



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

## December 8, 2023 Newsletter

### IMPORTANT DATES



12/12	Hour with the Administrators - 12-1PM at Berkshire Store 5:30 - 6:30PM at Botelle
12/18	Chorus to Meadowbrook - Holiday Performance
12/19, 20, & 21	Holiday Fair - Hall of Flags - mornings
12/18 - 12/22	Holiday Spirit Week for Staff & Students - Flyer will be sent home
12/22	Winter Sing-A-Long Concert - 2:00PM
12/25 - 1/1	No School - Winter Break
1/2	Board of Education Meeting - 6:00PM - Room #211
1/12	Early Dismissal - 1:00PM - Teacher PD
1/15	No School - Martin Luther King Jr. Day

### NEWS FROM THE PTO

The Botelle Annual Holiday Fair will be held December 19, 20 & 21. As in years past we're again asking for donations of 10 new/unused gifts (ex. Dollar Spot Items from Target) from families. Parent Volunteers are also needed. Any parent, grandparent or guardian can volunteer. Click this link to sign up. [Botelle Elementary School: Botelle Holiday Fair \(signupgenius.com\)](https://signupgenius.com/Botelle-Elementary-School-Botelle-Holiday-Fair)

### PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

This year we are using a new literacy resource and students are learning to read, write, speak and listen while also learning information. For example, all students are in an informational reading and writing unit, but each class is studying a different topic.

- Early Primary students are learning about the different types of animals in the Zoology unit.
- Primary students are becoming entomologists and learning all about bugs.
- Intermediate students are learning about weather and extreme weather phenomena like hurricanes, blizzards and droughts.
- Upper Intermediate students are becoming ecosystem experts. Different topics like oceans, savannahs, rainforests and deserts.

Students are researching a bug, weather phenomena or ecosystem of their interest and will create a beautiful, informational text based on that research. Ask your child what their topic is and what they are learning about it