



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

September 6, 2024 Newsletter

IMPORTANT DATES



9/9	PTO Meeting - 6:00PM - Botelle Cafeteria
9/10	Hour with Administrators - 12:00 - Berkshire Store
9/10	Hour with Administrators - 5:30PM - Botelle School
9/12	Pre-Kindergarten Practice Bus Run - 9:00AM - 10:00AM
9/13	Early Dismissal - Teacher PD - 1:00PM
9/17	First Day of Pre-Kindergarten
9/18	River Day - Riverton CT (9/19 raindate)
9/26	Open House - 6:00PM - More details to follow
10/1	Board of Education Meeting - 6:00PM - Room #211

NEWS FROM THE PTO

Hope the first 2 weeks of school have been a success. The PTO is having their first meeting of the school year **Monday, September 9th at 6pm**. Come be a part of the planning & idea brainstorming for the upcoming year. Always looking for new ideas and volunteers. Everyone is welcome to attend, grandparents, parents, aunts & uncles!! Bring the kiddos along as well, all are welcome! Hope to see you there!

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 2024 - 2025 handbook to the school office. If you would like a hard copy of the handbook please contact the school. Thank you.

CELL PHONES

Botelle is a cell phone free school. Students are not allowed to use them on the bus or in school. This can sometimes cause parents to worry, but if you need to contact your student, the best way is to call the school. If we see a student with a cell phone, we will hold onto it in the main office until a parent,

caregiver or guardian can pick it up. You can read more about this policy in our Student and Family Handbook. Call Mrs. Valentino with any questions or concerns.

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Celebrating All and Creating Community is our theme again this year. We will continue to create community connections so our students learn more about the amazing town they live in, along with the organizations and people who serve Norfolk.

One strong connection we have is with the other schools in our region. We share cultural events with Colebrook, play on the same sports teams and go to Nature's Classroom together. This year we are extending that connection to the regional elementary schools - Barkhamsted, Colebrook and Hartland Schools for River Day on September 18. River Day is an interactive field trip at the Riverton Fairgrounds where students will learn about the history of the Farmington River and its impact on local resources and the environment. Students will be split into grade level groups with students from the regional schools. They will participate in a variety of activities led by community organizations and leaders.

Students are encouraged to wear a red top or something that says Botelle School. Students should also wear sneakers or hiking boots. No open toed shoes or Crocs. They will be walking a lot and hiking. Students should pack a snack and lunch in a disposable container, labeled with their first and last name and school.

Permission slips went home on Friday. Please return them by next Monday.