



BOTELLE

SCHOOL

October 30, 2020 NEWSLETTER

IMPORTANT DATES



- 11/3 No School – Teacher In-Service Day
- 11/10 Board of Education Meeting – 6:00PM
- 11/12 LifeTouch Picture Retake Day – 9:00AM
- 11/20 First Progress Report
- 11/23 Parent Teacher Conference (Evening)
- 11/24 Early Release – Parent Teacher Conferences (Afternoon)
- 11/25 – 11/27 No School - Thanksgiving Break

LIFETOUCH PICTURE MAKE UP DAY

School portraits were sent home with your child this week. If your child missed picture day, our make-up day is November 12th. If for any reason you would like your child's picture retaken, please return all pictures, except for the class picture. Please call the school with any questions.

NEWS FROM THE NORFOLK LIBRARY

KITCHEN MAGIC

Get your big pot out and get ready to make homemade Pasta. On Thursday Nov. 5th at 5:30pm, Food Explorers will take you and your child through the simple steps of making pasta the old-fashioned style with only a rolling pin. This could be a new tradition! All you need is 2 eggs, flour, olive oil and a sauce to top it with. This zoom workshop is limited to 12 families so sign up soon by going to the Norfolk Library calendar on the website or by calling 860 542 5075.

SMALL ACTS OF ART

On Tuesday, Nov. 17th, Susan Smith from Second Nature will lead a family workshop on Mobile Making. This eco-friendly mobile is fun to make with everyday household items such as scissors, glue, brushes, rulers, colorful papers or magazines. If you want more items, a packet can be picked up containing a dowel, embroidery thread, metal washers, and cardboard. You may pick up this packet on Nov. 14th or Nov. 16th after you have signed up for the workshop on the Library website or by calling 860 542 5075. This program is limited to 15 families and best for children in grades 2-6th grade.

LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Be a library volunteer right in your own house! Mrs. Dubecky is looking for parent volunteers to help with the following projects:

- Covering new books with laminate covers
- Putting together individual “makerspace” kits for students

Materials can be picked up at the school and returned when the project is finished. If you are interested, please email dubeckye@botelleschool.org. Thanks!



PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Thank you PTO for setting up a spooky Halloween Hunt for our students. Each class had a chance to solve a series of riddles that brought them around and outside the school. Here's how their journey began...

A HALLOWEEN HUNT

*Hello school friends! My name is Candy Corn
I have a Halloween hunt for you but be warned...
The path winds through the school - inside and out.
Be good, go slow, be patient, don't pout!
Follow the directions and you'll find some treats.
Beware of goblins and ghouls you might meet!*

TREAT #1

For this clue, well, it may be tricky,
but in the end you will get something sweet and sticky!
Find a room full of books and computers too!
Go along now, get moving... Shoo!

DESTINATION: ?

TREAT #2

Let's travel to a room with many a flag.
Now you know, of course, I don't like to brag,
But I've been the star of many shows before.
Can you find the space where great actors (like me!) perform?

DESTINATION: ?

Here are some pictures of how the destinations were decorated...





It was a spooktacular day with Halloween themed learning mixed with good ol' Halloween fun.

On Monday, students will participate in an election simulation. 5th and 6th graders have been learning about our government- its history, branches and process, and are leading this simulation with the rest of our students. Today students registered to vote and created their own voter registration card, which they will have to bring to our polling location (the Makerspace). When students arrive at the polling location, they will have to check in by stating their name and address (just like we do when we vote in person!). Check and see if your child needs reinforcement on what an address is and/or what **their** address is. You can help them learn this important information, if they don't already know it.

As you know, this is a highly politicized and polarizing election season. Teachers have taught developmentally appropriate lessons about elections and voting, so students have a greater understanding of the process. We have also shared the importance of respecting the candidates, stating opinions respectfully and that is okay to disagree, but again, we must do so respectfully. If staff hears misinformation spread or unkind language used, we redirect students but we do not share our political views. Our instruction has to do with the history, the process and civil discourse. Please reinforce this message at home. We appreciate your help in ensuring this is a productive learning experience for our students.