

# Botelle School Newsletter

## September 6, 2019



<b>September 10</b>	Open House – 6:00PM
<b>September 11</b>	Board of Education Meeting – 6:00PM
<b>September 20</b>	Ice Cream Social – 6:00PM – Big Field at Botelle
<b>September 26</b>	Can'd Aid Bike Safety Assembly – 2:15 PM
<b>October 7</b>	PTO Meeting – 6:00 PM – Cafeteria
<b>October 9</b>	Board of Education Meeting – 6:00PM
<b>October 15</b>	Picture Day – LifeTouch – 9:00AM

### NEWS FROM THE NORFOLK LIBRARY

Address: 9 Greenwoods Road East, Norfolk, CT

Dates: 9/13/2019 – 9/15/2019

Time: All Day

The Norfolk Library Presents  
The Greenwoods Puppet Festival  
Free Admission

Imagine you are on the wing of a great owl swooping over the southern Berkshires. You swing down near a tiny hamlet nestled in the rolling hills. You fly past the Great Mountain Forest, gliding above Toby Pond. You spot the steeples of the churches and the vivid green of Infinity Hall. You see the Norfolk Library with its regal turret.

Sweeping down, you sense energy and movement. Coming closer, you peep into the window and see puppets and people of all ages smiling and laughing. You land on the lamppost and notice a poster below. Peering a bit closer, you can read it... “The very first Greenwoods Puppet Festival, Norfolk Library, September 13 – 15, 2019. All are welcome.”

Circle the dates and tell your family and friends to visit for an autumnal weekend full of theatrics, creativity, and magic! A variety of puppet shows for children and adults has been scheduled, presented by puppeteers who have won recognition by the Jim Henson Foundation.

Please register at <http://www.norfolklibrary.org/events/greenwoods-puppet-festival/>

Friday, Sept. 13

8:00 p.m.: Jana Zeller and Spybird Theater, “Puppet Crimes” (ages 16+).

Saturday, Sept. 14

11:00 a.m.: Sarah Nolen, “The Fairy Tailor”.

3:30 p.m.: The Gottabees, “Lollipops for Breakfast”.

6:00 p.m.: “Moth Jamboree” (ages 13+).

Sunday, Sept. 15

1:00 p.m.: Madison J. Cripps Marionettes, “Slice of Crazy Pie”.

3:30 p.m.: Alex and Olmsted, “Milo, the Magnificent”.

Saturday and Sunday afternoons: Mortal Beasts and Deities “The Raven” will be roaming the grounds.

## **NORFOLK MAKERSPACE**

All are welcome to the Norfolk Makerspace September Open House on Saturday, September 21st, from 2:00-4:00pm, located in the lower level of Battell Chapel, 12 Village Green, Norfolk, CT.

Our featured artist, Leslie Watkins, will demonstrate various botanical watercolor painting techniques. Leslie uses flowers she grows in the gardens at Dandelion Cottage, her home and studio in Norfolk, CT. Leslie will also discuss the tools needed to create her art, inspired by nature. Examples of the artist's watercolor paintings, nature journals, handmade boxes, and simple notecards will be on display.

Visitors to the Makerspace can join in the fun. John Thew will host a watercolor painting table for anyone who would like to experiment with watercolor techniques. Eve Thew invites you to join her to make a pillow for your special room. Karen Rossi will have supplies for you to make a miniature sand meditation garden and we'll have a special table with arts and crafts for little ones.

In addition, Alesia Maltz will be in our Loom Room. Anyone interested may join in weaving a hug blanket. The hug blankets are gifts to children in need who are crossing at the border. On an ongoing basis, Sue Williams will host the Loom Room on Tuesdays from 1-3 for anyone interested in weaving or dropping off more blankets. Over 50 blankets have been amassed for the project in just a month and a half.

Please save the third Saturday (2-4 pm) of each month through December, and continue to join us (Oct. 19, Nov. 16, Dec. 21). Please follow and share our Norfolk CT makerspace Facebook and Meetup pages. For more information: contact Karen Rossi (860) 305-6579, [karen@karenrossi.com](mailto:karen@karenrossi.com) (interim coordinator). Please contact Karen Rossi if your child is interested in helping with Makerspace.

## **WHITING MILLS MONSTER BASH – September 21, 2019**

Noon-8pm

There will be hand-on projects throughout the day! Halloween Masks, Spooky Bookmarks, Buttons, Monster Bile (or slime), Costume making. Halloween cupcake decorating

1-2 pm Halloween Magic Show  
2:15-3 pm Tyler Green 1<sup>st</sup> Make-Up Workshop  
3-4pm Costume Contest  
4:15-5:30 Tyler Green 2<sup>nd</sup> Make-Up Workshop  
5-6 pm Halloween Magic Show  
6:30 Raffle winners are announced

Proceeds go to the Winsted Salvation Army.

Whiting Mills  
100 Whiting Street  
Winsted, CT 06098  
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# Principal's Corner

The 2019-2020 school year is off to a great start! Students are acclimating to new learning environments with new teachers and new classmates. Welcome to our newest learners in Early Primary- Lilyah, Landree, Chloe and Dakota. Welcome to students and families new to Norfolk and Botelle- Gavin, Alethea, Andrew, Blake, Evie, Ryan, and Joclynn. We are thrilled that you are part of the Botelle School community. It is truly a small school with a BIG heart!

We have a BIG heart for learning. Today during our Good News Gathering, Samantha led a circle where students responded to the question, *"What are you looking forward to learning this year?"* Students told us they wanted to learn to solve more challenging math problems, learn to paint and draw, learn about salmon, penguins, and cats, learn to write and read better, and learn more history, science and social studies. Good news! Students will have an opportunity to improve their skills and knowledge in all of those areas either in class or during Enrichment Clusters. I will share more with you about Enrichment Clusters when we meet in the gym at 6pm for Open House next Tuesday.

Coming soon to our school website you will also be able to learn what your children are studying at school. We will have a curriculum page that highlights various units, skills, strategies and content that students will learn throughout the year. This will be helpful in starting a conversation with your children about what they are learning at school. Instead of asking, *"What did you do in school today?"* try, *"What did you learn today about adding and subtracting decimals?"* The more specific you question, the more likely you are to get an answer other than, *"Nothing."* Your child's teacher will also give you more information about the curriculum during Open House. I hope to see you all there.

Sincerely,  
Lauren Valentino