



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

## April 11, 2025 Newsletter

4/11	PTO Scholastic Book Fair - 4:45 - 6:45 - Gym
4/11	The Musical - <i>The Jungle Book Kids</i> Performance - 5:30 PM - Gymnasium
4/12	PTO Scholastic Book Fair - 1:15 - 3:00 - Gym
4/12	The Musical - <i>The Jungle Book Kids</i> Matinee Performance - 2:00PM -Gymnasium
4/14 - 4/18	Spring Break - No School
4/21	PTO Meeting - Cafeteria - 6:00PM
4/23	Field Trip to CT Science Center
4/28	Pet Parade Posters Due to School Office
4/29	Town of Norfolk Budget Hearing - Hall of Flags - 7:00PM
4/30	Move Up Day to NWR#7 - 6th Graders
5/9	Early Dismissal - Teacher PD - 1:00PM
5/10	Lions Club Pancake Breakfast - Botelle Cafeteria - 8:00AM - 11:00AM
5/13	Board of Education Meeting - 5:30PM - Room #211
5/26	No School - Memorial Day
5/29	Roaring Brook Nature Center Field Trip

### BATTELL ARTS FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

Are you interested in pursuing an interest in the arts? Are you in 3rd - 12th grade and live in Norfolk or Colebrook? The Battell Arts Foundation may be able to help! The Battell Arts Foundation is awarding scholarships to young artists to help pay for their education in the arts: equipment, materials, instruments, art programs, workshops & private lessons. Application DEADLINE: Monday, April 21st. How to apply: Submit a letter of application describing what you've done so far in your area of interest and how you plan to use your scholarship. Include a letter of recommendation from an interested teacher, artistic mentor, or non-family member. Submit applications to: Battell Arts Foundation, P.O. Box 661, Norfolk CT 06058. *If you have questions, email Kim Crone: kimcrone@sbcglobal.*

### LEGAL NOTICE FOR AREAWIDE RECORDS DISPOSAL

In keeping with state and federal regulations on records retention and disposal, school officials plan to destroy records of Special Education and 504 students who left or graduated from Regional School District No. 7, Barkhamsted Elementary School, Colebrook Consolidated School, Botelle School in Norfolk or Hartland School on/or before June 30, 2018 or were born before July 1, 2000. Please be advised that records may be needed for Social Security benefits or other purposes. The destruction is scheduled to take place on or after July 1, 2025. Anyone wishing to review his/her records or obtain the original may do so by calling Quentin Rueckert, Director of Shared Services, at 860-379-8583, before June 4, 2025.

## PET PARADE POSTER CONTEST

Students have been sending in their Pet Parade Posters! Keep sending those posters in! The deadline for submitting posters is Monday April 28th. Judging will take place in Winsted on May 6th. Winners will be notified by the school.

## SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH COMMITTEE

Dr. Iacobelli is retiring at the end of this school year after 11 years of service to the Botelle School community. The Board of Education is forming a search committee to hire a part-time Superintendent for the Norfolk Public School. The BOE is looking for 2 community volunteers to join the search committee. If you are interested in participating, please write a letter of interest expressing why you'd like to be part of the committee. For more information, see the [flyer](#) attached to this newsletter.

## PROGRESS REPORT PARENT FEEDBACK

It's not too late to share your feedback on our progress reports. We are revising our progress reports and input from you will be very helpful. Complete this [survey](#) please!

## PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

At Botelle School, our students SOAR to new heights! SOAR is an acronym that represents our school rules or expectations. S is Show self-control, O is Offer kindness and respect, A is Achieve Your Goals and R is Ready to learn. Throughout the year, our Student Council and Safe School Climate Committee plan SOAR Challenges where students and staff focus on a particular expectation. Our most recent SOAR Challenge was all about Achieving Your Goals. Students set goals and learned strategies to help them reach those goals. We give feedback to students when we see them using those strategies and achieving their goals. Part of that feedback is an Eagle Ticket. Each SOAR Challenge has a school wide Eagle Ticket goal. This time it was 1500 tickets. When we reach that goal, we have a whole school celebration and today we celebrated! Our celebration theme was *The Jungle Book*, in honor of the drama club's hard work to achieve their goals with the upcoming performances.

Students were presented with 5 Jungle Book themed activities to participate in. They were

1. **Safari Scavenger Hunt** - students scour the building looking for jungle animals that match a rhyming clue. "I stomp and march with a thunderous beat, Come find me where you move your feet!" 🐘 👟
2. **Jungle STEAM** - students go on a field trip to the jungle using VR goggles. They also use Ozobots to make a path through the jungle.
3. **King Louie's Kitchen** - students make hippo cookies, jungle trail mix and ants on a log, but instead of ants, it's with animal crackers!
4. **Shere Khan's Sensory Fun** - students make a sensory bottle to calm emotions using jungle colored water beads.
5. **Kaa' Crafts** - students make slithery snake crafts - puppets, headbands or a pipe cleaner snake.

Students chose their top three activities earlier this week and were put into mix grade groupings, sometimes with their Learning Buddies! From 11-12 today, they traveled around the building in 15 minute increments, going from activity to activity with their friends big and small. They had a great

time, helped one another and saw staff and students they don't usually see every day. It was a HUGE success! We'll start our last SOAR Challenge when we return from Spring Break. Enjoy!