

Botelle Elementary School

A Small School with a Big Heart



Updates

Welcome to the 2019-20 School Year!

We are excited to welcome your children back to school in a couple of weeks! A lot happens at school over the summer from cleaning the building to organizing materials; hiring new staff and planning for instruction. Our staff has been hard at work preparing for the new school year.

This year, in addition to teaching your children academic content and skills in all areas, we will support their ability to self-assess. This will help them be more self-directed learners who know what they are learning, how they are doing and what they need to learn next to reach the learning goals. These skills will be important as we implement Enrichment Clusters and RULER. You will hear more about those initiatives throughout the year!

Multiage Grades

The multiage model is growing to include students in grades 3 and 4. This model has academic, social and emotional benefits for students. It makes learning more personalized, based on students' needs and interests.

Although there are a broad range of abilities in a multiage classroom, students are one class of learners, working together. This prompted us to change the name of these classes. PK & K will be called Early Primary, 1&2 is Primary and 3&4 is Intermediate. Next year when grades 5&6 implement multiage, we will call them Upper Intermediate.

Important Dates

8/21 @ 4pm Norfolk Board of Education meeting in room 211

8/21 @ 6pm New Staff Meet & Greet in the Library Media Center

8/28 **FIRST DAY of SCHOOL (K-6)!!!**

9/2 Labor Day- No school

9/4 Pre-K bus ride to school @ 10:15

9/5 Pre-K first day of school

9/10 @ 6pm Open House

Staffing-

- Welcome Mrs. Asselin, 6th grade, Mrs. Ayers, nurse; Mrs. Bazelmans, Art; Mrs. Dubecky, Library; Mr. Livingstone, Instructional Assistant; Mrs. McCleary, Intermediate; Ms. Montagna, Early Primary; Mr. T-K, Phys. Ed; and Mr. Yelsits, evening custodian. We are happy you're joining the Botelle School family!

School Calendar-

- School will dismiss at **12pm** on 10/10, 1/17, 2/14 and 4/9 for professional development. Lunch **WILL NOT** be served on those days.
- School will dismiss at **1:15** on 11/26 and 3/19 for Parent-Teacher Conferences. Lunch **WILL** be served on these days.
- Delayed openings may be 2 or 3 hours, depending on the severity of the weather. PK is cancelled on these days.

Absences-

- Please call the nurse when your child is too ill to attend school. When he/she returns, **you must send in a written note**, detailing the reason for the absence.

Website-

- Our website will be getting a face-lift. Thanks, Mrs. DeCerro! Check it out soon!

Changes to Drop Off and Pick Up Procedures

Our Safety and Security Committee recommended changes to drop off and pick up procedures. Busses will drop students off and pick students up using the lower driveway. Students riding the bus will enter and leave the building through the hallway between the art room and cafeteria. Parents and guardians who drive their children to and from school will use the upper driveway. Adults will stop the car at the main entrance and children will walk to the building, where a staff member will meet them. At the end of the day, cars will form a line starting at the main entrance and students will be dismissed in order by a staff member.