

Botelle School Newsletter

December 3, 2018



December 4	PTO Meeting – 6:00PM - Cafeteria
December 5	Good News Gathering – 8:45AM – Hall of Flags
December 14	Winter Concert – Hall of Flags – 10:30AM
December 14	Parent Lunch – 12:00 – 1:00
December 17	Winter Concert – Hall of Flags – 6:30PM
December 18	Holiday Fair – Hall of Flags
December 19	Holiday Fair – Hall of Flags
December 19	An Hour with Lauren – 6:00-7:00PM
December 20	Holiday Fair – Hall of Flags
December 24 – Jan.1	Winter Break – No School

FROM MS. MARQUIS

Boot season is here! I understand that we get our fair share of snow in Norfolk and boots are a must for coming and going to school and also recess. However, it is still important for your child to bring or wear sneakers on gym days. They will not be able to participate in class if they are wearing boots, it is a safety concern. Gym days are MONDAYS and THURSDAYS! If you have any questions please feel free to email me at marquisev@botelleschool.org

AN HOUR WITH LAUREN

On 12/19/18 from 6-7 please come to An Hour with Lauren. Do you have an idea you want to share or a question that you'd like answered? Take a break from holiday shopping on Wednesday, December 19, 2019 and stop by Botelle to meet with Lauren. Parents are welcome to bring their ideas, questions or celebrations to share.

THE PAGETURNERS

The "PAGETURNERS" met at the Norfolk Library and helped Miss Eileen with the craft that the Merry Makers started. The story hour kids are working on a Christmas Village and the older students were a big help. After the project, the older kids strolled over to Miss Eileen's kitchen where they enthusiastically discussed the book *Wolf Hollow* while "wolfing down pancakes" with local syrup. As it was time to leave, each reader received *GHOST* by Jason Reynolds, a National Book Award Finalist to read next. There is still room for a couple more students, so if you are interested, please contact Eileen Fitzgibbons 860 542 5075, Ext. 4

HOLIDAY FAIR DONATIONS

The holiday fair will be held December 18th, 19th, and 20th in the Hall of Flags. This is an annual non-profit event sponsored by the PTO. The purpose is to allow Botelle students to shop for holiday gifts for family members and friends. Gifts are priced (with a few exceptions) between \$1.00 and \$3.00. The children take great joy in selecting gifts for people in their lives! **We are asking for your help.** If you could donate 5-8 items to the fair it would be

greatly appreciated. Homemade items, pet treats, golf balls, socks, pencils, note pads, calendars are just a few ideas and are always desirable items. Thank you for your support!

FROM THE NURSE'S OFFICE

If your child was sent home with a change of clothing from the nurse's office, please return the clothing to the school. Additionally, if you would like to send in a spare set of clothing for your child for the nurse to keep on hand, please feel free to send them in, in a labeled bag. All clothing will be returned to you at the end of the school year. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact Ms. Pequignot at 860-542-1904 or by email pequignotd@botelleschool.org.

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

It is hard to believe that December is here already! There is so much to look forward to- the Winter Concert, the Good News Gathering, the Holiday Fair- the holiday spirit is in the air. Here's a look at what happening at Botelle School...

Last week the PTO sponsored *Mikata*, a drumming group inspired by music from west Africa, Puerto Rico and Brazil. Students joined in on the dance and later, some students went to the Norfolk Library for a master class with the musicians. There are videos posted on Class Dojo that give you a sense of what our students were so fortunate to experience.

Students in all grades, as part of MakerSpaces, experienced the Hour of Code. This is a nationwide initiative as part of Computer Science Education Week. Mrs. Snyder planned various coding activities for our students. Each activity highlighted collaboration with peers and the critical thinking skill of problem-solving, especially when the code didn't work out as planned! This is the first of many coding opportunities that will be available throughout the year as part of MakerSpaces, another STEM initiative that supports critical and creative thinking.

Get ready for the Botelle Blizzard of Kindness! Student Council brainstormed an idea to support our school goal of accepting one another and their mission of spreading kindness. Each student will work with his/or her buddy to create a large snowflake- all of the snowflakes will be different and unique, but beautiful! In the center of the snowflake, students will write an inspirational quote about kindness and accepting others. We will hang our snowflakes around the building to create our kindness blizzard. With the extra snowflakes, we plan on hanging them in buildings around town. Be on the lookout for our special snowflakes! Thanks Student Council for your creativity and inspiring us to be a kinder community.