

SMITH TIMES

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The Principal's Corner

Wow! It's February already. Can you believe it? Once January ends, winter doesn't quite seem so long, especially as we begin to see the sun shining a little bit later each afternoon.

School will be dismissed at 11:30 a.m. next Thursday, February 7th. Lunches will be served prior to dismissal for students who want them. Our afternoon inservice time will be for staff members to work on a number of school projects that are difficult or impossible to complete during the regular school day. Afterschool time on most school days is devoted to committee work and the many other responsibilities which teachers of today face in a changing profession and changing society.

Thanks to hardworking cast and crew members and a small group of wonderful parent volunteers (including Mrs. Jessica Story-Huston, who faithfully comes to school each day to coordinate practice sessions and oversee all operations of the play), our play, "Alice in Wonderland" is really starting to take shape. We hope you will join us for the evening performances of it on Friday, February 15th or the matinee on Saturday, February 16th. These performances will take place in the auditorium at Lyman C. Hunt Middle School, and donations will be requested to help defray the cost of the play. We thank another parent, Ms. Amy Livingston, for helping to secure a grant to also pay for some of the expenses related to this wonderful production. Refreshments will also be served in the lobby at intermission. Please join us!

Please consult the Calendar of Events for other important activities related to our school community.

Thank you for all you do to make our school a community of respectful, responsible, and safe learners. A total of 245 postcards and other contacts (via telephone or email) have been made to recognize and reinforce positive student behavior.

May a safe and enjoyable winter weekend be yours!

Calendar of Events



2/2: Family Open Gym Time
(10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.)

2/6: Family-School Partnership Team Meeting
(3:00 p.m.) -- Principal's Office

2/7: Half Day of School Due to Teacher Inservice in the Afternoon. School Dismissed at 11:30.

2/7: Evening Story Hour (6:30-7:30 p.m.) --
Ellie B. McNamara Memorial Library

2/8: Full Bag Food Pantry (2:00-3:00 p.m.) --
Side Door of School

2/14: Performance of "Alice in Wonderland" for
Students and Staff -- Lyman C. Hunt

2/15: Second Trimester Ends

2/15: Evening Performance of "Alice in
Wonderland" (7:00 p.m.) -- Lyman C. Hunt

2/16: Matinee Performance of "Alice in
Wonderland" (4:00 p.m.) -- Lyman C. Hunt

2/22: Second Trimester Report Cards
Distributed to Students

2/25 – 3/5: Winter Recess (No School)

3/8: Translators Available to Review Report
Cards with Parent/Guardians -- Principal's
Office

3/15: Kindergarten Registration Deadline for
Early Notification. (Notices to be sent 4 /29)

Big Change Round Up



Mrs. Tetrault, Mrs. Slack, Mrs. Flanagan and Mrs. Harvey are happy to announce that C.P. Smith will take part in the Big Change Round Up. This

fundraiser supports the VT Children's Hospital here in Burlington, VT. It's easy for everyone to participate. We ask that you send in any of your spare change and add it to your classroom's "loot bag". Each day a student will come around and collect the "loot of change". Last year C.P. Smith collected \$603.31. This year our goal is to raise \$750.00. The money is used to help children with medical issues feel like children, rather than patients. Please help us support this wonderful cause. We will collect change from Monday, Feb. 4th – Friday, March 8th. Thank you.

Winter Baseball Clinic--Burlington American Little League



Although we are still in the midst of winter, spring *will* come and with it a new baseball season. For anyone interested in getting a jump on the season, Burlington American Little League is hosting a baseball clinic Saturday, 9 February from 8-10 am at the Edge Fitness Center in Williston.

It is open to all kids who reside in Burlington south of Main Street and will be between the ages of 4 and 12 as of 1 May 2013. The clinic will involve throwing, hitting, and fielding instruction and practice from league coaches, as well as BHS coaches and players. The clinic is free of charge to all, though we ask you to consider a small donation to help support the completion of the Bentley Davis Seifer Memorial Field at Calahan Park.

If you have any questions or would like to lend a hand, please contact Jeff Smith at krisjeff@burlingtontelecom.net or 658.7719.

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Props Needed For "Alice In Wonderland" Musical

We are looking for the following items to use in our production of Alice in Wonderland. If you have these, and you would like to donate or loan them to our show, please bring them in to the main office (in a bag labeled, "for Alice in Wonderland") as soon as possible. If you would like your items returned, please mark them carefully with your name and phone number. Contact Jessica Story-Huston (jess_story@hotmail.com or 598-7467) with any questions.

Items Needed

- Spectacles on a stick (for the Queen)
- Buttered toast (pretend, 'play' food)
- long scroll with list of names
- very large candle snuffer
- regular large pots and spoons
- wheel barrow--large enough to hold an average-sized 10 year old
- kid-sized shovel, garden tools (hoe, rake, broom, etc.) metal or plastic
- bucket
- large beach umbrella for 3 Tweedles to fit under
- 2 pocket watches
- medal (to hang around Knight's neck)
- chalk board slates for jury (10?)
- staffs for Diamond playing card characters
- plastic cake (or a large cookie?) and large plastic bottle from pretend food sets
- bubble machine
- glasses/mustache a la Groucho Marx (5)