



PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

May 15, 2020

Dear Botelle Families,

Dr. Iacobelli and I look forward to meeting with you on Monday at noon and 6pm. We want to hear how you and your children are doing, get additional feedback about distance learning and when possible, answer questions you may have. There is still much uncertainty about summer learning opportunities and what school will look like in the fall. We will do our best to share what we've learned so far but appreciate your patience. It is difficult to cope with so many unknowns! Rest assured, once we know, you'll be the next to know.

One concern that families have raised is how we will respond to the anticipated gaps in learning students may have. I am encouraged to hear from our teachers that because of your support and our ability to meet with students live in small groups or individual sessions (as well as the whole group sessions) students are making progress learning new content. We have a VERY high participate rate as compared to other schools.

We know how challenging this is for families. With the warmer weather approaching, engaging children in school will not get easier. If you need support, please don't hesitate to call. We are a team and a phone call from the principal may be just what your child needs to get his or her work done!

IMPORTANT DATES-

- 5/18 Parent Meeting with Dr. Iacobelli and Mrs. Valentino @ 12 and 6
- 5/19 Live Tech Help for PARENTS with Mrs. Dubecky from 1-2. Click on the [link](#) to join.
- 5/20 Live Tech Help for STUDENTS with Mrs. Dubecky for K-2 from 1-1:30 and 3-6 from 1:30-2.

Parent Meeting

Dr. Iacobelli and Mrs. Valentino will meet with parents to answer questions, discuss concerns and share information about how Botelle continues to respond to school closures and COVID. Join us for a dialogue beginning at noon and 6pm next Monday, May 18.. Invitations will be sent to the email address we have on file. The links to the meetings are also below.

[12pm Parent Meeting](#)

[6pm Parent Meeting](#)

Northwestern Spring Plant Sale

Northwestern's Agriculture Program's Spring Plant Sale is going on now. There is a large assortment of Hanging Baskets and Geraniums, as well as a wide variety of vegetable and bedding plants for containers and gardens. ***Due to Social Distancing, our plant sale will be pre-order, curbside pick-up only - to place an order please go to:***

nwrgreenhouse.squarespace.com

For more information, see the flyer below.

Tech Help for Parents

Do you have tech issues to troubleshoot? Maybe you want a tutorial on Seesaw or Google Classroom. Join Mrs. Dubecky on Tuesday from 1-2 for live help over Google Meet. Click on the [link](#) to join.

Tech Help for Students

Students who want to meet with Mrs. Dubecky to troubleshoot tech problems and learn how to use different digital resources can join a weekly Google Meet session on Wednesday. K-2 students can join from 1-1:30 and students in grades 3-6 can join from 1:30-2.

Readers BLOOM in May

Your child has plenty of screen time, but what about book time? Time spent reading is the single biggest contributor to reading success. To encourage our students and families to read together, please play our reading BLOOM game. During the month of May, complete the bingo reading game called BLOOM. For more details visit the library media [website](#). The BLOOM playing card can be found there and is also posted on Google Classroom and Seesaw.

Friday Read Alouds

Mrs. Dubecky is recording read alouds for students in all grades. For students in grades 3-6 she is offering First Chapter Fridays where she reads aloud the first chapter of a novel to pique students' interest in reading the rest. For students in grades K-2 she is offering Fun Story Fridays where she reads aloud a picture book. Check it out on Google Classroom and Seesaw.

Health Updates from Mrs. Ayers

Check out Mrs. Ayers' [website](#) for healthy tips and recipes to boost immunity. Much needed during this unprecedented time.

Attendance

Teachers and staff take attendance daily. Students are reported as present if they attend live instruction OR complete their assignments. If your child is sick and will be unable to participate in live instruction or complete assignments, please email your child's teacher and Mrs. Lasko. Your email is sufficient. We do not need doctor's notes at this time.

School Website

Please visit our website for distance learning resources and information. If you've misplaced important information that was sent home in print or electronically, you can find it on the website. www.botelleschool.org



Local Resources

There are resources available to children and families in need during social distancing. Please contact the First Selectman, Matt Riiska at 860-542-5829 or by email at firstselectman@norfolkct.org

Please don't hesitate to reach out with questions big and small. We are happy to help! You can email me, message me through Class Dojo or Seesaw or call me at 860-840-7818.

Lauren 😊
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SPECIAL PLANT SALE PICK UP DATES

Saturday, May 9th 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Orders must be placed by **NOON** on May 8th

Thursday, May 14th 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Orders must be placed by **NOON** on May 13th

Thursday, May 21st – times to be determined

Orders must be placed by **NOON** on May 20th

Saturday, May 23rd 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Orders must be placed by **NOON** on May 22nd

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