



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

November 15, 2024 Newsletter

IMPORTANT DATES



11/22	Progress Reports Sent Home
11/25	Early Dismissal - 1:00PM - Parent/Teacher Conferences
11/26	Early Dismissal - 1:00PM - Parent/Teacher Conferences
11/27 - 11/29	Thanksgiving Break
12/2	PTO Meeting
12/3	Board of Education Meeting - 6:00PM - #211
12/13	Early Dismissal - 1:00PM - Teacher PD

SCHOOL OF DISTINCTION

Botelle has been recognized as a Connecticut State Department of Education *School of Distinction* for our strong improvement. Being selected as a School of Distinction reflects the outstanding progress and collaboration of our entire school community.

Our students deserve special acknowledgment for their hard work and focus. Their enthusiasm and commitment to learning has driven our success, and we are proud of all they have accomplished. Our teachers and staff also deserve recognition for their commitment to our students' learning and growth. They create supportive and engaging learning environments each day and focus on helping every student reach their potential. This recognition reflects their efforts and dedication.

We also are grateful to our families and the wider Norfolk community for your support and partnership. Your involvement—whether encouraging your children, joining events, volunteering, or partnering with staff— makes a difference in the success of our students and school. This recognition shows what we can achieve together. While we celebrate this honor, we remain committed to continuous improvement so Botelle School remains a place where all children can learn and grow. Congratulations to all!

NEWS FROM MR. T-K

October marked the start of the Golden Sneaker Award for Physical Education class. Students in every grade moved their bodies and tried their best in the gym every Monday and Wednesday. The golden sneaker is an award designed to highlight excellence with PE class. The winners from this award for the month of October are **Calleigh P.** and **Julianna B.**

Calleigh earned the golden sneaker by always showing up to PE with a great attitude. Throughout the month of October Calleigh showed up ready to learn and ready to try her best every single class. In addition to this Calleigh showed exceptional cooperative skills by working kindly with any student in her class. Congratulations Calleigh!

Julianna earned the golden sneaker by always showing respect in PE class. Julianna was respectful of herself by showing up with sneakers every class and the willingness to give her all. In addition she was respectful of others by always listening the first time when receiving directions as well engaging other classmates to try their best! Finally Julianna was respectful of the Gymnasium as she only used equipment exactly as instructed and when instructed to. Congratulations Julianna!

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

The Norfolk Volunteer Fire Department will be holding their 32nd Annual Breakfast with Santa on December 7th from 7:00AM to 10:00AM at the Battell Chapel in Norfolk. Children 5 and under are free. Adults - \$13.00, Seniors - \$10.00 and Older Children - \$8.00.

Please contact Todd at (860) 542-5654 with questions.

NEWS FROM THE CAFETERIA

Children's lunch accounts can only be used for lunches and extra milk. Students must have cash for all other purchases. Thank you.

NWR#7 - THE LEGEND OF SLEEPY HOLLOW

Get your tickets: The Legend of Sleepy Hollow. Have you gotten your tickets yet? NWR7's The Legend of Sleepy Hollow is just one week away! Come support our talented high school and middle students and enjoy an unforgettable show! Get your tickets today at:

nwrtheater.ticketleap.com/sleepyhollow ♦♦

Showtimes: Friday, 11/22 @ 7 PM Saturday, 11/23 @ 7 PM Sunday, 11/24 Matinee @ 2 PM

Tickets may be purchased at the door, but seats are assigned and they are selling fast. Buy yours online to get the best seats available.

SCHOOL IS BETTER WITH YOU!

We have an Attendance Review Team and our goal is to promote regular student attendance. Since COVID, chronic absenteeism is higher than ever and schools are creating programs to inform and promote regular attendance. Each month we identify students with excellent attendance. They receive a certificate, their picture is taken with other students from their class and hung in the cafeteria and their name is read during morning announcements. If you want to discuss your child's attendance, please call Mrs. Valentino. We have supports in place to help. For information and tips, please read this [publication](#) from the State Department of Education.

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Parent - Teacher conferences are right around the corner! Our teachers are completing the first progress reports and they will be sent home next Friday, 11/22. The purpose of these progress reports is to give you information about your student's academic performance as well as their personal and social development. Our progress reports match the Connecticut Core Standards and describe whether your student is below, approaching, meeting or exceeding these standards. You will receive a guide with your student's progress report that will explain more. The guide is also attached [here](#).

Teachers are also gathering examples of your student's work to show you exactly what they are learning and how they are growing. This helps you see first hand how they are performing. Getting information from your student's teacher is only part of the purpose of conferences. A better name for Parent-Teacher Conferences is Parent-Teacher **Conversations**. We are partners in your student's education and you are your student's first teacher. You know what motivates them, what they are interested in, what is challenging for them, and what their strengths are. You have insights into your student that can enhance our understanding of them. You have goals for them and know their goals, hopes and dreams. You may have questions too. We welcome and appreciate your input at Parent-Teacher Conferences. We plan to give you a lot of information but also hope to hear from you. We value these **conversations** with you. They help us be even better educators for your students.

Teachers sent out links for parents to sign up for conferences. They are also attached below. Be sure to sign up! If your 2nd or 6th grade student has Ms. Garceau for math, sign up for a separate conference with her. She will join Mrs. Partyka for conferences about the 3rd grade students they share. If you are unable to attend conferences, please let your child's teacher know.

[Miss Holly](#)

Mrs. Tallon

[Mrs. Partyka](#)

[Mrs. Ward](#)

[Ms. Garceau](#)

[Mrs. Dubecky](#)

[Mr. TK](#)

Mrs. McIntyre, Mrs. Pottbecker, Ms. Buono and Ms. Melissa will join your child's teacher for the conference, if your child has any of them for teachers too. There are conflicts sometimes, so they will reach out separately if needed.

We look forward to seeing you on Monday, 11/25 and Tuesday 11/26.