

SMITH TIMES

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The Principal's Corner

Greetings!

It was wonderful to see so many families attend last week's International Celebration Dinner, held each year to honor the various countries and cultures across the world and within our own school community. Many thanks to our Family-School Partnership Team and P.T.O. for supporting this event. Many thanks, too, to Ms. Chelsea Rood and our Grades 4-5 Chorus for singing songs from different cultures.

We also had a good turnout for the first of our open gym sessions on Saturday. These times for fun and fitness for families are 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for the next three Saturdays. (Please refer to the school calendar for more information.) Feel free to join us!

Kindergarten registration is now taking place for the 2015-16 school year. If you have a child who will turn 5 years old before September 1, 2015, s/he is eligible for Kindergarten. Please call or stop by the school as soon as possible to register him/her for next year. The earlier a family registers a child, the more likely they are to receive one of their top choices of schools. For more information, please contact the school at 864-8479.

Rehearsals for "The Hobbit" are going well. Our cast and chorus are working hard for upcoming performances on Friday, February 13th at 7:00 p.m. and on Saturday, February 14th at 4:00 p.m. (Both performances will be at Lyman Hunt Middle School.) Please plan to join us! We are so thankful for the Very Merry Theatre, which is sponsoring this annual production.

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.

News from Around the School



Students in Ms. Kerrin Flanagan's Grade 1 class have started the research phase of their nonfiction unit. First, they wrote all of the questions they have about the world, all of the things they wonder about. Next, they chose questions they'd like to research. Soon, they will use nonfiction texts in the library, their classroom, and online to answer their questions.

Students in Mr. Joshua Safran's Grade 4 class are writing their own class newsletter. Entitled, "D-14 Weekly News," the first edition was written by students Lindsay McGinley and Sami Crafts. Here is some of what they wrote on behalf of their class. "In D-14, we have been learning long division. We also have been working on our Scholastic Quiz, which is going really well. Congratulations to everyone who finished their opinion essay!!! The Students of the Week are Alektra (Stojanovic) and Alexis (Relyea) for putting up the flag every day in the cold weather! In Spelling and Vocabulary, we have been doing Science words! We got our 100 Cat Cards today, and we helped the school reach our 15 golden tickets, and as a reward we went to the computer lab for free time, and I saw that a lot of people enjoyed that." Thank you, Lindsay and Sami, for so capably writing about all the good things happening.

All students in Grade 4 recently took the National Assessment of Educational Progress (N.A.E.P.) tests, which are given to students of this grade level across the country in order to monitor academic progress of students in the United States. Our students worked very hard on these tests. Although individual student results are not shared with schools, we do see general data from across Vermont and the country as a whole.

Calendar of Events

- 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:** Matinee Performance of “The Hobbit (4:00 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
- 6/4:** Appreciation Assembly (8:30 a.m.)
- 6/5:** Field Day
- 6/5:** End of School Picnic (5:00-7:00 p.m.)
- 6/12:** Farewell Assembly (8:30 a.m.)
- 6/12:** Last Day of School for Students (11:30 a.m. dismissal)

NOFA Children’s Conference

The next generation of farmers, gardeners, and food lovers (ages 5-12) is invited to participate in two days of special programming at NOFA Vermont’s Children’s Conference—running concurrently with the 33rd annual Winter Conference—February 14 and 15, at the University of Vermont. Led by an incredible group of educators, yogis, musicians, artists, farmers, foresters, and environmentalists, the workshops nurture stewardship and sustainability...and are guaranteed to be a lot of fun! The cost is just \$30/day per child. More details and registration information at <http://nofavt.org/conference/childrens> or by calling (802) 434-4122.

The Big Change Round Up

C. P. Smith School will be participating in The Big Change Round Up again this year. This is a fabulous way for us to participate in community outreach. All of the money collected, is given to the VT Children's Hospital here in Burlington. The money is used for toys, stuffed animals, craft projects, and anything that would make a child feel like a kid while he/she is in the hospital. We will be collecting money from Friday, January 30 until the day before February break which is Friday, February 20. We ask that children bring in as much change as they can to add to their classroom's “loot bag”. Change can be found in couch cushions, cars, little jars around the house, pockets and even piggy banks! Students should tell people what they are collecting money for, and they may give kids some change! Each day the money will be collected first thing in the morning. Thank you and let the round up begin!

**BIG CHANGE
ROUNDUP** ★ FOR KIDS
Making a difference
one dime at a time.



January 30, 2015

Dear Parent/Guardians,

This year, Burlington School District Elementary Schools will be using the *Care For Kids* (grades PreK-2) and *We Care Elementary* (grades 3-5) sexual abuse prevention programs. These programs develop adults' capacity to protect children from sexual abuse and take a comprehensive approach to helping students build healthy relationships. Both programs are brought to us by Prevent Child Abuse Vermont, a non-profit serving parents, schools, and individuals throughout the state. These experiential and interactive curricula focus on helping children build communication and empathy skills as well as understand boundaries.

J.J.Flynn Elementary School and CP Smith Elementary School will be hosting an event for parents of elementary school students to learn about these programs and to discuss how we all promote healthy relationships with kids. This event provides parents an opportunity to talk with one another about their experiences discussing relationships with children and consider the different strategies that adults can use to promote healthy relationship skills.

All parents are welcome and encouraged to attend the *Care For Kids* and *We Care Elementary* Parent Event on **Wednesday February 18th from 6:30 to 8:00 at J.J.Flynn Elementary School.**

It is strongly encouraged that all parents/guardians attend this event. Adult involvement in prevention is critical and truly does make a difference. Additionally, for more information about the *Care For Kids* and *We Care Elementary* Programs, please visit www.PCAVT.org.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please feel free to call Liane Couture (864-8445) or Kate Guilmette (864-8504).

Sincerely,

Kate Guilmette
School Counselors



School Food News
The farm fields are frozen,
but our farmers have jobs
of delicious root vegetables
stored away for winter.
Check out your lunch line
for local carrots and
potatoes.



*Member - Community Farm



Burlington School District K-8 Lunch Menu - February 2015

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 Chicken Nuggets Dinner Roll ICEY Baked Potato Bar with Sour Cream, Cheddar Cheese & Salsa Cauliflower Carrot Coins	3 PIZZA TUESDAY: Cheese, Turkey Pepperoni, or Veggie Pizza Zesty Caesar Salad Homemade Croutons	4 TACO DAY! Soft or Crunchy Tortilla with Seasoned Beef or Beans Salsa Con Cucumbers with Avocado	5 Spaghetti & Meatballs with Pesto or Marinara Sauce School House Broccoli Sweet Pepper Strips	6 Grilled Cheese Sandwich Tomato Soup Jelly, Orange, Water
9 Herb-Roasted Chicken Buttery Green Beans Garlic Bread Balsamic & Cauliflower & Veggies	10 PIZZA TUESDAY! Cheese, Turkey Pepperoni, or Veggie Pizza Zesty Caesar Salad Homemade Croutons	11 BURGER DAY: Hamburger, Cheeseburger or Veggie Burger Crispy French Fries "Special" Prizable Wedges	12 American Goulash Beef or Vegetarian Roasted Broccoli & Cauliflower Rainbow Bean Salad	13 The Days of Summer All-Beef Hot Dog New England Baked Beans Fresh Melon Slices
16 Crispy Chicken Dippers Sweet Potato Waffle Fries Cauliflower & Hummus	17 PIZZA TUESDAY! Cheese, Turkey Pepperoni, or Veggie Pizza Zesty Caesar Salad Homemade Croutons	18 Cheesy Baked Ziti Honey Glazed Winter Squash Fresh Melon Bites	19 FAJITA DAY! Chicken or Bean Fajita with Salsa, Cheddar Cheese, Shredded Refried or Black Beans & Rice	20 Cheesy Breadsticks with Marinara Dipping Sauce Roasted Broccoli & Cauliflower Jelly, Orange, Water

February 23rd - March 3rd
NO SCHOOL



INCLUDED WITH LUNCH:
Milk
Fresh Fruit & Salad Bar
Homemade Soup

Fresh Fruit & Salad Bars
feature an ever-changing
assortment of fruit,
vegetables, whole grains,
beans, homemade salads,
meats, seeds and
yogurt selections.

Daily sandwich choices
available at all schools
and may include PB&J,
Turkey, Ham & Cheese.

Vegetarian options are
available every day!

Vermont Milk Choices:
1% White
Fat Free White
Fat Free Chocolate



We offer a variety of choices every day. For more information, please contact us at 866-9416 or schoolfoodjobsdvt.org.

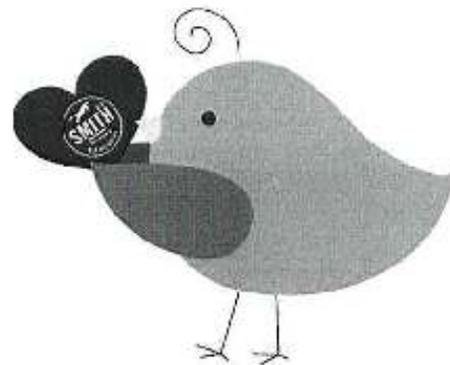
Menu items are subject to change without notice.

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Save the Date!

Valentine's Family Fun Night & Dance Party

Friday, February 6th
C.P. Smith School
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm



Admission: \$3 adults \$2 students (\$8 max per family)
Every child must be accompanied by an adult.
(Food and activities range from \$0.50-\$1.00 each)

Music TATTOOS popsicles **bake sale**
lemonade **Pizza** Dancing popcorn
FACE PAINTING ... and tons of fun!

Money raised at this event will
benefit C.P. Smith students **this year!**