



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

January 10, 2025 Newsletter

IMPORTANT DATES



1/14	Hour with the Administration - 12:00 - Berkshire Store
1/14	Hour with the Administration - 5:30PM - Botelle School
1/17	Early Dismissal - 1:00PM - Teacher PD
1/20	No School - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
1/29	School of Distinction Program & Party - Norfolk Library - time TBD
2/3	PTO Meeting - 6:00PM - Cafeteria
2/11	Hour with the Administration - 12:00 - Berkshire Store
2/11	Hour with the Administration - 5:30PM - Berkshire Store
2/11	Board of Education Meeting - 5:30PM - Room #211
2/14	Early Dismissal - 1:15PM - Teacher PD
2/17	No School - Presidents' Day
2/21	Roaring Brook Nature Center - Here
2/26	NWR#7 Informal Town Budget Presentation - Botelle Cafe - 6:30PM

CELEBRATION AT THE NORFOLK LIBRARY

Save the date! The Norfolk Library is celebrating Botelle's School of Distinction honor with an amazing program and of course, cake! On January 29th, in the Great Hall, students, families and staff can watch a world class juggler, Bryson Lang perform. More information to come.

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 20 and March 21, 2025, 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 the week following the screening and parents will be notified of lottery results. Please call the Preschool Program, before 9 a.m. or after 3 p.m. at 860-379-2729 to schedule a screening for your child.

GOLDEN SNEAKER AWARD WINNERS

November: K-2 & 3-6

Dalton was exceptional in PE in November. He showed up with a smile and the willingness to learn and try his best every single day. In addition to putting his best effort out there Dalton showed that he cares deeply about all those around him. He was always the first student to ask if I needed help with anything as well as consistently trying to help out his peers! In addition to this he excelled in our overhand throwing unit. His form was good immediately and so he helped to teach some of his peers to throw overhand as well. Congratulations Dalton! **Adilyn** was a model student in November. She worked to improve her ball handling, passing and shooting in basketball. She always stayed positive as she honed her skills. Moving into badminton Adilyn found even more success. The serve took a couple of tries and then she had it down perfectly. Adilyn constantly tried to help peers to serve with proper form as well. Congratulations Adilyn!

December: K-2 & 3-6

Rowan excelled in our two units in December. She was always a helpful member of her team during the cooperative games unit. Following that she thrived in our more individual unit American Ninja Warrior. The unit requires more rules to ensure safety and cleanup. Rowan always used the equipment that was setup as she was instructed to. Rowan was also meticulous with her cleanup whenever an obstacle or station needed fixing. Congratulations Rowan!

Luke showed motivation and discipline in December. Throughout the badminton unit Luke excelled with the skills and always made sure to use his equipment properly. Moving into the American ninja warrior unit Luke was a role model by waiting his turn, using equipment as instructed, and cleaning up after knocking something over. Congratulations Luke!

2025 ELKS DRUG AWARENESS POSTER & ESSAY CONTEST

Details for the Elks Drug Awareness poster & essay contests can be found [here](#). Winsted Elks Lodge #844, 745 High Street, Winsted CT.

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Three times a year, we use standardized assessments to monitor our students' learning and growth in reading and math. We just finished our mid-year assessments and we are very proud of our students' progress! We use this information in many ways but the main purpose is to identify personalized learning goals for each student to accelerate, maintain or enrich their learning in these subjects.

Students work in small groups or 1 to 1 with an educator to achieve these goals. Here are a few of the goals students have been working on and how they feel about their progress...

- Luke D. - "I've been working on getting better at spelling. Right now, I'm learning about y and ey at the end of words and I'm going into vowel teams like oo and ea. I feel great because I'm spelling words correctly."
- Wyatt C. - "My goal was to get to know more about the standard algorithm with division. I feel good about my progress. It makes me feel good to know I'm on my way up. Math, division, multiplication and fractions are way more easy."

- Madison P. - "I've been working on tens and ones with teen numbers. I've been working so hard, I feel good."

When students achieve their goals through determination, practice, and effort, their skills improve and so does their confidence. The Eagles are SOARing to new heights at Botelle School!