

Botelle School Newsletter

October 22, 2018



October 26	Spooktacular – Hall of Flags – 6:00 -8:00PM
November 6	No School – Teacher In-Service
November 9	Veteran’s Day Celebration
November 14,15, & 16	Scholastic Book Fair – Hall of Flags
November 16	First Progress Reports
November 19	Parent/Teacher Conferences
November 20	Parent/Teacher Conferences
November 21	Thanksgiving
November 22 & 23	Thanksgiving Break

HALLOWEEN ON MAPLE AVENUE

Candy donations are needed as the Norfolk community invites its trick-or-treaters to Maple Avenue on the afternoon and evening of Halloween, Tuesday, Oct. 31st. The Norfolk Volunteer Fire Department will shut the street to through-traffic from 5:00PM to 7:00PM.

Candy in unopened bags may be dropped off at the following collection points: Botelle School, Berkshire Country Store, National Iron Bank, and the Norfolk Library.

BOO-TELLE SPOOKTACULAR!

The PTO’s annual Boo-telle Spooktacular Halloween Party will be held on Friday October 26 from 6 to 8pm in the Hall of Flags. The event will feature a creepy haunted maze, a monster mash dance party, and ghoulish games for everyone. Please note, students must be accompanied by parents. This is an all ages event—please save very gory or frightening costumes for another night. The haunted maze will be run with lights on for younger guests only from 6:00-6:30 pm. The event is free but food will be available for purchase. Come and enjoy a burger or hallo-weenie for dinner! If you are interested in helping with the set-up or running of the event, please call or text Ann DeCerbo at 860-921-7819. Or sign up at <http://signup.com/go/XcSOQmT>. All volunteers welcome!

NORFOLK LAND TRUST HOST HUTER MOON WALK

Meet us for a moon walk to the Dennis Hill Pavilion on Friday, Oct. 26 at 6 p.m. Star Childs, an AP Environmental Science teacher at the Salisbury School, will talk about the night sky and what we'll see. Telescopes will be available, courtesy of Matt Johnson, to get a closer look at the sky. Remember to bring a head lamp and wear sturdy shoes. Dress warm, it might be chilly! In the event of rain or bad weather this event will not be rescheduled. Please follow the signs for parking. In the event of inclement weather, this will not be rescheduled.

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Each year we set goals as a school based on your feedback. Last spring, parents completed a survey and we were very pleased to have such positive responses in many areas. For example, 95% of parents agree or strongly agree that they “feel comfortable talking to teachers at this school.” 100% of parents agree or strongly agree that “my child’s teachers treat me with respect.” and 98% of parents agree or strongly agree that “my child is learning in school this year.”

Some survey questions revealed areas for improvement. 75% of you agree that “students treat one another with kindness and respect.” 15% disagreed and 10% did not know. 46% of you agreed that “There are groups of students in the school who exclude others and make them feel bad for not being a part of the group.” 22% disagreed and 32% did not know. Finally, in response to the question, “Students in my child’s school respect each other’s differences.” 54% of you agreed, 34% did not know and 12% disagreed.

What do we do with this information? We set a goal and brainstorm strategies we can implement to improve our students’ understanding and respect of differences and inclusion of others. Today at our Good News Gathering, Student Council launched our first strategy, *Start with Hello*. This program is designed to reduce social isolation in 3 easy steps.

1. See someone alone.
2. Reach out and help.
3. Start with “Hello!”

Student Council planned a week of activities designed to promote connectedness and inclusion of others. Today was “Hey-Day!” Students made name tags at the Good News Gathering, picked a secret question and greeted 5 new students/adults. Then they asked their secret question. “Where do you like to visit?” or “What’s your favorite movie?” or “What’s one thing you couldn’t live without?” We had a blast chatting with one another and it is always special to be greeted by name.

The rest of the activities include- Human Bingo, Mix-It-Up Day, Know Me Day and Compliments for All. A flyer will go home tomorrow that gives you more information about the week of activities. Be sure to ask your child about the fun they are having getting to know even more about the students and staff at Botelle School.