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The Principal's Corner

Greetings!

C.P. Smith School has now gone paperless . . . at least in terms of our weekly newsletters. We hope you find this new format for our newsletter an easy and more environmentally-friendly way to receive information about our school.

We are pleased that Ms. Sandi Stanhope, a distinguished consultant in the area of mathematics, was again able to meet with teacher teams about research-based instruction in this vital academic area.



Please plan to join us for our annual International Celebration Dinner on Thursday, January 22nd from 5:30-7:00 p.m. at the school. We're asking

families who attend the dinner to bring a dish (without nuts) to share that represents a country or culture of their choice. It would be helpful if each family would identify their dish by contents and the country/culture it represents. Our school chorus will provide some wonderful entertainment as we celebration the diverse customs within our local community.

We will be starting our "open gym" sessions on Saturday mornings again soon. The gym will be open for families on January 24th and 31st and February 7th and 14th from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Please feel free to join us as we strive to beat "cabin fever" and have good fun and exercise this winter.

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.

Parents



We have been seeing a number of students in various classrooms who are being treated for headlice. This is a reminder to check your child's head weekly for the eggs of the lice which look like tiny,

tiny white or tan raindrops stuck to the hair shaft. Typically, these are seen in the hair behind the ear and the neck. Unlike dandruff, these don't blow off and are a sign that there are bugs in the hair--even if you don't see the bugs themselves. Cetaphil lotion is the most effective and least toxic treatment that I know of--along with daily combing for several weeks! Remember, check weekly to detect early. Don't share helmets or hats!

Please feel free to call if you have any questions about identifying (-I have samples in my office-) or treating head lice.

Stay warm!

From Mrs. Quaglietta



Jessica McDonald, a graduate student from the University of Vermont's Communication Sciences and Disorders program, will be interning with our

school's speech-language pathologist, Colleen Quaglietta. She will be interning at our school Mondays and Thursdays. This internship will start January 12th and end in mid May.

Calendar of Events



- 1/19:** Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday (No School)
- 1/22:** International Celebration Dinner (5:30-7:00 p.m.)
- 1/24:** Open Gym (10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.) -- Gym
- 1/30:** Community Connection Gathering/Annual Title I Meeting (8:00-9:00 a.m.) -- Cafeteria
- 1/31:** Open Gym (10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.) -- Gym
- 2/6:** Family Fun Night (6:00-8:00 p.m.) -- Gym
- 2/7:** Open Gym (10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.) -- Gym
- 2/9:** P.T.O. Meeting/Dinner (5:30-7:00 p.m.)
- 2/12:** School Performance of “The Hobbit”
-- Hunt School
- 2/13:** Evening Performance of “The Hobbit”
(7:00 p.m.) -- Hunt School
- 2/14:** Open Gym (10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.) -- Gym
- 2/14:** Evening Performance of “The Hobbit (7:00 p.m.)
-- Hunt School
- 2/20:** 2nd Trimester Report Cards Distributed
- 2/23 – 3/3:** Winter Vacation
- 3/4:** School Resumes After Winter Vacation
- 3/9:** P.T.O. Meeting/Dinner (5:30-7:00 p.m.)
- 3/11:** Math Night (6:30-7:30 p.m.)
- 3/19:** Science Fair (6:30-7:30 p.m.)
- 3/26-3/27:** Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 4/13:** P.T.O. Meeting/Dinner (5:30-7:00 p.m.)
- 4/20 – 4/24:** Spring Vacation
- 5/11:** P.T.O. Meeting/Dinner (5:30-7:00 p.m.)
- 5/25:** Memorial Day Holiday

News from Around the School



Students in Ms. Kerrin Flanagan’s Grade 1 class have been reviewing their addition strategies, including counting on doubles, doubles plus one, and friends of 10.

They also read the book, 12 Ways to Get to 11. In Writing, they have returned to personal narratives.

Students in Mrs. Carolyn Pallutto’s Grade 1 class have begun having Spelling homework. Hopefully, some of these students will become part of another winning Spelling Team in a few years!

Students in Ms. Brockway’s Grade 4 class continue to be excited about DreamBox, a web-based math program that is aligned with the Common Core.

Students in Grade 4 will take the National Assessment of Educational Progress (N.A.E.P.) tests on Tuesday, January 27th. Information about this went home to Grade 4 parents recently.

Students in Grades 4 and 5 who tried out for “The Hobbit” have been assigned their roles and have begun rehearsing for their February performances. (See calendar.) We are excited to again be working with the Very Merry Theater on this wonderful fine arts project! Students in Grade 3 will make up the chorus.

