

SMITH TIMES

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The Principal's Corner

Greetings!

Students in Grades 3-5 will soon be administered the Mathematics Interim Assessment Block to measure their progress in this important subject area. Students in Grade 3 will be taking the Operations and Algebraic Thinking Assessment, students in Grade 4 and 5 will be administered the Numbers and Operations in Base Ten Assessments. Students will be taking these tests under the supervision of their classroom teachers later this month. For more information about these assessments, please contact me at the school at 864-8479 or tfleury@bsdvt.org.



Mrs. Maureen Ketcham, our Interim P.E. teacher, is planning a dance performance for Thursday, January 28, 2016 at 1:45 p.m. in the gym. We hope

you will be able to attend to see students in each grade performing a variety of dances they have learned. Our International Dinner—sponsored by the P.T.O.—will be held that evening from 5:30-7:00 p.m. in the gym. What a great day that will be for activities to celebrate cultures around the world!

We will hold our Annual Title I Meeting on Friday, January 29, 2016 at 8:00 a.m. in the library. Please plan to join us for a review of our Parent Involvement Policy and our Home-School Compact. A free school breakfast (including coffee!) is available for all who attend. We value your ideas and input.

We are tightening up our emergency management protocols to make our building more safe, and we need your help. Due to an incident inside the building recently, **we are requesting that all parents and guardians who choose to enter the building to drop off their children in the morning say their good-byes in the lobby and not walk them to their classrooms. If you have a specific need to speak with a teacher prior to the start of or during the school day, please communicate that to Mrs. Desautels at the main office, and she will either contact the teacher or leave her/him a message on your behalf.** If the teacher is able to meet with you at that time, you will be asked to sign in and put on a visitor badge to wear while you are in the building.

You will find in this issue of the newsletter a calendar of activities and events for the remainder of the 2015-16 school year. We will keep you posted of any changes as far in advance as possible.

Thanks for all you are doing—and will do—to make our school community one of safety, respect, and responsibility for all who come through our doors.

To Parents and Guardians of 4th and 5th grade students:

Please check your child's backpack!

I've sent home a letter to you that describes what our pediatrician consultant will teach your students next month when she covers the changes of puberty, conception, and HIV and other infectious diseases. The letter also has a list of reference books about the topics for parents and children to choose from. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me, Christine Armstrong, at 864-8504.



Supplemental Educational Services



The January enrollment window for SES is now open. There are a limited number of spaces available but new students are encouraged to apply.

Students do not need to reapply if an application was completed in the Fall. All new applications should be returned to the main office in each school by Monday, January 25, 2016.

If you need a copy of the SES application please visit the kiosk located in the front lobby or ask Mrs. Desautels in the main office.

Calendar of Events



- 1/16:** Open Gym Time for Families (11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.)
- 1/18:** Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday (No school)
- 1/22:** P.T.O. Movie Night (6:30 p.m.) *Rescheduled from 1/15/16*
- 1/28:** Dance Performance (1:45 p.m.) -- Gym *Rescheduled from 1/29/16*
- 1/28:** International Dinner (5:30-7:00 p.m.)
- 1/29:** Annual Title I Meeting (8:00 a.m.) -- Library
- 2/8:** P.T.O. Meeting/Dinner (5:30-7:00 p.m.) -- Library
- 2/11:** "Aladdin" Performance for School (1:00 p.m.) - H.M.S.
- 2/12:** "Aladdin" Evening Performance (7:00 p.m.) -- H.M.S.
- 2/13:** "Aladdin" Matinee Performance (4:00 p.m.) -- H.M.S.
- 2/19:** Second Trimester Report Cards Distributed
- 2/22 – 3/1:** Winter Vacation
- 3/10:** Science Fair (6:00-8:00 p.m.) -- Gym
- 3/14:** P.T.O. Meeting/Dinner (5:30-7:00 p.m.) -- Library
- 3/17:** Annual School Concert (1:30 p.m.) -- Gym
- 3/18:** Spring Fling/Family Fun Night (6:00-8:00 p.m.) -- Gym
- 3/24 – 3/25:** Parent-Teacher Conferences
- 4/11:** P.T.O. Meeting/Dinner (5:30-7:00 p.m.) -- Library
- 4/18 – 4/22:** Spring Vacation
- 5/9:** P.T.O. Meeting/Dinner (5:30-7:00 p.m.) -- Library
- 6/3:** Field Day -- School Grounds
- 6/3:** ??? Farewell Picnic (5:00-7:00 p.m.) -- School Grounds
- 6/8:** Appreciation Assembly (8:30 a.m.) -- Gym
- 6/9:** Farewell Assembly (8:30 a.m.) -- Gym
- 6/9:** Last Day of School (11:30 a.m. dismissal)
- 6/17:** Student Placement Letters Mailed

News from Around the School

Mrs. Maureen Ketcham, our substitute teacher for Physical Education, is organizing a dance performance for our school. The performance will involve all students in Grades K-5. The Grades 3-5 classes will be performing Tinikling, a folk dance from The Phillipines. Students in Grades K-2 will be choosing their favorite dances from among those they have practiced. The dance performance will be held on Thursday, January 28th at 1:45 p.m. in the gym. Please join us if you can!

Mrs. Danielle Hurley, our Music Teacher, is organizing a school chorus. The chorus will be rehearsing on Thursdays from 2:45-3:30 p.m. and possibly more as our March performance nears.

Mr. Dale Pecor is organizing a C.P. Smith Elementary Geography Bee Team. They are learning a lot about the world and having fun doing so!

Each winter, we open our gym on Saturday mornings for families to use together. Feel free to join us Saturday, January 16th from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The gym will also be open on January 23rd and 30th and February 6th and 13th.

Pre-K and Kindergarten Registration

Registration for the current 2015-2016 school year is on a rolling basis. Enrollment for the next school year, 2016-2017, opens on January 4, 2016 and closes on February 19, 2016, with school placement notification sent out the week of April 4, 2016. If you have a child turning five on or before September 1, 2016, you need to register them for kindergarten now.

If there are more first choice registrations than there are spots, we will look at families' second choices. When a student doesn't receive their first choice school, a District employee will contact the family to discuss their options for schools. Applications received after February 19, 2016 will be considered based upon available space.

Beginning January 4, all forms can be found at our District Website, www.bsdtv.org, in any of our schools, or at our District Office at 150 Colchester Ave. Families completing registration forms should bring a copy of their child's Birth Certificate or other proof of age, a copy of their immunization records and proof of residency.

Pre-k registration will also open on January 4, 2016. Visit www.bsdtv.org or call (802) 864-8463 for more information.

Feel free to contact any schools if you would like to arrange a visit.