



BOTELLE

SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

September 18, 2020

IMPORTANT DATES



- 9/29 Picture Day
- 10/9 No School - Teacher In-Service Day
- 10/12 No School - Columbus Day

BACK-TO-SCHOOL PACKET PAPERWORK

Please remember to return the back-to-school paperwork that was mailed home in late August. If you need another packet, please contact the school office.

All families, including distance learner families should return the back-to-school packets.

FREE KINSA THERMOMETERS

We have received a supply of Kinsa thermometers for distribution to Botelle families who would like one. They require a set up which includes downloading the Kinsa app to your android or iPhone, launching the app, and connecting the thermometer to the app. Complete instructions come with the thermometer.

Please contact the Botelle office on or before October 1st if you would like one of these thermometers.

All thermometers must be distributed on the same day, so we will contact everyone who signs up with the date they are available for pick up at school.

STUDENT & FAMILY HANDBOOK

Our 2020-2021 Student & Family Handbook can be found [here](#) and on our [website](#). Please be sure to read and review the handbook with your child(ren). Once your family has read and reviewed the handbook please sign and return the acknowledgement and receipt form that will be sent home on Monday. This form also can be found on our website.



CLASS DOJO

Class Dojo is a communication tool that gives families a window into their child's school day. We use this to post pictures, videos and information about school and classroom activities. Families can even privately message their child's teacher. It's a safe way to celebrate all that happens at Botelle School, with only those in our school community. If you haven't signed up for Class Dojo, please click on this link. <https://www.classdojo.com/invite/?s=4eece572f64aa62934ed3b9e> Your child's teacher will accept your request to join his or her class and you'll have one more easy way to stay "in the know". You can access Class Dojo from a computer through the internet or from a tablet or phone through the Class Dojo app. Join today!



INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

Hey, 3rd-6th graders! Interested in joining the band??

Instrumental music sign-ups are happening now! Ms. Krusch had a chance to meet with many students already this week, but if you are a remote learner or your child didn't have a chance to meet with Ms. Krusch in person yet, click [HERE](#) to learn about the instruments that we offer lessons on at Botelle. Students may begin lessons in any grade, so if you are new to Botelle or just didn't sign up last year, you are still welcome and encouraged to begin this year! All students in grades 3-6 are invited to sign up for lessons. Please contact Ms. Krusch at kruschm@botelleschool.org if you are interested!

What about safety during the time of COVID-19?

While we are unable to have full band rehearsals this year, students will still receive small group instrument lessons and safety is our top priority! Click [here](#) to read about our Safety Protocols for band at Botelle this year.

Are you already a band student at Botelle?

Lessons will be starting soon for returning students! If you have NOT yet received an email from Ms. Krusch, please reach out to confirm your email address, as I have already begun sending updates. Check out this [Welcome Back letter](#) to make sure you have all of your supplies for band this year!



DAILY HEALTH ASSESSMENT

Each morning, please assess your child's wellness prior to sending them to school using the checklist that was sent home earlier this week.



COVID-19 Daily Health Screening

Parents, please complete this screening each morning before you send your child to school-

If you check **YES** to any of the following please **STAY HOME** and contact the school nurse at 860-542-5286 x1.

- ☐ Temperature 100.4 degrees and higher
- ☐ Other signs of illness
 - Cough*
 - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - Fatigue*
 - Muscle or body aches*
 - Headache*
 - New loss of taste or smell
 - Sore throat
 - Congestion or Runny Nose*
 - Nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea



*If the Health Office is already aware of a **Non-COVID chronic pre-existing condition** (asthma, seasonal allergies, Crohn's disease, etc.) that causes that symptom AND if the nature of that symptom (duration, intensity, etc.) is consistent with the pre-existing condition, then student can come to school.

- ☐ Was your child in close contact with anyone confirmed with COVID-19 within the last 2 weeks?
- ☐ Has your child travelled out of state/country to any of the locations on the COVID-19 travel advisory?

Refrain from practices such as, "Just go to school and see how you feel." or giving children medication to bring down a fever prior to sending them to school. **It is critical that we follow**

these guidelines so school can remain open! If your child is home and well enough, he/she can participate in the school day through distance learning on their device.

Please see the Health and Safety tab on our school website www.botelleschool.org if you have questions about how we will respond to a positive COVID diagnosis. Students may be sent home for a variety of reasons during the school day. Please refrain from discussion or assumption of a student's health status- we want to avoid stigma or rumors! *If or when a notification needs to be made to families regarding an illness it will come directly from the administration.*



PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Thank you for your attendance and participation at Open House on Wednesday. Strong collaboration between home and school helps your child(ren) succeed and we are dedicated to each child's success at Botelle School. We feel fortunate to have the support of our families and the community, especially during these difficult times. If you were unable to attend the Open House, you can view my presentation [here](#).

As I mentioned in my presentation, we feel the reopening of school has gone extremely well. The informal feedback we've received from you has been very positive and we appreciate the kind words and questions we've received. However, we want to hear from all of you. We've created a Back to School Parent Feedback survey and we hope you will take 2-3 minutes to complete it. You can access the survey [here](#). It was also sent in a text message and email. Please complete one survey per child. As a staff, we always reflect on how things are going and look for ways to improve. Your feedback will help us do that. Thank you in advance!

Finally, I'd like to extend a BIG thank you to the PTO who has refurbished the covered playground so students and teachers can have another outdoor learning space. The PTO also appealed to the community for picnic tables and their request was met. Our students and teachers have four beautiful wooden picnic tables available for use with tents to provide shade. Finally, Mrs. Patrick, grandmother to Landon and Reid, donated beautiful, handmade cloth masks for students and staff who may need one. Norfolk is a special place where people pull together to help one another and the Botelle School community is very appreciative of all you do for us.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Lauren