



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

## February 28, 2025 Newsletter

### IMPORTANT DATES



3/3	Intermediate & Upper Intermediate Field Trip to the Norfolk Curling Club
3/9	Daylight Saving Time Starts
3/10 - 3/14	Spirit Week - Tuesday is Rainbow Picture Day
3/11	Board of Education Meeting - 5:30 PM - #211
3/14	Progress Reports go home
3/14	Roaring Brook Nature Center Presentations
3/18	2025-2026 Pre-Kindergarten Screening - 1:15PM - 2:00PM
3/19	Early Dismissal - 1:00PM - Parent/Teacher Conferences
3/20	Early Dismissal - 1:00PM - Parent/Teacher Conferences
3/21	Early Dismissal - 1:00PM - Teacher PD
3/26	NWR#7 Informal Town Budget Presentation - Botelle Cafe - 6:30PM

### INTERMEDIATE & UPPER INTERMEDIATE FIELD TRIP TO THE CURLING CLUB

It is essential that your children bring with them to school a clean pair of sneakers to wear on the ice for Monday's (3/3) field trip to the curling club. No one will be allowed on the ice if they don't have an extra, clean pair of sneakers. Additionally, children should dress warmly as it is chilly on the ice.

### OUTDOOR RECESS

Due to the cold temperatures, wind chills, and ice on the blacktop, we have been unable to have recess outside. It is our hope that the weather continues to warm up so we can be outside for recess. Therefore, we would like to remind everyone to pack footwear that can trudge through the snow, water and mud for the next few months. A large part of the blacktop is clear now, but the snow melts, freezes and melts again, causing slick spots and puddles. When it is 20 degrees or higher, students go outside. For the next few weeks, students will need coats, hats and gloves to be comfortable during outdoor recess.

### NEWS FROM THE NORFOLK LIBRARY

#### CONCERTS

#### Mardi Gras Celebration

On Saturday, March 1st at 5:30pm, the Berkshire Bateria Samba Band will fill the Great Hall with the exciting music of Brazil! Please make reservations on the Norfolk Library website.

#### COMMUNICATION WORKSHOP

This workshop is for everyone interested in Communication.

**Getting Kids and Parents to Talk** will be led by Ed Thorney, a Gestalt Therapist and founder of Wilderness Therapy and Mentoring, on Monday, March 10th from 5:30-7pm in the Great Hall. This workshop is for adults. Please let us know you are coming by making reservations on the Library website. Refreshments will be served.

## **SPIRIT WEEK**

Monday - 3/10 - Twin Day - dress alike or come as a Botelle Staff member

Tuesday - 3/11 - Rock the Rainbow - Prek/K - Blue & Purple, 1 / 2 - Green, 3 / 4, Yellow & Orange, 5 / 6 - Red

Wednesday - 3/12 - Weird Day - Crazy hair, Crazy socks, mismatched...

Thursday - 3/13 - Throwback Thursday - Dress in your favorite decade

Friday - 3/14 - PJ Day

## **SPARK'S SHOUT OUTS!**



In 2020, we had a contest to name our eagle mascot. To enter the contest, students submitted a name with a reason why our eagle name should have that name. There were many great suggestions, but when the students voted, Merrick Bannerman's suggestion Spark, received the most votes. Merrick thought of Spark because of our school's belief in kindness. He thought that our mascot should be a "spark" for kindness, reminding all of us to be kind. Students thought so too, and we've been calling our eagle Spark, ever since.

Spark's Shout Outs will be a new addition to the newsletter. Students will get shout outs from Spark for SOARing. This week, Spark gives a shout out to

- ★ the Intermediate class for welcoming a new student, Adaline to their class!
- ★ Angie for achieving her reading goals!
- ★ Wyatt for excellent effort on your Chasing Vermeer assignment!
- ★ Michael for making a 12 piece rectangular pentomino!
- ★ Chase and Chloe for being responsible eagle ticket counters and accurate mathematicians!
- ★ Madison and Rowan for using excellent vocabulary while writing about oceans and forests!

## **PRINCIPAL'S CORNER**

Every Thursday, Mrs. Nelligan and Bonnie, a certified therapy dog, visit our students. Mrs. Nelligan and Bonnie were trained by Canine Links, Therapy Dogs. They are a volunteer organization out of Sheffield, MA. They train dogs and handlers to go to nursing homes, schools, libraries, and hospice care in the tri-state area. Mrs. Nelligan says, "They are a great organization and very supportive."

Fun facts about Bonnie-

- Bonnie is 7. She is a Labradoodle.
- Bonnie has an older brother, who also lives with the Nelligans.
- Favorite activities include being patted and training. Bonnie enjoys learning. She also loves her training treats.

What do our students say about visiting with Bonnie?

- She's so soft.
- She makes me feel better.
- I feel calm.
- Every time I come here I always feel like I have a better day.

Bonnie and Mrs. Nelligan visit Colebrook School on Tuesdays. We are grateful you are part of our school community!