__SOAR__ to new heights at Botelle School ~ Show self-control, __O__ffer kindness & respect, __A__chieve your goals & be __R__eady to learn!

February 7, 2025 Newsletter

IMPORTANT DATES

2/11	Hour with the Administration - 12:00PM - 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
3/18	2025-2026 Pre-Kindergarten Screening - 1:15PM-2:00PM

PRE-KINDERGARTEN SCREENING AT BOTELLE SCHOOL
On March 18th from 1:15 - 2:00, we will be conducting our pre-kindergarten screening for the 2025 - 2026 school year. Any Norfolk child born on or before September 1, 2021 is eligible to attend the screening. To be sure that your child is included, please call the school at (860) 542-5286, ext 200 or email laskom@botelleschool.org, to make an appointment. Thank you.

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.

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Our new SOAR challenge focuses on the A in SOAR - Achieve Your Goals. On Monday we held a Good News Gathering where students learned about Black History Month and the many African Americans who worked hard to Achieve Their Goals. They watched a short video about Michael Jordan and we discussed how his failures fueled his determination to succeed. He set goals like making the varsity basketball team, earning a college scholarship and playing in the NBA and through hard work and consistent practice, achieved those goals. Students then set some of their own academic goals.

Rory - I want to learn more about animals.

Riley B, Eli S, Charlie T and Yahya H - I want to read "blue" books. (Blue books are written at a 1st grade level.)

Sean D and Rhys W - I want to learn division.

Calleigh P - I want to write better stories.

Ian W - I want to subtract two digit numbers within 100.

Jackie B - I want to read harder words and books.

Amelia D and Fiona - I want to draw something realistic that is displayed in a museum.

Chloe - I want to learn how to write in cursive.

Hunter - I want to learn how to solve harder math problems.

Teachers work with students on their academic goals each day. WIN time, which stands for What I Need, is a block of time where teachers meet in small groups or individually with students and review, introduce or extend their learning in reading, writing and math by teaching them exactly what they need to learn. When students know what they need to learn, they are motivated to and more likely to learn it. Taking an active role in the learning process helps students Achieve Their Goals! Talk to your child about their academic goals. Families have an enormous impact on their child's learning and we appreciate all you do to ensure your child(ren) achieve their goals!