

Botelle School Newsletter

September 24, 2018



September 28	Lion's Club Vision Screening
October 2	PTO Cultural Event – Motion 360 – 9:00AM – Hall of Flags
October 2	PTO Meeting – Cafeteria – 6:00PM
October 5	No School – Teacher In-Service Day
October 8	No School – Columbus Day
October 9	Board of Education Meeting – 5:30PM - #211
October 9	Fall Picture Day (Raindate: October 16 th)
October 10	6 th Grade Parent Meeting – Informational – Cape Cod – 6:30PM - #104 * Please note new time!
October 23	Good News Gathering – 8:45AM – Hall of Flags

NASP TRANSPORTATION SURVEY

Please click on this link to take the Norfolk After School Program's [Transportation Survey](#). We are hoping to learn whether transportation is a barrier to your child's participation in NASP. If you have already completed a paper copy of the survey, you do not need to do the online one. Thank you!

FALL PICTURE DAY

Our fall picture day will be October 9th with a raindate of October 16th. Information regarding our fall picture day will be going home today or tomorrow. We will be using Still Life Photography again this year. Please look for the Still Life packets and place your orders. Thank you.

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Thank you for your warm welcome of our new staff members. Here's some information about each of them to help you get to know them. Please see next pages.

General Music Teacher: Ms. Sandy Kleisner



Ms. Kleisner joins the Botelle School staff with 36 years of teaching experience with students of all ages- preschoolers to seniors in high school. Ms. Kleisner blends a variety of approaches to develop the musical skills of her students. When asked what she loves about teaching, Ms. Kleisner replied, “I love watching them (her students) ‘get it’” Seeing them get excited about music and dance makes her day. Ms. Kleisner plans on involving all Botelle students in concerts. K-3 students will perform songs and 3rd graders will play their recorders. In addition to teaching at Botelle, Ms. Kleisner also teaches K-8 students at Kent Center School and is the choir director at her church in Roxbury.

Ms. Kleisner’s favorites include-

Playing Bach on the piano (She practices an hour each morning.)

Hiking, biking and practicing yoga

Hanging with her coonhound, Lady

Going to concerts

Listening to her favorite band, The Beach Boys

School Nurse: Ms. Donna Pequignot



Ms. Pequignot has worked with children throughout her 35 years in nursing. She has been a neonatal nurse, a pediatric home-care nurse, a flight nurse in the Air-Force and has done medical missions in Haiti. A mother of four, she may have seen it all! Ms. Pequignot was a school nurse in nearby North Canaan and is so happy to be returning to that role at Botelle. She is “looking forward to getting to know everyone and becoming part of this family.” Ms. Pequignot appreciates all of the support she has received and feels at home at our *Small School with a Big Heart*.

4th Grade Teacher: Ms. Nichole Pitruzzello



This is Ms. Pitruzzello's first year of teaching. She graduated from UConn with certifications in Elementary Education, Secondary Social Studies Education and a Master's in Curriculum and Instruction. She completed her student teaching in 5th grade in Glastonbury and taught English to 4th and 5th graders in South Africa for a semester. She is passionate about helping her students understand their place and role in our globally-connected world. Ms Pitruzzello wants her students to "recognize what each of us does as humans impacts the world around us." When asked about her first impressions of Botelle, Ms. Pitruzzello replied, "This is an awesome, incredible community." The parents and staff are friendly and kind and have offered to help her so much already. "Everyone works together so we can be happy and successful."

Ms. Pitruzzello's favorites-

Color: yellow

Food: cheeseburgers

Book: Harry Potter

Free-time activity: reading