

# SMITH TIMES

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## The Principal's Corner

The cast, crew, and chorus of "Alice in Wonderland" have worked hard under the supervision of the Very Merry Theatre and a small group of very dedicated parent and community volunteers to present what we know will be wonderful performances next week. The performance for the school will take place on Thursday afternoon (2/14), and we will escort students to and from Lyman C. Hunt Middle School for that. On Friday (2/15), the play will be presented at 7:00 p.m. for other members of our school community. A matinee performance will also take place on Saturday (2/16) at 4:00 p.m. These performances will be held in the Hunt auditorium, as well. Donations will be accepted to help defray the cost of the play, which is generally several thousand dollars. Refreshments will also be available at intermission. Please plan to join us!

We have had a number of families join us for our Family Open Gym Time on Saturday mornings for the past several weeks. It's a good way to promote wellness and a community connection during the cold winter months. These sessions will stop for now, as we get ready for our school play and vacation but will resume for several more weeks on March 9 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (Note new time.)

Some community members are in the process of opening a North End Food Pantry on Saturday mornings from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. at the Oddfellows/Rebekahs Lodge at 1416 North Avenue, beginning March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Non-perishable food will be available, as will a limited supply of bread, fruit, and milk. We at Smith School have our own Full Bag Food Pantry every Friday during the school year from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. on a cart by the side door of the school. Families are invited to help themselves to a knapsack of food from the cart and then return the empty knapsack to the cart on Monday morning for refilling for that week.

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 255 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



- 2/11:** PTO Meeting:  
(6:30-8:00 p.m.) --  
Ellie B. McNamara Memorial Library
- 2/14:** Performance of "Alice in Wonderland"  
for Students and Staff -- Lyman C. Hunt
- 2/15:** Second Trimester Ends
- 2/15:** Full Bag Food Pantry (2:00-3:00 p.m.)  
- - Side Door of School
- 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
- 2/18-2/22:** School Spirit Week: Special  
Activities Taking Place Each Day: Consult  
Newsletter
- 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)

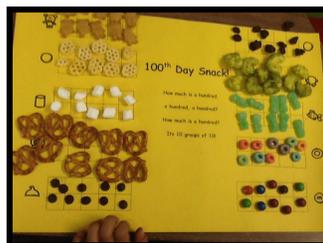


## Special Safe Routes To School Walk:

February is "Heart Month" so Wednesday February 13th please join us in Walking to School. The 5th grade walking leaders will be walking from all directions so join in the fun!! There will be a special prize at the door for all walkers. Remember you may park and walk also.

## 100th Day of School

The Kindergarten classes enjoyed their annual celebration of the 100th Day of School. Counting of all kinds, as well as number sense, are important skills for Kindergarten students. Counting our days together provides the opportunity for lots of practice. Students participated in many activities involving the number 100, for example, eating 10 pieces of 10 different foods, (yum!), making necklaces with 100 fruit loops and hats with 100 drawings, as well as counting by 1's, 5's, and 10's to 100. Each student was also asked to bring in a project from home which showed 100 items. These are on display in our main hallway. Please stop by to admire them. It is hard to believe that 100 days have already passed, unless we notice how much our students have grown and learned.



*These are some of the 100th Day of School projects complete at home by C. P. Smith students.*

## News From Around the School



Students in Ms. Flanagan's Kindergarten class are learning new greetings for Morning Meetings and seeing new Math workplaces, as well. In Readers' Workshop, snow continues to be their very appropriate theme, as they read stories about snow and also do activities around it, too.

Mrs. Carol McHugh's Grade 2 class has begun a unit on Geography for Social Sciences. Students have been learning about different kinds of maps and terms such as compass rose, equator, hemisphere, lines of longitude and latitude, continents, and more. They will soon be studying about Korea. In Math, they are learning how to use an open number line.

Students in Mrs. Kelly Mancuso's Grade 3 class have studied engineering and technology in their Science classes. After learning about the various kinds of bridges, students worked in small groups to build them. In Math, they have been learning about various multiplication strategies. They created stories to match multiplication equations.

Thanks to the efforts of Mrs. Sally Hayes, a certified therapy dog will be visiting our school over the next three months. The dogs coming to us are highly-trained through Therapy Dogs of Vermont. These dogs also visit the Pediatrics Ward at the Fletcher Allen Health Care Center and several area nursing homes. Students have a chance to read a story to a dog, talk to a dog, or simply have a cuddly visit with a dog. We offer this opportunity to students whose parents/guardians have provided written permission on the form we sent home a few weeks ago. Please contact the school if you have any questions or wish to sign a permission slip and did not already do so.

Our School Climate Committee is planning a range of activities for School Spirit Week, which will be February 18-22, 2013. We will have more information in next week's newsletter.