



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

## December 2, 2022 Newsletter

### IMPORTANT DATES



12/6	Board of Education Meeting - Room#211 - 6:00PM
12/7	PTO Meeting - Botelle Cafeteria - 6:00PM
12/9	Yale Music Assembly - 1:00PM
12/13	Hour with the Administrators - 6:00 PM
12/15	Good News Gathering - 8:45 AM
12/20 - 12/22	Holiday Fair - Hall of Flags
12/23	Early Dismissal - 1:00 PM
12/26 - 1/2/23	Winter Break
1/3	Board of Education Meeting - Room #211 - 6:00PM
1/5	Cultural Event - Hall of Flags

### PTO HOLIDAY FAIR DONATIONS

The PTO will be holding their annual non-profit Holiday Fair in December. 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!

### NORTHWESTERN REGIONAL AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

Greetings from the students of the Northwestern Regional Agricultural Education Program! We are excited to be offering some holiday sales items again this year. Please find attached our order form which can be used if you would like to place an order. Order forms can be sent in with a current student or emailed to: [ewildes@nwr7.org](mailto:ewildes@nwr7.org). It is important that you fill out all the necessary information on the order form and select your preference for a pick up time at the top of the order form. Orders can be picked up at the greenhouse at the selected time. We hope you have a great holiday season and as always, thank you for your support.

## MANY THANKS

Many thanks to all that helped make our sock drive a huge success! Because of all of you, many feet will be kept warm this winter!

## NORFOLK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT BREAKFAST

The Norfolk Volunteer Fire Department presents the 30<sup>th</sup> annual Breakfast with Santa on December 3rd from 7am to 10am at the Battel Chapel. \$13 for adults, \$10 for seniors, \$8 for children 12 and under, children 5 and under free. Any questions call (860) 542-5654.

## NEWS FROM THE NORFOLK LIBRARY

Enjoy holiday stories and crafts for children K-2nd graders on Mondays in December. Children may get off the bus on Monday Dec. 6, 13, and 20th and join Miss Eileen for cozy creativity and reading . Please pick up your children by 4:45pm.

### *It Takes A Village*

Join Erika Crofut and Miss Eileen on December 14th after school at 3:30 to celebrate our village this holiday season. As Gingerbread houses as our inspiration, we will create cardboard houses and put them up for display until the Winter Solstice . Please bring some cardboard boxes if you can. Call the Library at 860 542 5075 to register due to the materials needed. Pickup time is 4:45 and parents are welcome to come and help.

## PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Your feedback is important to us! Every year in May, we send out surveys to our parents about Botelle School. We ask questions about safety, teaching and learning, relationships and the school environment. Then we look at your responses to see how we are doing! Here's a chart that shows the percentage of positive responses we've received for each of these areas over the last three years.

## SCHOOL CLIMATE TREND DATA

Dimensions of School Climate	Families			
	DATA <a href="#">2018-19</a>	DATA <a href="#">2020-21</a>	DATA <a href="#">2021-22</a>	TARGET 2022-23
Safety	71%	70%#	73%#	80%
Teaching & Learning	74%#	82%	89%	95%
Interpersonal Relationships	77%#	85%#	89%	95%
Institutional Environment	80%	91%	95%	95%

# High % of "I don't know" responses

Last year our parent feedback goal was to increase your understanding of our acceptance and inclusion of diverse students. One of the strategies we used was One Book, One School. As a result of this and other strategies, the percentage of positive responses for questions related to diversity, acceptance and inclusion increased. It was very satisfying to see our hard work pay off!

This year we set a goal to increase parents' understanding of our school discipline program. There were many "I don't know," responses to questions on this topic. We are going to increase communication about our school discipline program so you understand our beliefs, strategies and responses to support positive student behavior.

School rules are a cornerstone of any school discipline program. Students remember our school rules because they are connected to our SOAR expectations. SOAR is an acronym that stands for

**S**how self-control

**O**ffer kindness and respect

**A**chieve your goals

**R**eady to learn

These are the rules at Botelle School. Your kids can SOAR at home too. Feel free to refer to our school rules at home. They are applicable in all settings! When home and school partner to support positive behavior and good decision making, our students benefit. We appreciate you and the support you provide on a daily basis. Stay tuned for more information on our school discipline program.