

# SMITH TIMES

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## The Principal's Corner

Greetings!

Thanks to the efforts of parents Mrs. Carol McCleary and Mrs. Karen Ruben and teachers Mrs. Lynn Slack, Mrs. Christine Tetrault, and Ms. Kerrin Flanagan, our school is launching a new reading program with the support of parent volunteers. As Mrs. Tetrault described it, "Volunteers would come in and listen to a student read books, sight words, and practice letters, one student at a time. They would work with as many students as possible within a one-hour time slot. We would like the volunteers to come in every week at the same time." Kindergarten teachers are seeking volunteers on Fridays from 8:50-9:50 a.m. The times for volunteering in Grade 1 are Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:00-10:00 a.m. **Please pass on the word to other community members (grandparents, neighbors, etc . . .) who also might be interested in coming in once a week to read with children.** An informational meeting for volunteers will be held soon. To sign up or for more information, please contact Mrs. Karen Ruben at 315-369-8966 or kmitchell2ruben@yahoo.com.

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 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. and on Saturday, February 14<sup>th</sup> 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. **Please note the following rehearsal times: Friday, February 6<sup>th</sup> (2:50-4:45 p.m. – Smith Music Room) for all the cast; Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup> (10:00 a.m. – Hunt Middle School) for set construction (bring power**

**drills, saws, paint, paint brushes, and snacks); Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup> (11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. – Hunt) for a dress rehearsal for all cast members (Grade 3 Chorus will rehearse from 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.); Monday, February 9<sup>th</sup> (2:50-5:30 p.m. - Hunt) for a dress rehearsal for all cast members; and Wednesday, February 11<sup>th</sup> (1:50-5:00 p.m. – Hunt) for a dress rehearsal for all cast members (including the Grade 3 Chorus).** "The Hobbit" will be performed at Hunt at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 12<sup>th</sup> for students and staff members of Smith School. *On Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, cast members are expected to arrive at Hunt at 5:45 p.m. for the 7:00 p.m. performance, and on Saturday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, they are expected at Hunt at 2:45 p.m. for the 4:00 p.m. performance.*

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



Ms. Kerrin Flanagan's Grade 1 students now greet each other in different languages during their Morning Meetings and in Math are using adding machine tape to make number strips.

Students are excited about being able to write numbers well into the hundreds.

Mrs. Carolyn Palluto's Grade 1 students are learning to retell the details of stories and respond in writing to what they're reading. They are also writing opinion pieces. In Math, they are creating equations which equal the value of 10 and also measure with non-standard measures, such as inch squares.

Mr. Dale Pecor's Grade 5 students have opened their store, "Pencils and Pens" and are quickly becoming careful and courteous merchants.

## Calendar of Events

- 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:** 2<sup>nd</sup> 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
- 4/2:** Family Bingo and Musical Cake Night  
(6:00 -7:30 p.m.)
- 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)

## Volunteers Needed



We are looking for volunteers to help both Kindergarten classes and Ms. Flanagan's first grade with a new literacy program. Volunteers would come in and listen to a student read books, sight words and practice letters, 1 student at a time. They would work with as many students as possible within a one hour time slot. We would like the volunteers to come in every week at the same time. The Kindergarten time is on Friday from 8:50-9:50. The other two times, Wednesday and Friday 9-10, are for grade 1. If you cannot volunteer but you know someone in the community who might like to help, please let them know about this fulfilling opportunity! We will be having an informational meeting one evening to let all volunteers know exactly what is expected. We hope to see you soon!

Please contact Karen Ruben if you are available to assist us. Here is her contact information:

Phone: [315-369-8966](tel:315-369-8966)

Email: [Kmitchell2ruben@yahoo.com](mailto:Kmitchell2ruben@yahoo.com)

Christine Tetrault, Lynn Slack and Kerrin Flanagan

## From the School Social Worker

Deanna Allen, School Social Worker, is looking for kid's snow pants, gloves, and sweat pants. If you have some that have been outgrown, please consider bringing them by school so they can benefit other kids in our community. Thanks!!



**Thank you for volunteering to read with students at  
CP Smith School!**



**Please keep the top portion of this page for your records.**

**Times:**

Wednesdays and Fridays 9-10 AM

Fridays 8:50-9:50 AM

**Contact at CP Smith:**

Karen Ruben

Phone: 315-369-8966

Email: [Kmittchell2ruben@yahoo.com](mailto:Kmittchell2ruben@yahoo.com)

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**CP Smith Reading Program Volunteer Information:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Circle any or all times you would like to volunteer:

Wednesday  
9-10

Friday  
9-10

Friday  
8:50-9:50

## 2015 Burlington School Board Commissioner Election Information

### **Our Schools, Our Community, Our Future**

Election Day: March 3, 2015

Information Published by The Partnership for Change: January 28, 2015

#### **Redistricting**

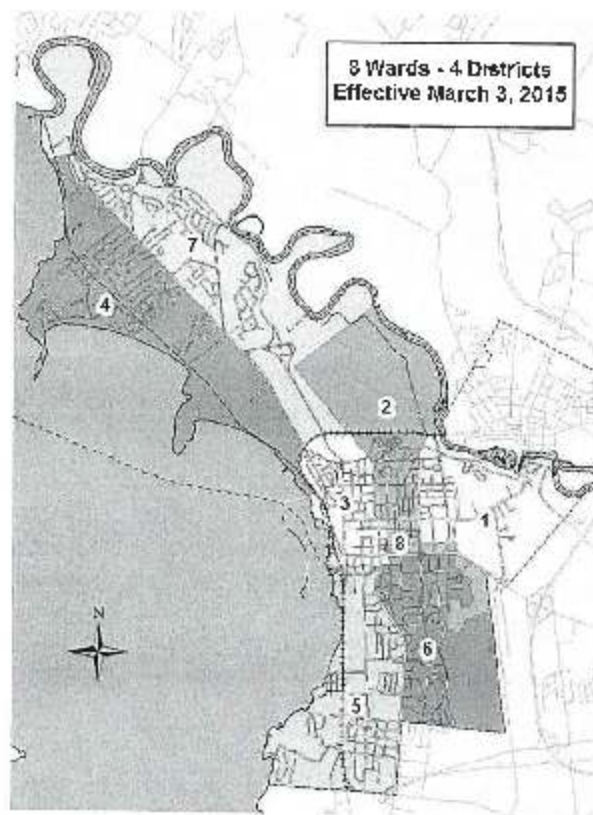
On March 3, 2015, the people of Burlington will be able to vote for ALL seats on the Burlington School Board. Due to redistricting, the current fourteen (14) school board seats will be reduced to twelve (12) seats. All voters will be able to cast one vote for their Ward (1-8) and one vote for their District (East, Central, North, South).

#### **The eight (8) Wards**

The City will be divided into eight (8) Wards, each with approximately equal population, named 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8. See the map for their definition. Currently, there are 7 Wards.

#### **The four (4) Districts**

The eight (8) Wards will be combined into four (4) Districts. Each District is the combination of two Wards. The East District will be the combination of Wards 1 and 8, the Central District will be Wards 2 and 3, the South District will be Wards 5 and 6, and the North District will be composed of Wards 4 and 7.



#### **Terms during the Transition**

1. In March 2015 (revised Charter now in effect), the four (4) District-based commissioners will be elected to two (2) year terms.
2. In March 2015, eight (8) Ward-based commissioners will be elected to three (3) year terms.
3. In March 2017, four (4) District-based commissioners will be elected to two (2) year terms.

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4. In March 2018, eight (8) Ward-based commissioners will be elected to two (2) year terms.
5. When the Transition is complete in 2018, all commissioners will have two (2) years terms, the same as currently in place.
6. When the Transition is complete in 2018, all ward-based and all district-based commissioners will be elected in alternating years.

A list of registered voters using the new City Ward and District designations can be found at: [www.burlingtonvt.gov/CT/Elections](http://www.burlingtonvt.gov/CT/Elections)

### Interested in Learning about the Candidates in your Ward and District?

1. **Read the Candidate Q&A** - A written response from your candidates on why they want to run for school board, their ideas around diversity, equity and school innovation, and their thoughts on the current BSID budget. The Candidate Q&A will be available starting February 13 and can be found at [www.partnershipvt.org](http://www.partnershipvt.org)
2. **Be an Audience Member at a LIVE Candidate Forum** - Channel 17/Town Meeting TV will be hosting live candidate forums to provide an opportunity for candidates to state their positions and for viewers to gather information about their Town Meeting options. You can attend the forums, hear your candidates' opinions live, and even ask questions.

**LOCATION:** Channel 17 Studios 234 North Windsor Avenue

All forum dates are subject to change | Watch live at: [www01.com/](http://www01.com/) tv events

#### Thursday, 2/15

5:25pm East District School Board  
6:00pm Ward 7 School Board  
6:35pm Ward 8 School Board

#### Wednesday, 2/14

5:25pm North District School Board  
6:00pm Ward 4 School Board  
6:35pm Ward 7 School Board

#### Monday, 2/13

5:25pm Central District School Board  
6:00pm Ward 2 School Board  
6:35pm Ward 3 School Board

#### Friday, 2/13

5:25pm South District School Board  
6:00pm Ward 5 School Board  
6:35pm Ward 6 School Board

3. **Use Social Media** - Follow #BSIDVT on Twitter during the forums as there will be live tweets summarizing the conversation and bringing your questions to the forum moderator. Do you want to volunteer to tweet the forums live? Please email [info@partnershipvt.org](mailto:info@partnershipvt.org)

### Who is The Partnership for Change?

The Partnership for Change supports the Burlington and Windsor School Districts to be innovative, collaborative, and equitable learning organizations that inspire all learners to lead their communities to a dynamic and sustainable future. Acting as a neutral body and working as convener, educator, and organizer, The Partnership for Change does not endorse candidates, and will work to support the districts to achieve this vision with whomever is elected.

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