

# SMITH TIMES

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## Reading

In these first weeks of school, I have quickly learned that **C.P. Smith students are readers!** As these students in Ms. Mancuso's class show, reading groups have started in classes, and students have many opportunities to read throughout the school day. Please be sure to also encourage your students to read at home!



## Thank You!

The school picnic this past Friday was an outstanding success. **Thanks to the PTO and the many parents** who made it happen. Also thank you to the PTO for supporting Picture Day today; everything went smoothly. We expect the pictures to be back in October, and a make-up/retake day will be scheduled then as well for students who were not in school today.

## Student/Emergency Information

A few weeks ago you received a letter asking you to update some of your information by signing into PowerSchool. If you did not already do this, please take the time in the next few days to get this done. **This is extremely important as we need emergency contact information, lunch forms, and other important items** to support your child in school. By doing this electronically, there are more piles of paper to shuttle back and forth between school and

home. **If you do not have access to a computer you may come into the school to use one.** If you need assistance, please call our Administrative Assistant, Tina Desautels, at 864-8479.

Here are steps for updating student info:

1. On a computer or other device, go to the: <http://tinyurl.com/ze26tgm> (or go the district home page at [www.bsdvt.org](http://www.bsdvt.org), then to "parents", then to "PowerSchool", and then to "sign in").
2. This takes you to the BSD PowerSchool Parent Portal (<https://psapp.bsdvt.org/public/home.html>)
3. Create a Parent Portal account (if you haven't already), or if you already have an account, log-in to it.
4. Connect your Parent Portal account with your student(s) using the Access ID that is in the parent letter that we mailed to you a few weeks ago. (If you do not have this letter please contact your school right away to request the code).
5. Login to the BSD PowerSchool Parent Portal
6. Click on Returning Student Registration (on the left hand-side) to start the InfoSnap registration process. More detailed directions are included with this newsletter to help you if you get stuck.



This form replaces many old paper forms and so it has several screens full of questions. You can pause at any time in the process by clicking on "**Save and Logout**" in the upper right-hand corner of a screen. When you return, you can pick up where you left off.

Please help us spread the word about support for New American families. We are holding walk-in help sessions to support families in completing the Returning Student information in PowerSchool. The sessions are 4-7 p.m. on Monday, September 19 at the Sustainability Academy, and September 26 at Hunt. Multilingual Liaisons and on-call Interpreters will be on hand to help families. Childcare and light refreshments will be provided. Thank you.



### **Golden Tickets**

C.P. Smith awards “Cat Cards” in honor of the catamount school mascot for students who go “above and beyond” in being helpful, respectful, responsible in school. When students in a class, such as Mr. Deyo’s above, collect 100 “Cat Cards,” the class earns a **Golden Ticket**. When each of our 15 classrooms earns a Golden Ticket, we have a school-wide celebration. **We have reached that point already this school year!** Ask your child tomorrow about the celebration we will have tomorrow afternoon. *Congratulations to all students on being so positive this school year!*



### **PE News**

We are glad to have Chris Souliere back at C.P. Smith this year! Here is what is going on in PE classes:

**Kindergarten Classes** have been working on learning personal space, boundaries, stop and go,

as well as simple motor skills such as: running, skipping, galloping. We have talked about the size of our hearts (fist) and the importance of exercise for our muscles and brains.

**First and Second Grades** have been reviewing safety rules and PE expectations as well as working on cooperative activities using cone cups with a tennis ball to improve eye hand coordination.

**Third, Fourth, and Fifth Grades** have been reviewing the PE Pledge Rules and Expectations as well as working with cone cups in small groups and

individual groups. Soccer skills and game play is coming up for the next few weeks.. We have also talked about the difference between skill related fitness and health related fitness,

**Please send sneakers to school with all students.** The schedule is available on the school website. Safe Routes to School started today, Wednesday September 14.



### **The Woods**

Kindergarten classes and Ms. Spinner’s first grade class are using the **nearby woods** one day a week to learn in new ways and discover the world around us. As Mr. Deyo’s blog reports, “ It was beautiful... we had discussed the things children noticed when stepping outside of their houses (birds singing, animals scurrying, wind blowing, sun shining, etc.) and continued that practice while entering the woods as "spy scientists.” Today in honor of International Dot Day, “students accepted the challenge to find dots in the woods during our rain-shortened visit.”

All students will have the chance to experience learning in new ways this year through **field trips** to places such as the Sailing Center, the Flynn Theater and hiking Camel’s Hump and through **science units** taught by parents and the Montshire Museum. Thank you to teachers for organizing these learning opportunities with support from the PTO.

### **SES is now HATS**

NCLB was reauthorized in December 2015 as the Every Child Succeeds Act (ESSA). Although Supplemental Educational Services are not required under ESSA, the Burlington Schools will be providing alternative supports [Homework and Tutoring

Services- HATS] to those students who previously would have been eligible for SES. Eligible students in grades 2-12 may receive Homework Help as part of the school's after school program or supplemental tutoring in Reading and/or Math by an outside provider. Applications will be sent home in two weeks, with the program to begin by the end of October.

### **Announcements**

**Stress Ball Sale:** Fifth grade students Kim Tran, Emily Martines-Smith, Camryn Poulin, and Erika Benware will be selling “stress balls” next Monday before school. Proceeds will go to programs benefiting the homeless. The cost of the balls are from 25 to 75 cents, depending on their size.

**Nurturing Parenting Programs (NPP) and Circle of Parents (COP):** These Family Support Programs offer support groups for parents who are looking for extra support and/or want to learn additional skills around parenting. There are groups designed for all families and situations ranging from programs specifically for dads to parenting children in foster and adoptive families.

There are NPPs starting in Enosburgh, Essex, St. Albans, and South Burlington. All programs are free of charge with a light meal provided. Childcare is also available free of charge for groups who need it. Contact [hniquette@pcavt.org](mailto:hniquette@pcavt.org) or by phone at [802-498-0607](tel:802-498-0607) for more information or to make a referral for any group/program. Space is limited in each program!

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### **Adolescent Brain Cognitive Development**

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**WHAT IS THE ABCD STUDY?**

ABCD stands for Adolescent Brain Cognitive Development, and it is a landmark study supported

by the National Institutes of Health (NIH). Across the country ABCD investigators will enroll 10,000 families and follow children from ages 9 – 10 into early adulthood. The goal is to understand how children’s experiences affect brain development and other aspects of their life - including school, friendships, behavior and health.

**WHY SHOULD VERMONT KIDS PARTICIPATE?**

The University of Vermont is one of only 19 sites selected to run the ABCD study. This is a great opportunity to ensure that Vermont youth and their experiences are included in this nationwide study. All data will be treated confidentially and kids and their parents will be reimbursed for their participation.

**HOW CAN MY FAMILY PARTICIPATE?**

If you are the parent or legal guardian of a 9 or 10 year old your family may be eligible to participate. Look for printed material to come home from school with your child soon. We look forward to meeting your family! You can sign up for the study by following this link:

<https://abcdcontact.me/school/500282000064>

For more information:

Call the UVM team at (802) 847 – 4562

Email us at [ABCD@uvm.edu](mailto:ABCD@uvm.edu)

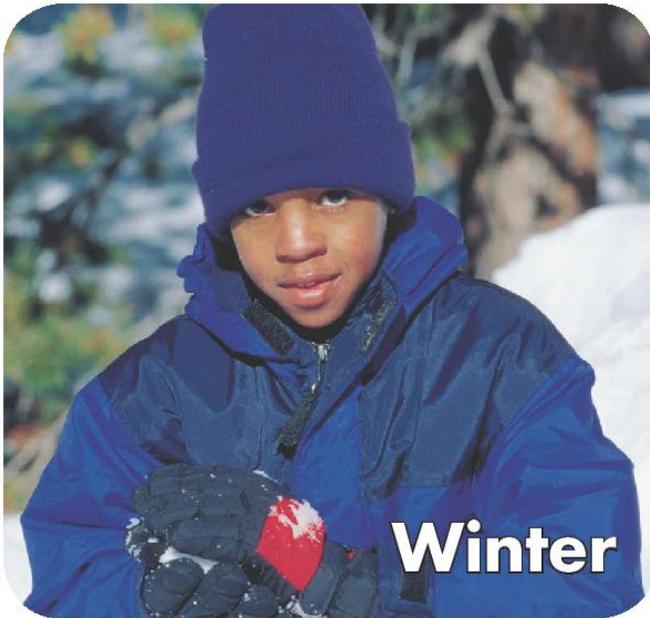
Visit the ABCD website: [www.ABCDStudy.org](http://www.ABCDStudy.org).

**Cub Scouts:** Cub Pack 651 Sign-up Night  
CP Smith - Thursday September 15th @ 6:30PM  
See the flyer below



**HAVE A GREAT WEEK!**

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