



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

November 4, 2022 Newsletter

IMPORTANT DATES



11/6	Daylight Savings Time Ends - Fall Back
11/8	No School - Teacher PD
11/11	Veterans' Day Assembly - 10:30AM - Gym
11/11	Marking Period End
11/18	Progress Reports sent home
11/21	Early Dismissal - Parent/Teacher Conferences
11/22	Early Dismissal - Parent/Teacher Conferences
11/23 - 11/25	No School - Thanksgiving Break

NEWS FROM THE NORFOLK LIBRARY

Enchanted Forest Walk

Come on an enchanted forest walk in the Great Mountain Forest with Miss Eileen and the Firefly Fairy to explore and build wee huts in the woods. Families are invited to meet at the GMF East Gate on Nov. 12th 1-3pm . Raindate is Nov. 19th. A flyer with more details was sent to every child from Botelle this week. This program is limited to 30 people so register by calling the Circulation Desk at 860 542 5075.

November is PICTURE BOOK MONTH

On November 30th, at 3:45 pm Nancy F. Castaldo, author of *The Wolves and Moose of Isle Royale Restoring an Island Ecosystem* will visit and give a booktalk at the Library. This is a fascinating story with amazing photographs. The author has written nonfiction children's books about our planet for more than 20 years. Ms. Castaldo is a National Geographic Certified Educator who writes to inform, inspire and empower readers about the world. Parents are welcome also!

Please call the Cirk Desk at 860 542 5075 to let us know you are coming.

Tweens with a Twist

The Norfolk Library would like to invite children in the 5th and 6th graders to join in a new program Tweens with a Twist! Miss Eileen will start with a 5 week series to explore with the kids what they would like to do at the Library. Some of the ideas are playing games like Twister, learning a skill like hand sewing, creating a craft project or forming a monthly book club. We will begin Monday, Nov 14th. What time would be best for your family? We could do 4, 5, 5:30, 6, or even 6:30pm.

Please email me with your time preference, questions, ideas and most importantly to register by emailing Eileen Fitzgibbons at efitzgibbons@biblio.org with TWEENS in the subject line

FREE COVID CLINIC AT THE NORFOLK TOWN HALL

On November 10th & December 1st from 11:00AM - 2:00PM the Norfolk Town Hall will be holding a free covid vaccination clinic at 19 Maple Avenue. No appointments necessary.

NO TOYS AT SCHOOL PLEASE

Please discuss with your child the need to keep personal toys from home, at home. Beloved items like stuffed animals, legos, cars, action figures, etc. can get lost at school, broken or sometimes stolen. Toys from home also can be a distraction from learning. Teachers will inform parents of show and tell, sharing days, or rewards. On these occasions, toys from home might be allowed. We have plenty of things for our students to do during recess so please keep toys from home, at home.

VETERANS DAY ASSEMBLY

On Friday, November 11 at 10:30 we welcome our veterans to school - in person - for the first time in two years. To celebrate this special day, please dress your child in **RED**, **WHITE** and **BLUE**.

SNACKS AT SCHOOL

Students PK-6 have snack time in their classroom. Please pack your child a snack each morning. We have Saltines when students forget snacks, but we are going through them quickly.

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

The first marking period is drawing to a close. Progress reports go home on Friday, November 18 and Parent Teacher Conferences are on Monday, November 21 and Tuesday, November 22. We are excited to share your child's progress and their goals so you can continue to support their learning at home.

We are trying an online conference scheduler called PickATime. Beginning on Monday, November 7, you may log on to this website, create a username and password and choose a time to meet with your child's teacher or teachers. You'll be able to schedule a conference with your child's classroom teacher, Ms. Garceau, Mrs. Dubecky, Mr. T-K, and Ms. Krusch.

You don't HAVE to schedule a conference with all of these teachers, but you can if you want to. To schedule a conference, you'll click on the color coded time block for the teacher you want to meet with and enter your child's name in that block. If your child receives instruction from Mrs. McIntyre or Ms. Buono, you WON'T have to sign up with them. They will meet you with your child's classroom teacher.

The link to the PickATime website is <https://pickatime.com/client?ven=11617323>

Conferences with classroom teachers are 15 minutes. If your child receives math instruction from Ms. Garceau, you can schedule a 10 minute conference with her. The specialists' conferences are also 10 minutes long. If you need a time that isn't listed or all of the conference times are filled, please contact your child's teacher and they will find a time that works for both of you. If you want a longer conference, please make that request at conference time. We are always available to meet with you or talk on the phone.

The graphic below shows what the PickATime website looks like. If you have any questions, please reach out. We'll get feedback from teachers and families about this new scheduling method and either tweak it or go back to the old way!

Click on the colored box in the table to book your preferred time slot.
 Click 'Your Schedule' above to hide your appointment(s).

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- Appt scheduled for you
- Appt Unavailable
- Alexson, Holly, 204
- Barrieau, Dave, 126
- Dubecky, Erin, Library
- Garceau, Shilo, 118
- Krusch, Mary, 124
- Spangle, Jen, 138
- Tallon, Debbie, 212
- Thorne-Kaunelis, Winter, gym

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