

SMITH TIMES

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The Principal's Corner

Greetings!

It's time for "The Hobbit" to take the stage! An exciting time for our school community! Performances will be held this evening (Friday) at 7:00 p.m. and also tomorrow (Saturday) at 4:00 p.m. in the auditorium at Hunt Middle School. Our cast, chorus, and crew have worked so hard. Please plan to join us for what we know will be wonderful performances! *(Cast members are expected to arrive at Hunt at 5:45 p.m. on Friday and at 2:45 p.m. on Saturday.)*

Discipline referrals for January dropped 65% from the same month one year ago, from 74 in January, 2014 to 26 in 2015. For the months of August through January, there have been a total of 219 referrals this year, as compared to 338 last year, a drop of about 35%. We are pleased that students are responding so well to classroom and school efforts to make sure our learning community is safe, respectful, and responsible.



Our school is launching a new reading program with the support of parent volunteers. 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.

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



Mrs. Christine Tetrault's Kindergarten students are learning about syllables and rhyming, beginning, and ending sounds in words. They write new vocabulary words

on white boards and match words to pictures or put them in sentences. They are independently writing words and sentences to go with their pictures and tell a story. They work with a Grade 5 class to write reports and make Who Am I? books about animals of their choice. On the 100th day of school, they painted 100 dots, counted to 100, grouped 100 popsicle sticks together, and grouped items together in bags to guess which one had 100 in it. They also made projects displaying 100 items each. What creative ways to celebrate a special day of school and also represent the number 100!

Ms. Kerrin Flanagan's Grade 1 students have been putting all of our snowy weather to good use in their learning. They painted pictures of winter trees and created a list of words they could use to write about their paintings. In Science, they are continuing to research the moon's phases.

Mr. Pecor's Grade 5 students are enjoying running their store, "Pencils and Pens". The store is open before school on Wednesdays for students in Grades K-2 and before school on Fridays for those in Grades 3-5.

Calendar of Events



- 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
- 4/2:** 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)

**** Parent Night **** **Talking With Kids About Healthy Relationships**

Johanna Straavaldsen from Prevent Child Abuse Vermont will be speaking with parents/ care-giver about:

Sexual abuse prevention education for home K- 5th early sexual abuse education curricula taught by your child's School Counselor-Care For Kids (K-2nd) and We Care Elementary (3rd-5th)

**When? Wednesday, February 18th
6:30-8:00 PM**

Where? Flynn Learning Center

*For information on the parent night contact
Kate Guilmette, kGuilmet@bsdvt.org*

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

Christine Tetrault, Lynn Slack and Kerrin Flanagan

Science Fair 2015



Thursday, March 19th – 6:30pm – 7:30pm

Dear Parents and Guardians,

On Thursday, March 19th C. P. Smith will be hosting our annual Science Fair!

Students can bring and display science experiments, created at home, to display the evening of the Fair. Students who choose not to enter an experiment in the Science Fair may come that evening to examine at the projects on display that night.

If your child is interested in bringing a project to the Fair, please fill out and sign the bottom of this form for your child to return to the front office. This project will be done solely at home. You can find some ideas on World Book Online (go to CP Smith website, click on *Library*, click on *World Book – ID 'cpsmith'*; password "*worldbook*"). We also have books with Science experiments your student can borrow from the library.

Deadline for signing up is Friday March 13th. Have questions? Contact **Colleen Springer** (Librarian), 864-2228 OR cspringe@bsdvt.org

Thank you!

Please cut and return sheet below by ????????????

I AM BRINGING A PROJECT TO THE SCIENCE FAIR!

My
Name _____ Grade _____ Teacher _____

My Science Project will be

Describe the materials you will be using. You need to provide all materials needed
(For example, "baking soda, vinegar, flour, and salt")

What will you need for your project from C. P. Smith?

***** Return to the Main Office by Friday, March 13th *****

Moving Forward



An event to empower New American families to understand services and resources offered by local social service agencies. Families will have an opportunity to hear from agencies and ask questions.

Saturday, March 21, 2015

8:30 am – 12:30 pm

Burlington High School

Participants will have the opportunity to-

- understand the needs of generation 1.5 immigrant students
- discuss issues with members of many immigrant communities
- hear from the following agencies about how to access their services: DCF, Connecting Cultures, Burlington Police Department, and more

**Transportation and Childcare provided
Breakfast and Lunch Served**

For more information, contact
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