



June 15, 2021 Newsletter

IMPORTANT DATES



- 9/1 First Day of School



- Botelle's **24 hour Summer Reading Challenge and Recording Sheet**. Please return in the fall for recognition and your prize! **Students completing the challenge will receive scholastic dollars to spend at the book fair in the fall!**
- A parent letter and reading journal to record books read for the **Connecticut Governor's Reading Challenge**. The challenge goes along with the Norfolk Library Theme- *Tails & Tales*. Students that are avid readers can complete this challenge and return their journal to Mrs. Incillo when they return in September to receive recognition.
- Reading Newsletter and Reading Bingo Board** to give you **fun ideas** to promote literacy in your homes this summer.
- Bookmarks and STEAM** activity sheet.
- Program Information** about Tails & Tales from **The Norfolk Library**.

Happy reading Botelle families! - Mrs. Dubecky & Mrs. Incillo

SAVE THE DATE!

WEB Seventh Grade Student Orientation

Thursday, August 26, 2021

Location: Northwestern Middle School

The purpose of this orientation is to make the transition from elementary school to middle school a positive one. Eighth graders will be serving as leaders and mentors to the seventh graders. Large and small group activities are designed to address students' needs and concerns in an enjoyable manner. An invitation with specific information will come home this summer.

2 EASY FUNS!

What does that mean?

It means we have 2 easy and fun ways for you to make money for your school this summer. Yay!!!!!!

FIRST: BOX TOPS (Box Tops for Education) are easier than ever. Easy peasy. Just download the app. EASY! Shop. EASY! Scan receipt. EASY! Done. Tell everyone you know, teachers, mom, dad, aunt, uncle, barber, Polly the parrot. Easy money for the school.

SECOND: Recycling. Good for the earth and also good for our wallets! Just rinse your cans and deposit in bin at the dump. Even if you get pick up garbage, save your cans and put them in the container at the dump, Mon, Wed or Sat. We will do the rest of the work to bring in cash for the 6th graders trip!!!!

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER AND REMEMBER to keep making money for Botelle!!!!

FREE COMMUNITY SUPPER - BATTELL CHAPEL

Tuesday June 29 at 5:00 pm

Enjoy an evening of community & food. Find out why rice and beans are the most cost effective & healthiest foods in your pantry. With Linda Garrettson, certified Nutritional Coach.

Reservations required. Please rsvp by Sunday June 27th at 860-542-5721

Each guest will receive a meal kit, recipes and \$25 in market bucks to use at the Norfolk Farmers Market!



PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

It's hard to believe summer is here! Despite the challenges that came with COVID, the 2020-21 school year was a huge success. We were in person for the whole year, with only some periods of remote learning. We were able to enjoy end of the year traditions like Field Day, the Art Show and Spring Concert, Talent Show and 6th Grade Promotion. It felt like we were getting back to "normal". We couldn't have done it without your support, flexibility, understanding, and commitment. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

We also have survey data from students and families that echoes the success we experienced this school year. 75% of students feel happy coming to school each day. 80% of students feel safe at school (some 2nd graders were worried about bears at recess). 85% of students reported that there was at least one adult they could go to for help when something was bothering them. 100% of our K-2 students replied yes to that question! The parent survey revealed strengths in communication, the school environment, and academic achievement. 90% of families strongly agreed or agreed that communication was effective in general and that you knew what was happening at school. 90% of families strongly agree or agree that Botelle was a safe and nurturing environment for students. 85% of families felt that students learned a lot this year and made progress academically. Almost 100% of families reported that their child likes to come to school each day. Some areas for growth that we will address next year include peer relationships and understanding and appreciating diversity. Many families responded that they didn't know whether students respected one another's differences or whether the school was sensitive to issues regarding race, gender, sexual orientation or disabilities. Next year, when we can welcome families back into the school building, you will get a clearer picture of this. We look forward to seeing you at school events next year.

Planning for next year has already begun. As you know, declining enrollment resulted in staffing changes. We wish Ms. Montagna, Ms. Hofer and Ms. Veilleux well in their next endeavors. Mrs. Tallon will teach

Early Primary (PK and K) students, Mrs. McCleary will teach Primary (grades 1 and 2) students, Ms. Coughlin will teach Intermediate (grades 3 and 4) students and Mr. Snyder and Mrs. Asselin will teach the Upper Intermediate (grades 5 and 6) students. All other support staff and specialists are returning. We will keep you updated throughout the summer. In the meantime, enjoy these lovely summer days. Keep your child engaged with learning by participating in the summer reading and math challenges. Play, laugh and enjoy the next few months. Before you know it, the first day of school will be here!