

# SMITH TIMES

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## The Principal's Corner

Greetings!



Our school is so very proud of the students who participated in the National Geographic School Bee for 2016: Sarah Bahrenburg, Lillian Connolly, Owen Dinklage, Veronica

Lindstrom, Norra Moody, Grace Park, Robert Safran, and Miranda Stilwell. The event was coordinated by coaches Mr. Dale Pecor and Mrs. Sharon Hayes. All students did very well, answering several rounds of difficult questions. Robert Safran earned the most points and now moves on to the competition at the state level. Congratulations, Robbie, . . .and all participants!

Hunter McMahon won the last drawing for a \$25.00 gift certificate to the Bagel Café for winning the Reading Challenge for January. Each time a student reads a book—or has one read to him or her—s/he earns a ticket. At the end of each month, a drawing is held, and the person holding the winning ticket receives a prize. So far, 1,651 books have been read by Smith School students as part of the Reading Challenge. Keep reading!

Speaking of reading, copies of a calendar of events during February for the Fletcher Free Library can be found at the information kiosk in our main lobby. Please take a copy. The calendar lists a number of events taking place during vacation week.

We are still collecting donations for the Vermont Children's Hospital as part of the Big Change Round-Up campaign coordinated by radio station W.O.K.O. Last year, we raised \$1,033.38 for the V.C.H. This year—as a way to encourage even more donations to this most worthy cause—I have promised to dye my hair red if we exceed last year's total and to again have myself taped to the wall of the school if we raise more than \$1,100.00.

That was a lot of fun last year! Thank you for your generosity.

I am pleased to announce that Ms. Jill Ballou has been hired to replace Mrs. Sarah Erkson for the next few months. Mrs. Erkson will be on maternity leave. Ms. Ballou has served as the principal of Warren Elementary School in Warren, Vermont and has also taught at Edmunds Middle School. We welcome Ms. Ballou to our school community and extend our best wishes to Mrs. Erkson on the upcoming birth of her first child.

Please review the calendar for other upcoming school activities and events.

Thanks for all you are doing to make our school community one of safety, respect, and responsibility for all who come through our doors.

## News from Around the School



Mr. Adam Deyo's Kindergarten class takes weekly walks in the woods to learn about the natural surroundings of our neighborhood. They also recently visited the airport.

Mrs. Lynn Slack's and Mrs. Shelley Spinner's Grade 1 classes recently visited Shelburne Farms to also learn about nature. Students were impressed with the many different kinds of animals that live in the woods and the various things they eat and tracks they leave.

Ms. Kim Brockway's and Mrs. Connie Guyette's Grade 4 class took a fieldtrip to a few power plants in the area to learn about energy. Another great Science-related trip by our students!

## Calendar of Events



- 2/12:** “Aladdin” Evening Performance (7:00 p.m.) -- H.M.S.
- 2/13:** Open Gym Time for Families (11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.) -- Gym
- 2/13:** “Aladdin” Matinee Performance (4:00 p.m.) -- H.M.S.
- 2/19:** Second Trimester Report Cards Distributed
- 2/22 – 3/1:** Winter Vacation
- 3/10:** Science and Engineering Fair (6:00-8:00 p.m.) -- Gym
- 3/14:** P.T.O. Meeting/Dinner (5:30-7:00 p.m.) -- Library
- 3/17:** Annual School Concert (1:30 p.m.) -- Gym
- 3/18:** Spring Fling/Family Fun Night (6:00-8:00 p.m.) -- Gym
- 3/24 – 3/25:** Parent-Teacher Conferences
- 4/11:** P.T.O. Meeting/Dinner (5:30-7:00 p.m.) -- Library
- 4/18 – 4/22:** Spring Vacation
- 5/9:** P.T.O. Meeting/Dinner (5:30-7:00 p.m.) -- Library
- 5/19:** Kindergarten Get-Acquainted Day
- 6/3:** Field Day -- School Grounds
- 6/3:** Farewell Picnic (5:00-7:00 p.m.) -- School Grounds
- 6/8:** Appreciation Assembly (8:30 a.m.) -- Gym
- 6/9:** Farewell Assembly (8:30 a.m.) -- Gym
- 6/9:** Last Day of School (11:30 a.m. dismissal)
- 6/17:** Student Placement Letters Mailed

## 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 University of Vermont's 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 during the month of February. 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 the money for, and they may give the kids some change! Last year, we raised over \$1,000.00. If every student collected and brought to school just \$2.50, we would reach our goal of \$700.00. If students collect just a little more than that, we could raise over \$1000.00 again! Let's do it!! Each day the money will be collected first thing in the morning. Thank you and let the round up begin!

## Yearbooks for Sale

Yearbooks are still for sale, but the early bird pricing has ended. Yearbooks are now \$15 each, and you can order yours anytime before April 1st. Due to printing and payment deadlines, absolutely no orders can be taken after April 1st. So get your order in before you forget! Yearbooks can be ordered using the order forms sent home with students (there are extras in the office if needed) or they can be ordered online. To order online, go to [www.interstate.com/yearbook](http://www.interstate.com/yearbook) and enter school code 05354B. We would love to see every student get a yearbook!

If you have any questions about the yearbook, or would like to help in its production, please contact Shy Lalumiere at [shylmrl@hotmail.com](mailto:shylmrl@hotmail.com)

