

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 a wonderful performance for the school on Thursday afternoon. Tonight, the

play will be presented at Lyman Hunt Middle School 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. 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!

The week of February 18th through 22nd is the last one before our winter vacation. It will also be “School Spirit Week” at C.P. Smith. Our theme for the week is “Caring for Others,” and we will ask students to make cards for our neighbors and friends at the Heineberg Senior Center, with whom we have a close connection and a community partnership. We will also have an assembly on Wednesday afternoon to talk about our work raising money for the Vermont Children’s Hospital, which the classes of Mrs. Christine Tetrault, Mrs. Lynn Slack, Ms. Kerrin Flanagan, and Mrs. Christine Harvey have been coordinating for the whole school. We appreciate their hard work and everyone’s generosity. If you would like to donate to this worthy cause, please leave your donation with Mrs. Tina Desautels at the main office or give to your children to bring to their classrooms. We will also read stories during some of our school’s “Mini-Meetings” (in the gym each day between 8:05 and 8:10 a.m.) with the theme of respecting others.

As part of School Spirit Week, we are inviting students and staff to wear blue and white (our school colors) on Monday, “comfy” clothes on Tuesday, red (for National Heart Month) on Wednesday, stripes and/or polka dots on Thursday, and hats—especially silly ones—on Friday.

Speaking of caring for others, we take this opportunity to thank Mrs. Patty Kissell and her Grade 2 students for raising about \$300.00 for the Sandy Hook, Connecticut community after the tragic events that took place there in December. We thank the class for organizing this activity and everyone who donated for their generosity.

We will be organizing some evening Parent Roundtable discussion sessions for Thursday nights later this spring. These will be centered around topics of interest to parents/guardians: internet safety, curriculum, child health and development, etc . . . Stay tuned for more information.

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



2/15: 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)

Parent/Teacher Conferences Coming Soon



Parent/Teacher
Conferences will be taking place on
Thursday, March 28th and Friday, March
29th. On that Thursday, school will be
dismissed at 11:30 a.m., so that conferences
may be held in the afternoon. On that
Friday, school will not be in session, so
conferences will be held throughout the day.
Mrs. Tina Desautels, our Administrative
Assistant, will soon be scheduling
conferences for the parents/guardians of all
our students, as these meetings are vital to
an excellent working relationship between
home and school. **If you wish to make a
special request for a specific day and time
for your appointment(s), please contact
Mrs. Desautels at the school at 864-8479
or tdesaute@bsdvt.org on or before
Tuesday, March 5, 2013 (which is not a
school day but a day at which teachers
and staff will be here for inservice.) We
expect to communicate to families their
conference appointments on Friday,
March 8, 2013, so you will have sufficient
advance notice of them.**

News from the Guidance Office: (By Kate Guilmette)

After the February break classroom guidance lessons will focus on personal safety. For younger students this means learning and practicing basic safety rules and familiarizing themselves with their alarm system. Every one of us has our own alarm system, a set of feelings (uh-oh feelings) that warn us that something does not feel right. The focus is getting students to understand that everyone has the right to be safe and there are steps to follow if they do not.

Students in third through fifth grade will also be addressing issues of personal safety and healthy relationships. In addition to these topics, Mrs. Springer will be teaching about internet safety and being a responsible and respectful digital citizen. As always please ask your children to share their knowledge with you. During the month of March I plan to arrange for Officer Berti, from the Burlington Police Department, to come speak with students about internet safety.