



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

## February 11, 2022 Newsletter

### IMPORTANT DATES



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

Don't forget to pick up your Valentine collage kits from the Norfolk Library soon and help us make the library festive. Every child who participates will receive a bag of kisses! It will be so nice to fill the Library with the children's creations. Please call 860 542 5075 with any questions. Kits are at Circ Desk ready to be picked up. The project should be dropped off the second week of February.

Merry Makers will start up again February 14th for a new session. This Storytime is open to Kindergarten, 1 & 2nd graders and is full of stories and activities. We even have special animal guests visit! If you have registered with Miss Eileen last year, there is no need to sign up again. Remember you need a note to take the bus to the Norfolk Library.

### CORNER CLUB

On Wednesday Feb. 23 at 3:50 right after school, Artist Ericka Crofut will lead the children to make an original banner for the Children's Room. Be prepared to get messy with paint! This workshop is limited to 12 kids so please call the Circ Desk at 860 542 5075 to register. This banner will be on display for the WIN weekend. A Valentine treat will be offered! Remember a note if your child takes the bus to the library.

## POVERTY AWARENESS MONTH

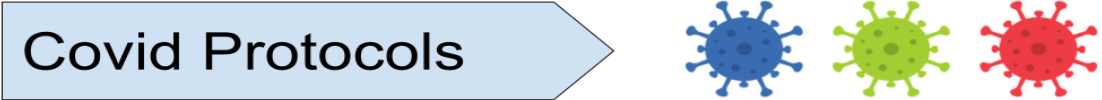
Our students and staff donated over 300 personal hygiene items to the Student Council Health and Hygiene Drive. Thank you for your generosity in recognition of Poverty Awareness Month. These items will be donated to the food pantry at the Church of Christ Congregational. Thank you!

## 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**

Our band and chorus students gave a repeat performance of the Winter Concert to our students and staff. They sounded just as wonderful as they did a week ago! Way to go Ms. Krush, Ms. Kleisner and musicians/singers!

After the Winter Concert, we held a Good News Gathering with activities planned by our Student Council. The activities match their mission to spread kindness throughout our school, local and global communities. Student Council members did a kindness skit and audience members had to identify when the actors showed kindness. Then we did a Scavenger Hunt Meet and Greet. Our younger students were paired with our older students and they had an opportunity to get to know each other. The partners then used a scavenger hunt board with get to know you questions like, "What month were you born in?" or "What's your favorite ice-cream flavor?" to find other students who have things in common with them.

Later we showered Miss Holly with kindness and love. Miss Holly is a graduate of Botelle, worked here as a student teacher and has been an instructional assistant for the past 6 years. She is kind and loving towards our students each day and helps them achieve their goals in the classroom. Our students have SOARed to new heights thanks to Miss Holly and now it is time for her to do the same. We wish her well in her new endeavors! We will miss you!