

# Botelle School Newsletter

## December 13, 2019



<b>December 16</b>	Winter Concert – 6:00PM – Gym
<b>December 17-19</b>	PTO Holiday Fair – During the school day – Hall of Flags
<b>December 20</b>	Parent Lunch – 12:00 – 1:00 – Cafeteria
<b>December 20</b>	PJ Day!
<b>December 23 - Jan 1</b>	No School – Winter Break
<b>January 7</b>	Board of Education Meeting - #211 – 6:00PM
<b>January 17</b>	Early Dismissal at 12:00 – No Lunch Served
<b>January 20</b>	No School – Martin Luther King Jr. Day
<b>January 21</b>	Board of Education Meeting - #211 – 6:00PM Budget

### **NORFOLK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT'S SANTA'S SPECIAL DELIVERY CHRISTMAS EVE FUNDRAISER**

If you would like to have Santa and his fire engine arrive at your Norfolk home on Christmas Eve between 4PM and 6PM with gifts, please complete the attached form. If you have questions, please contact Paul at 860-542-6926.

### **HOLIDAY FAIR**

The holiday fair will be held December 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, and 19<sup>th</sup> in the Hall of Flags. This is an annual non-profit event sponsored by the PTO. The purpose is to allow Botelle students to shop for holiday gifts for family members and friends. Gifts are priced (with a few exceptions) between \$1.00 and \$3.00. The children take great joy in selecting gifts for people in their lives!

### **PJ DAY FUNDRAISER**

Student Council planned a fundraiser for CT Children's Medical Center to help children with cancer. Our fundraising goal is \$100 and if we reach it, students will be able to wear their PJs on Friday, December 20. Please send in a donation if you are able. This statewide fundraiser, called PJ Day, is meant to raise money and support children who spend much of their time in PJs while at the hospital receiving treatment.

### **CHRISTMAS CAROLS**

Join the Congregational Church at 4:00pm on this Saturday, December 14th, for a festive hour of singing Christmas Carols in Battell Chapel, complete with hot cider and gingerbread cookies. Christmas carols are selected by audience participation -- simply call out a song from our caroling books and join in as we all sing together, accompanied by a piano. This is our third annual carol sing and is not to be missed! For more information, contact Kelly Kandra Hughes at [kelly.kandra@gmail.com](mailto:kelly.kandra@gmail.com) or 919-260-9231.

## NEWS FROM THE NORFOLK LIBRARY

Monday Dec.23 3:00-4:15pm "**Be the Dream**" Prize winning Short Films from Children's Film Festival Seattle 2019- ages 8+

Monday Dec 30th 11-12:30 **Dress Up Party!** Come see what dress up clothes we have in our trunk. This chance to pretend is for boys and girls ages 3-12. Please let us know that you are coming.

Monday Dec. 30 3:30-4:45pm "**Through the Rainbow**"

Prize winning Short Animated Films from Children's Film Festival Seattle 2019- all ages

Please feel free to let us know you are coming- We appreciate it!

## PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

This week during our Good News Gathering, several students were recognized for their academic efforts and received our honorary SOAR eagle. Some students showed growth in math, some in reading or writing and some for achievement in all academic areas. This growth and achievement was due to the effort, attention and extra work these students put it. Congratulations to

- Abby in Ms. Montagna's early primary class for her efforts in writing,
- Diona in Mrs. Tallon's primary class for her hard work in reading.
- Bella in Mrs. McCleary's intermediate class for her growth in math.
- Ella in Ms. Pitruzzello's intermediate class for her efforts in all academic areas.
- Fiona in Mr. Snyder's class for extra work in math.
- Samantha in Mrs. Asselin's class for hard work in math.

These students were nominated by their teachers, who had the difficult choice of nominating just one of their students.

Students also participated in Hour of Code with Mrs. Dubecky, our Library Media Specialist. They learned to use a program, like Dance Party, Star Wars or Bit Bots to create code that gives directions to the computer to carry out an event. Students learned that coding is a language that gives directions to a computer and even saw the code used to create the library media website. Celebrating computer science with instruction like this prepares students for the jobs of the future.

Music education is as important as the 3 R's (Reading, wRiting and aRithmetic- to coin the old saying) and we celebrated our outstanding music program this morning with the winter concert. The 5th and 6th grade band opened the program with *Battle Hymn of the Republic*. Kadynce had a trumpet solo in the holiday favorite, *Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer*. The 5th and 6th grade chorus sang *We Need a Little Christmas* and then was joined by the 3rd and 4th graders. The whole group sang, *O Hanukkah*, *Corner of the Sky* and *Trioka*. Students learned and performed the Russian folk dance that goes with *Trioka*, which was enjoyable to watch. *Mele Kalikimaka* was the final song performed by the chorus. The audience also enjoyed the staff performance of Jingle Bell Rock and the holiday medley and skits that followed. Ask your child about who a cameo appearance from Frosty the Snowman!

If you were unable to attend the concert today, you will have another opportunity on Monday evening at 6pm in the gym. Thanks to Ms. Kleisner and Ms. Krusch for all of their hard work with their students (despite a short window of preparation between the Veterans Day Assembly and winter weather events). Hope to see you there!

Sincerely, Lauren Valentino