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## September 30, 2024 Newsletter

### IMPORTANT DATES



10/1	Board of Education Meeting - 6:00PM - Room #211
10/3	Picture Day - (raindate: 10/8)
10/4	Mountain Day - 1:00 - 3:15
10/7	PTO Meeting - 6:00PM
10/8	Fire Prevention Day
10/10	Cultural Event - Circus for All
10/10	Early Release - Teacher PD 1:00PM
10/11	No School - Teacher PD
10/14	No School - Columbus Day
10/15	First Day of 5 Day A Week Pre-Kindergarten
10/25	Botelle Spooktacular
10/26	Lions Club Lasagna Dinner - Botelle Cafeteria - 5:30PM - 7:30PM

### PTO NEWS

Thank you to all of those that have filled out the PTO membership survey form. Any forms we get before the PTO meeting, Monday October 7th will be entered to win some items. We will be doing the drawings at the PTO meeting. So please consider filling out your survey form before next Monday. Let us get to know you with no obligations or commitments.

**Also the fundraiser had been extended to next Monday October 7th.** If you are still wanting to get in some more orders now is the time to do that.

Please help support the PTO!!

Thank you all for those that have placed orders.

### NEWS FROM THE NORFOLK LIBRARY

*Merry Makers on Mondays!*

Flyers sent home to families. If you are interested in this afterschool program, please sign up!

*A Special Corner Club - International Non-Violence Day*

Please join us to acknowledge Gandhi's birthday and his philosophy of non violence that inspired civil rights leaders around the world. To celebrate this day we will have a henna artist demonstrating the ancient practice for the children. We will also offer a taste of Indian cuisine and a peace symbol craft that the children will enjoy. This program is limited to 15 students . Registration is possible by calling the Circulation Desk at 860 542 5075 ext 2.

### **PRINCIPAL'S CORNER**

It was wonderful to see you all at Open House last Thursday. We are so fortunate to have a strong home-school partnership. Family engagement is high and we encourage you to share your time and talents with our school community. We also appreciate your support with your students' learning. One of our school goals this year is to improve our students' math and reading fluency. You can help! Practice your addition, subtraction, multiplication and division facts with your child. Reading to your child, or listening to them read also instills a joy for books. With so many other activities vying for our students' attention - sports, dance, music lessons, video games, tablets, YouTube, and television, fewer and fewer children list reading as a preferred activity. Set aside time to develop a love of reading with your child. After a busy day, curling up with a book together can be just what everyone needs.

Another goal we have is strengthening our connection with the community. Last year Botelle students and staff participated in Mountain Day with the Land Trust, Unity Day, a food drive benefiting the Norfolk Food Pantry, Earth Day with the Farmers' Market and Great Mountain Forest and marched in the Memorial Day parade. This year, we want to tell our story and help the community get to know our students, families and staff. One way we'd like to do this is through videos and pictures of our students on social media. If you would like to brainstorm ideas or get involved in this project, please come to the next Hour with Administrators on Tuesday, October 8. Dr. Iacobelli and I are at the Berkshire Store from 12-1 and at Botelle from 5:30-6:30. We'd love to see you there. We want the community to know how much our students and families love our Small School with a BIG Heart!