

Botelle School Newsletter

January 31, 2020



February 3	PTO Meeting – 6:00PM
February 4	Board of Education Meeting - #211 – 6:00PM
February 5	Good News Gathering – 8:45AM – Hall of Flags
February 12	Northwest Connecticut Read Aloud – 9:00 AM (snowdate: 2/13)
February 14	Early Dismissal @ 12:00 – No Lunch Served - Teacher Professional Development
February 17	No School – Presidents' Day
February 21	6 th Grade Spaghetti Dinner & Game Night – 5:00PM – 8:00PM @ Botelle School
February 25	Cultural Event – Laser Science – 9:00AM
February 25	Board of Education Meeting - #211 – 6:00PM Budget

PRINCIPALS CORNER

Botelle was buzzing with excitement last week. On Monday, Enrichment Cluster topics were revealed to students and they chose their 1st, 2nd and 3rd choices. There were clusters to develop knowledge the language arts, social studies, sciences, arts and music and even the budding entrepreneur! Learning during Enrichment Clusters is student-driven. Staff facilitate learning of advanced content by supporting students in creating a product, performance or service that is geared toward an authentic audience. Students investigate what professionals in the field know and how they work and share this information and other researched content with their target audience. Students are grouped in multi-age groups by cluster interest and collaborate toward the learning outcome.

Some cluster titles included~

- Speaking through Sign
- Storytellers and Authors
- Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?
- Exploring Stringed Instruments
- Dance Around the World
- Protectors of the Planet
- Dead Animals Society

Clusters begin on Wednesday and will run weekly from 1-2pm until the end of March. In addition to sharing their learning with authentic audiences of their choosing, we plan to highlight Enrichment Cluster products, performances and services during our Celebration of Learning in the spring.

Thank you PTO for the BMX biking assembly. Students were amazed at the tricks the professional bikers could do. The performers emphasized the importance of bike safety as well as the personal skills of perseverance and goal setting. When you practice and work hard, you can achieve your goals! An important message for sure.

Have a great week!
Lauren