



BOTELLE

SCHOOL

January 22, 2021 Newsletter

IMPORTANT DATES



- 2/2 Board of Education Meeting – 6:00PM
- 2/12 Early Dismissal@12:00 – Teacher PD – No lunch served
- 2/15 No School – Presidents’ Day
- 2/16 Board of Education Meeting – 6:00PM (Budget)
- 3/2 Board of Education Meeting – 6:00PM

SHARED SERVICES INTEGRATED PRESCHOOL PROGRAM (SSIPP)

The SSIPP is an integrated preschool program serving the needs of children ages 3 to 5 in the towns of Barkhamsted, Colebrook, Hartland and Norfolk. The program is located at the Barkhamsted School and follows the Barkhamsted School calendar.

A screening is being offered on **March 24, March 25, and March 26, 2021**, for parents who have concerns regarding their child’s development. The screening process helps to identify children who may need intervention to perform successfully in school. Identified children will qualify to become a participant in the Shared Services Preschool Program.

Parents who are interested in having their child attend Shared Services Integrated Preschool Program as a **role model** must submit their child’s name at this time as well. In the event that there are more role model applicants than slots, a lottery will be held.

To be eligible for the program, children must live in Barkhamsted, Colebrook, Hartland, or Norfolk; be age 3 by September 1; and must have attended the screening. The lottery will be held on March 29 and parents will be notified of lottery results by March 31, 2021.

Please call the preschool program, before 9 a.m. or after 3 p.m. at 860-379-2729 ext. 202 to schedule a screening for your child. Applications for the preschool program will be available at the screening.

This year the screening will be held virtually. Individual Zoom meetings will be arranged for each child. In March, each family registered for the screening will receive an email with the meeting information and a short list of materials that will be needed for the screening tasks.

PROGRAMS AT THE NORFOLK LIBRARY

Raptors and Reptiles on January 27

Meet and mingle with owls, falcons, hawks, and a reptile or two when Christine’s Critters joins us on Zoom on Wednesday, January 27, at 4 pm. This is an interactive family program and Christine will be happy to answer children’s questions. Christine’s Critters is a wildlife rescue organization that specializes in birds of prey. They have 24 educational ambassadors that help teach about the dangers these amazing birds face in the wild and what we can do to help them. They also have 30 rescued reptiles from the pet trade that help us teach about responsible exotic pet ownership.

Please pre-register on the library website to be emailed the zoom link or call the Library at 860-542-5075. The Zoom link will also be available on the website the afternoon of the program.

Food Explorers on January 29

Learn how to make stacked sweet potato fries on our virtual Sweet and Savory Cooking Series on Friday, January 29, at 5 pm. Please pre-register on the library website to be emailed the zoom link or call the Library at 860-542-5075. The Zoom link will also be available on the website the afternoon of the program.

Pilobolus Movement Class

This VIRTUAL class for 3-5 year olds will start Thursdays, January 28th at 11-11:30am. Emily Kent, for 4 weeks, will lead the children to magical lands and animal movements. Please go to the Norfolk website to register for this series.

COVID UPDATES

Positive cases in school this week: 0

People quarantining: 2

SEND COLD WEATHER CLOTHING!

Please send your child to school with jackets, snow pants, gloves/mittens and hats. Students go outside everyday unless it is below 20 degrees (or the wind chill makes it feel below 20). It's a good lesson for our students to have the natural consequences of being cold, if they forget but we also want them to be safe!



PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Botelle is a positive, safe place for our students to learn and grow! One of the approaches we use to ensure this is RULER. The RULER approach supports the development of our emotional intelligence, but family members are a child's first, most impactful teachers. Children learn many strategies at home that help them identify and manage their emotions. RULER is an approach that can be easily used at home to supplement what you already teach!

In previous newsletters, you heard about two tools: the Charter and Mood Meter. These RULER tools help families identify how they want to feel and steps they'll take to have those emotions more frequently. Try starting a new RULER habit at home, like doing a Mood Meter check in at dinner. You might simply ask your child, "What quadrant on the Mood Meter are your feelings in? Why?" Sometimes we just want to check and have a conversation with our child about their emotional wellbeing but it can be hard to know what to say.

RULER has additional resources, like conversation starters and quick activities for families to use. The resources are organized by grade level and can be an easy way to support your child's emotional intelligence. They are attached below for your use. I hope you find them helpful in having meaningful experiences with your child that support their emotional intelligence. When children are able to effectively regulate their emotions, they are ready to learn- which is why our students are making such great progress in the classroom.

[K-1](#) Conversation Starters

[2-3](#) Conversation Starters

[4-5](#) Conversation Starters