

SMITH TIMES

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Learning Outside of the School Walls

Students continue to enjoy many opportunities to **learn with their classes outside of the school building** – in the woods, hiking Camel’s Hump, at Star Base, and at Shelburne Museum.

Second graders in **Mrs. Carpenter’s** and **Mrs. Kissell’s** classes read *The Secret School* by Avi and then visited a one-room school house (above), a blacksmith’s shop (to the right), and other sites at Shelburne Museum to make the book come alive.

Thank you to the parents who have been able to take part and assist in these learning experiences!

Friday, October 21 is an Inservice Day for teachers. *There will be no school*. A reminder that **K-8 Parent –Teacher Conferences** this year will be **Monday and Tuesday, November 21-22**. *There will be no school November 21-22*.



Strategic Planning Meeting Postponed

Due to a scheduling conflict with a School Board Meeting, the **Strategic Planning** event scheduled for Thursday, October 13th has been postponed. Please stay tuned for a future date and details. The School Board meeting was moved to **tonight, October 13 at 7:00 at Edmunds Middle School**.

Reminder about Playground Safety

To be sure students are as safe as possible, we remind families of these playground expectations:



- Safety expectations are always in effect on the C.P. Smith playground; before, during, and after school hours.
- Tag, ball tag, and other running games should be on the ground, away from structures.
- Trees are a shady spot to rest, not to climb on.
- Sitting on the very top of monkey bars or chin up bars is not allowed or safe.

Friday Community Meeting



Thanks to **Charlie and Caris Gaito, Colin White, Forest and Celeste Hine** and their parents for sharing "Scorch," a robotic lake monster they recently created at last week's Friday Community Meeting.

This week **the fourth grade classes** will be sharing their recent experiences at the Sailing Center.

Halloween Family Fun Night!



All students and families are welcome to the **Halloween Family Fun Night and Dance Party** on **October 28** from **6:00-8:00 p.m.** at C.P. Smith. This fun event is sponsored by the

PTO. You can **volunteer** to help by clicking here: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c094eaaaa29aaf94-halloween>

Vermont Tragedy

The Vermont community has been deeply saddened by the death of five teenagers in a tragic car crash this past weekend. I am sharing a message that has been sent out to schools in case you might wish to learn more about how to help.

A MESSAGE FROM WASHINGTON WEST SUPERVISORY UNION - The "Five Families Fund."
Please share this message:

The Central Vermont community has come together to mourn the loss of five vibrant young lives. In an effort to help our five families in a meaningful way, many are asking "What Can We Do?"

This morning, the Mad River Community Fund met and agreed to make an initial donation to each family from the Community Fund regular endowment to cover immediate needs. The Community Fund has also set up a specific conduit for local contributions.

You can **DONATE** in one of two ways:

1. The "Five Families Fund" link may be accessed from this website: <http://www.MRVcommunityfund.org>.
2. Please mail checks to: Mad River Valley Community Fund, PO Box 353, Waitsfield, VT 05673.

All contributions should be earmarked "Five Families Fund" and are tax deductible. All contributions will be shared equally among the families. This fundraising campaign is fully endorsed by Brigid Nease, WWSU Superintendent of Schools.

C. P. SMITH CALENDAR OF EVENTS



- 10/19 Grades 3 and 4 – Flynn Theater
- 10/21 No School – Teacher Inservice Day
- 10/28 Halloween Raffle/Family Fun Night
- 11/14 PTO Meeting 5:30-7:00 p.m.
- 11/21-22 Parent-Teacher Conferences



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