

SMITH TIMES

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Friday Community Meetings



Thank you to the **Nepali Dance Group**, including our own fourth grade student **Dixita Pradhan**, who performed for C.P. Smith this past Friday! **We do not have a Friday Community Meeting this week.** Instead, some 4th and 5th grade \ students will be competing in the school district's Spelling Bee, and students will also have a surprise celebration on Friday.

In the Woods

We are paying attention to notices about the possibility of **more ticks and mosquitoes this year.** **Christine Armstrong**, school nurse, provides this important information for families:

Greetings parents, I hope this information is helpful to you now that summer is approaching. At this point we do not apply bug repellents at school so please prepare students at home, especially if your student is going to the woods or on a field trip.

Cover up your skin by wearing pants, long sleeves, and long socks. Tucking your pant legs into your socks and tucking your shirt into your pants can help keep ticks on off of your skin.

Apply an insect repellent that contains 20-30% DEET on exposed skin and clothing. Do not spray repellent on skin that is covered by clothing.

Apply permethrin to your clothes. Permethrin kills ticks on contact and remains protective through several washings. Do not use permethrin on skin.

Make sure the repellent you use is registered by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Go to <https://www.epa.gov/insect-repellents/find-insect-repellent-right-you> to access an EPA tool for finding repellents.



Bike Trips

Many biking field trips will be happening between now and the end of the school year. **Fifth graders** above recently biked out to the Causeway for an afternoon adventure. A reminder that students need **bike helmets** along with their bikes. *If families have **extra bike helmets that they no longer need**, please consider donating them to the school for the use of other students.* We appreciate being able to borrow bicycles from **Hunt Middle School** too.



State Testing

State testing continues this week with **3rd graders** doing the SBAC Tests the weeks of **May 15 and 22nd** and **4th graders** doing the **Science NECAP** tests beginning **May 18**. *Thanks to students who have been very focused and positive in completing these tests.*



5th Grade Step Up Days

The school district's two middle schools have planned Step Up Days for **current 5th graders** on Friday, **May 26 from 12:30-2:00**. Teachers here at C.P. Smith will be accompanying students to the Step Up Days. Most students will be going to **Hunt Middle School**, so we will be walking there on May 26. For any students going to

Edmunds Middle School, there will also be a Parent Information Night on Tuesday, May 23 from 6:00-7:00 in the EMS Library. For more information, please contact **Ms. Guilmette, Mr. Pecor, Ms. Raudonat, or Ms. Brigham**.

5th Grade Helping Out in Kindergarten!



Welcome New Kindergarten Families



Today we welcomed **new Kindergarten families** to C.P. Smith. We will have two kindergarten classes next year, and it was exciting for our new students and parents to visit us to learn more about our kindergarten program. Thanks to the **PTO** for helping us to welcome our new families!

Flip Flops

This time of year students (and adults too!) are enjoying wearing summer clothes. Please be sure that your **children always have sneakers with them at school**, however, as we see too many injuries at recess and gym when students are wearing flip flops. Thank you!

End of the School Year

With the addition of make-up Snow Days to our school



calendar, here is how the **end of the school year** will work for C.P. Smith.

- Friday, June 9 – **Field Day**. Classes will rotate through the variety of field events with a schedule announced in early June.
- Tuesday, June 13 – **School Picnic/Celebration Day** at Oakledge Park. Students will bike or ride busses to and from, leaving Smith about 9:30 and returning from Oakledge starting about 1:30. Burlington Food Service will provide a school-wide picnic at Oakledge.
- Wednesday, June 14 – **Farewell Appreciation Ceremony** for departing staff members at 8:30 a.m.
- Thursday, June 15 – **5th Grade Goodbye Ceremony** at 8:30 a.m.
- Friday, June 16 – **Move Up Day**. Students will meet their next year's teachers and then return to their classes for a half day of school. More information will be provided on this day in early June. Dismissal will be at 11:30 a.m.
- Monday, June 19 – **Last Day of School**. Dismissal will be at 11:30 a.m.

**COOKBOOKS FOR SALE,
HOT OFF THE PRESS!**

Next week the PTO will have available for sale a **cookbook featuring recipes from some of Vermont's most popular restaurants, farms and food purveyors.**



The cookbook, titled "**Vermont Cooks!**" was compiled by the PTO and contains over 180 awesome recipes. **Get your own and a few extras as gifts.**

Order forms are available in the Main Office. Thank you to **Amy Kivirrana** and many other **parents** for their support and work on this project. **All proceeds benefit the PTO.** Happy Cooking!

Art in Action at C.P. Smith

5th graders making their marks while sprucing up the school's bulletin boards!



C. P. SMITH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 5/19 District Elementary Spelling Bee
- 5/29 Memorial Day – No School
- 6/9 Field Day
- 6/13 School Picnic/Trip to Oakledge Park
- 6/14 Farewell Appreciation Celebration 8:30
- 6/15 5th Grade Goodbye Ceremony 8:30
- 6/16 Move Up Day – Dismissal 11:30 a.m.
- 6/19 Last Day – Dismissal 11:30 a.m.