



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

September 1, 2023 Newsletter

IMPORTANT DATES



9/4	Labor Day - No School
9/5	Board of Education Meeting - 6:00PM - Room #211
9/8	PTO Snow Cone Social - 5:00PM - Playground
9/14	Pre-Kindergarten/Parent Bus Ride
9/15	Early Dismissal - 1:15PM - Teacher PD
9/19	First Day of Pre-Kindergarten
9/19	Picture Day - Raindate: 9/20
9/28	Open House - 6:00PM
10/2	PTO Meeting - 6:00PM - Cafeteria
10/3	Board of Education Meeting - 6:00PM - Room #211
10/5	Early Dismissal - 1:15PM- Teacher PD
10/6	No School - Teacher PD
10/9	No School - Columbus Day

BACK TO SCHOOL PACKETS

The back to school packets were sent home in mid-August. Please update all contact information and return the completed packets to the Botelle office as soon as possible. If you need an additional packet, please contact the school office at 860-542-5286, ext 200. Thank you.

STUDENT & FAMILY HANDBOOK

Our student & family handbook is on our website, www.botelleschool.org - please be sure to read the handbook with your child and return your signed acknowledgement/receipt (also can be found on our website) of the 2023 - 2024 handbook to the school office. If you would like a hard copy of the handbook please contact the school. Thank you.

LUNCH PROGRAM BENEFIT

Part of the back to school packets included an application for free or reduced lunch. If you qualify for free or reduced lunch, you can also receive additional benefits. Please complete [Addendum A](#):

Sharing Information with Other Programs, if you wish to receive this benefit and return the completed form to Botelle School. Thank you.

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Our theme this year is "Celebrating All - Creating Community". We are certainly celebrating the return to school and the community we are building. The students are getting to know their classmates, teachers and the routines we have in place to ensure a safe, positive learning environment.

One celebration has been the reopening of our BIG, green slide! We officially opened it yesterday at the Good News Gathering with a ribbon cutting and visit from Mr. Riiska, our First Selectman, Mr. LeMere, the Superintendent of Roads in Norfolk, and Mrs. DeCerbo, the chair of the Board of Education. The students learned about the role each of them played in getting our new slide and gave them an enthusiastic round of applause.

Later during the Good News Gathering, Spark the Eagle joined us and shared a goal she has for the new school year. Our students and staff are also busy setting goals for learning (or being!). When you come to school, stop by the middle floor and you can read these goals for the new year. Here are a few

- To get better at writing
- To get a better score on the PACER test
- To be a stronger reader
- To get get better using digital art
- To never give up
- To succeed through challenge

Our staff will work tirelessly to help our students achieve their goals, learn a lot and have fun doing it!