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May 17, 2024 Newsletter

IMPORTANT DATES



5/22	6th Grade Cooperative Games Day @NWR7
5/23	Move Up Day for 6th Graders
5/27	No School - Memorial Day
5/28 - 5/31	Upper Intermediate Class Trip to Charlton MA
5/31	Kindergarten - 4th Grade to Roaring Brook Nature Center
6/5	** NEW DATE** - FIELD DAY (raindate: 6/10)
6/3	Celebration of Learning - 5:30 PM - Art Show & Spring Concert
6/4	Board of Education Meeting - 6:00PM - #211
6/7	Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast & GNG
6/10	6th Grade Promotion Night - 6:00PM
6/12	Last Day of School - Early Dismissal - 1:00PM
8/28	First Day of School

FIELD DAY - ** NEW DATE ** SEE ATTACHED FLYER

We are excited to announce that Botelle Field Day 2024 will take place in the morning on Wednesday, June 5th in the lower field. (Raindate: 6/10)

Parents are welcome and encouraged to volunteer.

Any parent interested in volunteering should contact Mr. T-K at:
thornekaunelisw@botelleschool.org.

Students should bring **shoes that can get wet, a change of clothes (including shoes) and towel.**
Please apply sunscreen/bug spray at home.

Parents are welcome to stay and have lunch with their children, please contact Mrs. Lasko at
laskom@botelleschool.org if you would like to purchase an adult school lunch. Field Day lunch will
 be: Hot Dogs & Hamburgers. Please send in \$5.25 for an adult lunch **by May 30th.**

NORFOLK COMMUNITY GARDEN PLANTING

The Norfolk Community Garden volunteers would like to plant the seedlings that we have here at Botelle. They are looking for any student and their families that would like to help plant these seedlings. The garden work day will be on May 25th at 10 am at Botelle. Anyone is welcome, please rsvp to Lisa Auclair via email: lisaauclair@sbcglobal.net or text her at 860-806-3679.

NEWS FROM THE NORFOLK LIBRARY

Join us at the Norfolk Library on Sunday May 19th at 5:30-6:30 pm for the Hotchkiss Chorus : A Musical Aviary. These high school students have been working so hard and the selection of the music is beautiful. Please help us in welcoming them to our town. No registrations are required.

Ready to enjoy some Brazilian Music in the Norfolk Library? Please welcome FUEGO SONORO on Sunday, May 26th at 4:30- 5:30 pm for this amazing concert. We do appreciate knowing how many are coming so please call the Library at 860 542 5075 ext 2 to make a reservation.

Wednesday Story Hours

For the month of May, there will be a storytime *WEE ONES* at 10am for our youngest book lovers. Then at 12:15 *WEE LUNCH* will be held for all who would like to eat lunch and listen to stories and songs.

Both of these Storytimes run about 40 minutes and are built to promote early literacy skills. Registration is appreciated but not required.

FAMILY SURVEY

Botelle School staff are committed to continuous improvement. Each year we send families a survey to get feedback on the quality of education your child receives, your interactions with and communication from school and the overall school environment. We use this feedback to evaluate achievement of our school climate goals and to create school goals for the following year. Your feedback matters. Please complete ONE survey per household and if you have more than one child, you can indicate that at the end of the survey. Comments are also welcome. Thank you for your time and cooperation. Click [here](#) to access the survey.

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

The end of the year is a few weeks away but our students are still working hard and interested in what they are learning. Here are a few highlights from this week.

Early Primary - Students are bug experts - aka - Entomologists. Yes, they know this word, can pronounce it (mostly) and know a lot about bugs. Did you know that spiders are considered bugs, just like insects? There are differences between insects and spiders and students informed me of them when I visited. First, insects have three parts (head, abdomen and thorax) but spiders have two (head and cephalothorax). Insects have two antennae and 6 legs. They sometimes have wings but spiders don't. Spiders have 8 legs and 8 eyes. Lilly is a bit afraid of spiders (same with some of her classmates and teachers). However, they know that spiders have an important job in nature and pledged to bring them outside if they see them in their house, not squish them. Last fact they told me - Daddy Long Legs are NOT spiders.

Primary - Students are researching careers that many community helpers do - firefighters, police officers, construction workers/builders, doctors, teachers, farmers and veterinarians. When I visited their classroom, they were creating a "want ad" using what they learned about their job responsibilities, education and training and personal characteristics. Firefighters must be brave - we all know that but did you know they also have to

have medical training? Builders must be precise (direct quote from Charlie). Doctors must be prepared for long hours and less family time than other professions.

Intermediate - In 4th grade math this week, students were learning about geometry. They used protractors to measure acute, right and obtuse angles. Didn't we learn this in middle school?

Upper Intermediate - Students are learning about the Civil War and the important historical figures who made an impact. They are researching information about the person of their choice and making research based claims (opinions) and supporting them with evidence. Elana's claim about Harriet Tubman is that her most important contribution was freeing slaves. She led many to freedom through the Underground Railroad, but did you know that Harriet was also a military leader who organized African American troops in fighting the Confederacy? Students are researching Abraham Lincoln, Fredrick Douglass, Sojourner Truth, Jefferson Davis - to name a few. In the beginning of the unit, they learned about James Brown and had to take a stance, based on evidence from an article, and determine if he was a hero or a terrorist. In the end, they learned it all depends on the point of view of the individual. A person can sometimes be both.

We are so proud of our students and all they have accomplished this year. Be sure to put the Celebration of Learning on June 3rd at 5:30, on your calendar. Students are ready to brag to you (and teach you) about what they have learned and show you how they've grown. Not only as students but as artists and musicians. We hope to see you there.

Revision to last week's Principal's Corner

Last week I described all of the ways our school community has made connections with the Norfolk community. A HUGE omission on my part was mentioning our collaboration with Miss Eileen and the Norfolk Library. Miss Eileen volunteers to read in our classrooms. She plans engaging after school programs for our students throughout the year. We collaborate on our Summer Reading Programs and she led a station on Earth Day where students learned about pollinators - what they are and why they are important. They made a seed bomb to take home a plant. They also listened to a nature story and donated the book to classroom libraries. Thank you Miss Eileen and the Norfolk Library for all you do for our students and families.