CORNER CLUB

Miss Eileen invites you to a **Letter Writing Party** on Wednesday, December 4th, after school at the Norfolk Library. In honor of National Letter Writing Day, the children will design and write a card for a special person who lives out of town. Miss Eileen and Bina will walk the children to the Post Office for a "behind the scenes" look at how the post office works. *If we have the address of the receiver of this card, we will mail it.* Otherwise, we will send it home with the kids at 4:45pm when the parents pick their children up. If you do not want your child to leave the library property, please pick them up at 4:15. Children must have a note to take the bus to the Library.

NEWS FROM THE NORFOLK LIBRARY

Merrymakers, the after school enrichment program at the Norfolk Library, will not be held on the Mondays that Botelle has half day. Miss Eileen.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

The Norfolk Volunteer Fire Department will be holding their 32nd Annual Breakfast with Santa on December 7th from 7:00AM to 10:00AM at the Battell Chapel in Norfolk. Children 5 and under are free. Adults - \$13.00, Seniors - \$10.00 and Older Children - \$8.00.

Please contact Todd at (860) 542-5654 with questions.

BOTELLE STUDENT COUNCIL FOOD DRIVE

Please help the Botelle Student Council and the students of Botelle with their annual food drive. Donation boxes can be found in every classroom until December 19th. Please send in any non-perishable food items with your child for their classroom box. All donations will be given to our local Norfolk Food Pantry. Every donation makes a difference!

NEWS FROM THE CAFETERIA

Children's lunch accounts can only be used for lunches and extra milk. Students must have cash for all other purchases. Thank you.

SCHOOL IS BETTER WITH YOU!

We have an Attendance Review Team and our goal is to promote regular student attendance. Since COVID, chronic absenteeism is higher than ever and schools are creating programs to inform and promote regular attendance. Each month we identify students with excellent attendance. They receive a certificate, their picture is taken with other students from their class and hung in the cafeteria and their name is read during morning announcements. If you want to discuss your child's attendance, please call Mrs. Valentino. We have supports in place to help. For information and tips, please read this [publication](#) from the State Department of Education.

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Have you seen us around town? Last week, Ms. Bazelmans made and hung Botelle School posters featuring our students. The posters connect to the feeling words on our School Charter. A few students were interviewed about feeling safe at school and the posters have pictures and quotes from them. You can see the posters at the library, the HUB, the Berkshire Store, and the post office! These posters, along with recent social media posts and videos, are part of our community outreach project. Our goal is to help the community get to know our wonderful students and wonderful school better!