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## January 28, 2022 Newsletter

### IMPORTANT DATES



2/01	Board of Education Meeting - 6:00PM - Room #211
2/02	Hour with Administrators - 5:30 - 6:30PM
2/03	Evening Winter Concert - 6:30 PM - Gym
2/04	Morning Winter Concert - 10 AM - Gym
2/15	Cultural Event - Air Plane Guy - 9:00AM & 11:00AM
2/18	Early Dismissal at 1:15PM - Teacher PD
2/21	No School - Presidents' Day
2/25	Roaring Brook Nature Center here for Early Primary, Primary & Intermediate

### SHARED SERVICES INTEGRATED PRESCHOOL PROGRAM (SSIPP)

The SSIPP is an integrated preschool program serving the needs of children ages 3 to 5 in the towns of Barkhamsted, Colebrook, Hartland and Norfolk. The program is located at the Barkhamsted School and follows the Barkhamsted School calendar. A screening is being offered on **March 23, March 24, and March 25, 2022**, for parents who have concerns regarding their child's development. The screening process helps to identify children who may need intervention to perform successfully in school. Identified children will qualify to become a participant in the Shared Services Preschool Program. Parents who are interested in having their child attend Shared Services Integrated Preschool Program as a **role model** must submit their child's name at this time as well. In the event that there are more role model applicants than slots a lottery will be held.

To be eligible for the program, children must live in Barkhamsted, Colebrook, Hartland, or Norfolk; be age 3 by September 1; and must have attended the screening. The lottery will be held after the screening and parents will be notified of the lottery results. Please call the Preschool Program, before 9 a.m. or after 3 p.m. at 860-379-2729 ext. 7 to schedule a screening for your child. Applications for the preschool program will be available at the screening.

### NEWS FROM THE NORFOLK LIBRARY

Valentine's Day is for celebrating ALL kinds of love. For **Take Your Child To the Library Day** which is Feb 5th 2022, Miss Eileen invites YOU to make us a valentine. Please let us know what you REALLY LIKE about the Norfolk Library and we will help you design it by offering Grab and Go bags. In this bag there will be a few items that will hopefully inspire you to paint, color, or collage a piece of art. Use found things from home! All sweet creations will be on show in the Library for the month of February. Don't forget to write your name on it! After you let us know how many bags you will need { by calling the Circ Desk at 860 542 5075} you can pick up the bags during Feb1-5th. Then drop them off by Feb.8 or 9th so we can display them. Limit is 1 bag to a child. Then come visit to see the designs and FEEL THE LOVE!

## **POVERTY AWARENESS MONTH**

January is Poverty Awareness Month. After learning about the effects poverty has on individuals and families, Student Council created a Health and Hygiene Drive to support those struggling with poverty. Now through the end of the month, please consider donating new, unopened hygiene items like diapers, soap, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, wipes, feminine products, toothpaste, toothbrushes, mouthwash, bandaids, etc.

*Shared on behalf of the Connecticut State Department of Education:*



## **The State of Education in Connecticut with Education Commissioner Charlene M. Russell-Tucker**

Join us to learn more about the Connecticut State Department of Education's (CSDE) current goals and investments for the future. Topics covered in the webinar will include federal funding investments, initiatives currently underway, and more. Your state Commissioner of Education, Charlene M. Russell-Tucker, will also answer questions submitted prior to the event.

**Who:** The State of Education in Connecticut is open to everyone — students, parents, and members of the education community and public.

**Where:** Register to view The State of Education in Connecticut via live webinar using the link below, or view the event via livestream on YouTube and CT-N.

**When:** Monday, January 31, 2022, 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

**Registration is Open:** <https://serc.info/stateofed>

Those registering for the session may submit questions for the Commissioner.

## COVID UPDATES

Positive cases in school as of today: 0

People quarantining: 0


Please use the health screening tool daily to determine if your child should come to school.

# Covid Protocols

Daily Screening For Parents

**Every morning before you send your child to school, please check for the following:**

- ⚠ Does your child have a temperature of **100.4 degrees** or greater?
- ⚠ Does your child have any other symptoms of COVID 19? *See the below list.*



- ⚠ Was your unvaccinated child in close contact\* with anyone confirmed with COVID-19 within the last 2 weeks?

**X** If the answer is **YES** to **ANY** of these questions, **DO NOT** send your child to school. Instead, **begin quarantine** of your child and contact your healthcare provider. Strongly consider COVID-19 testing.

**STOP** If **ANYONE** in your home has been tested for COVID-19 (**excluding routine testing**) or is symptomatic, **DO NOT** send your unvaccinated child to school until the results have been obtained.

⚠ If your unvaccinated child has traveled, CDC Travel Guidelines advise that individuals who have traveled should quarantine for 7 days with a test on day 5.

COVID-19 Parents Screening Tool - Subject to Change Based on New Data/Guidelines - REVISED August 16, 2021

Thank you for all you do to keep our school community safe and healthy. It can be difficult to understand the health protocols. Here's a quick list of steps to follow if your child is presenting with any symptoms consistent with Covid.

1. Keep your child home and report the absence to the school nurse.
  2. Call your child's doctor and follow their recommendations.
  3. Your child can return to school with a negative Covid test and improved symptoms.
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4. Your child can return to school with an alternate diagnosis and note from the doctor and no or improved symptoms.
  5. Call or email the school nurse to inform us of the return to school plan.

If your child is a close contact of a positive individual or anyone in the household is awaiting test results, please keep your child home and contact the school nurse. If your child is fully vaccinated and we have a record of that, you can inform us of the positive case and send your child to school.

### MAKE UP WORK

If your child is home sick or awaiting test results, teachers can send home missed work so your child doesn't fall behind. Please allow 24 hours for our teachers to prepare the assignments, directions and materials. We want the work to be meaningful and doable for your child.

## **REMOTE LEARNING**

Remote learning is only available to students who have a positive case of Covid or are a close contact due to an out of school exposure. Again, please allow 24 hours for our teachers to prepare the assignments, directions, and materials. Google Meets will be set up if the student has adult support available at home during live instruction. Otherwise, work will be available through SeeSaw or Google Classroom with a virtual conference with the teacher. Due to changes in the quarantine recommendations, we can provide virtual instruction if a student will be 3 days or more. If your child will be out for one or two days, teachers can provide students with assignments and will meet with your child upon their return to reteach as needed.

## **PRINCIPAL'S CORNER**

Please join Dr. Iacobelli and me next week for An Hour with Administrators. This is an opportunity for any member of the Botelle School community to meet with us and give feedback. We love hearing about what is going well so we can celebrate our successes. However, we also are committed to continuous improvement and want to listen to your suggestions, questions and opinions. An Hour with Administrators is from 5:30-6:30 on Wednesday, 2/2. Join us in person in room 211 or virtually on Zoom. Here is the link. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us04web.zoom.us/j/79713711100?pwd=QQjeoR7WlV7FvZijgJkcM\\_Dpqn-PEy.1](https://us04web.zoom.us/j/79713711100?pwd=QQjeoR7WlV7FvZijgJkcM_Dpqn-PEy.1)

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