



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

January 17, 2025 Newsletter

IMPORTANT DATES



1/20	No School - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
1/29	School of Distinction Program & Party - 3:45PM - Norfolk Library
2/3	PTO Meeting - 6:00PM - Cafeteria
2/11	Hour with the Administration - 12:00PM - 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
3/18	2025-2026 Pre-Kindergarten Screening - 1:15PM-2:00PM

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. Here's more information from Miss Eileen!

Corner Club

On Wednesday, January 29, 2025, **Bryson Lang** will entertain us with a creative high energy, family friendly comedy and juggling show. Adults and children are always invited to after school programs, but this one was chosen especially to celebrate Botelle's recognition as a CT State Dept. of Education School of Distinction. We hope teachers, parents, administrators, and kids will come to help us celebrate. **The program starts at 3:45-4:45pm and children may take the bus to the Library if they have a note.** A poster will be sent to each child with registration information.

Merrymakers

The after school enrichment program called the **Merrymakers** will start up again on **Monday, Jan. 27, 2025**. The bus will drop off the children { if they bring a note to school } and Miss Eileen and Miss Bina will share stories, music, crafts and snacks with the children. We have had a playful and exciting year so far. If anyone wants to join this group in the New Year, please get in touch with Miss Eileen at the Norfolk Library by calling 860 542 5075 ext 4. Pickup time is 4:45pm.

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.

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.