

SMITH TIMES

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The Principal's Corner

Greetings!

Your child should have brought home her/his report card today, representing work completed during the second trimester of the school year. If your child did not bring home a report card today, please check with her/him about it and then contact the school at 864-8479 if s/he does not have it.

With deepest thanks to the Very Merry Theatre and magnificent parent volunteer Megan Laing and her core of dedicated helpers, student cast, chorus, and crew members in the play "Aladdin" enjoyed a wonderful fine arts experience. It is likely something they will never forget. As some do on the soccer or baseball field or running track, many students find their voice on or behind the stage of a dramatic performance. We also thank Smith grandparent and community leader Kathy Knauer for recruiting donations for the play, which cost about \$4,000.00 to put on. Sponsorship of the play was provided by the North Country Credit Union, a generous neighborhood business. (They are also major contributors to the North End Food Pantry, by the way.)



Speaking of our local food pantry, it is open every Saturday morning from 9:00-11:00 a.m. and is located at the Oddfellows and Rebehahs Lodge at 1416 North Avenue. It is open at other times by appointment. Please call me at school at 864-8479

or home at 651-0978 to set up a time to pick up an emergency supply of free food for your family. The school has its own food table in the main lobby on Friday afternoons. Please help yourself to what you need from that table. With the upcoming school vacation, we want to make sure all our families have what they need in terms of a regular supply of food.

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.

We will be on school vacation through Town Meeting Day, which is Tuesday, March 1, 2016. School resumes on Wednesday, March 2nd at 8:10 a.m. We hope this will be a happy and safe time for your family.

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



Kindergarten teachers Ms. Vi Nguyen and Mr. Adam Deyo and Grade 1 teacher Mrs. Lynn Slack are again organizing the Community Readers Program we had last year. Volunteers are asked

to come in and listen to students read books and sight words and identify letters and sounds. They would work with as many students as possible within a one-hour time period. It would be helpful if volunteers could come in at the same time each week. If you are able to volunteer for a weekly reading time, that would be wonderful! If you are not able to do so at this time—but you know someone who would be available and interested—please let them know about this fulfilling opportunity. We will hold an informational meeting soon with all potential volunteers. We hope you will be able to join us. To volunteer or for more information, please contact Mr. Fleury at the school at 864-8479 or tfleury@bsdvt.org.

Mrs. Patty Kissell's Grade 2 class is working hard on their Social Justice unit in Social Studies. They read and discussed many books and created a beautiful Social Justice Quote Quilt.

The school is planning a number of events related to the theme of Reading for Peace and Justice. If you would like to be involved in this, please contact Mrs. Sharon Hayes, Librarian, at shayes@bsdvt.org, or Mr. Thomas Fleury, Principal, at tfleury@bsdvt.org or 864-8479 for more information.

Calendar of Events



- 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



News from the Guidance Office



After we return from the winter break, I will begin teaching the personal safety curriculum in all K-5 classes. All Burlington elementary schools will be using the same research based curricula to support the Act 1 state law. One element of this act requires all students to have access to sexual abuse prevention education. For more information on prevention please visit <http://dcf.vermont.gov/prevention> and select the link Child Sexual Abuse under the Child Abuse Prevention heading.

Students in grades K-2 will learn how all parts of their bodies are good & special. There will be a small focus on the anatomy with the purpose of teaching the differences between male and female body parts, respect and cultural boundaries about covering and not touching other people's private body parts (Care for Kids Program). There is a large focus on creating and establishing healthy relationships and routines for children.

Students in 3rd-5th will talk and learn about healthy relationships with peers and adults. This will be explored through lessons on safe spaces, self esteem, understanding feelings, reading body language, decoding mixed messages, asking for help and establishing personal boundaries.

For some lessons there will be a home sheet your child can share with you. This will let you know what we have been discussing in classroom guidance. You can use this to guide a conversation with your child at home.

As always, please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns 864-8504 or kguilmet@bsdvt.org

News from the School Nurse

Dear Parents & Guardians!

Does your child go to the dentist every 6 months for cleanings and exams? Does your child have a dentist?

If you don't have a dentist, please call me at 864-8504 or stop in so I can arrange this for your student!

Dental care is one of the most important gifts we can give our children!

Smile!
Christine Armstrong
School Nurse



March 2016

Burlington School District PreK - 8 Lunch Menu



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
29 NO SCHOOL	1 NO SCHOOL	2 Beef or Bean Nachos with Lettuce, Cheese, Sour Cream, Salsa, Rice	3 Chicken & Biscuits Green Peas	4 Spaghetti & Meatballs Broccoli
7 Chicken Patty Sandwich Baked Potato	8 PIZZA DAY! Cheese, Turkey Pepperoni or Veggie	9 Sloppy Joe on a Roll Roasted Roots	10 Chicken & Noodles Roasted Carrots	11 Cheesy Breadsticks with Marinara Sauce Cauliflower
14 Chicken Nuggets Sweet Potato Fries	15 PIZZA DAY! Cheese, Turkey Pepperoni or Veggie	16 Beef or Bean Taco with Lettuce, Cheese, Sour Cream, Salsa, Rice	17 All Beef Hot Dog Baked Beans	18 Baked Ziti with Cheese Mediterranean Vegetables
21 Chicken Patty Sandwich Baked Potato	22 PIZZA DAY! Cheese, Turkey Pepperoni or Veggie	23 Shepherd's Pie Whole Wheat Roll	24 EARLY RELEASE DAY Turkey & Cheese Sandwich Veggie Sticks Fruit Milk	25 NO SCHOOL
28 Chicken Nuggets Sweet Potato Fries	29 PIZZA DAY! Cheese, Turkey Pepperoni or Veggie	30 Chicken or Bean Fajita with Lettuce, Cheese, Sour Cream, Salsa, Rice	31 American Goulash (Pasta with Tomato-Meat Sauce) Roasted Broccoli	1 Meatball Sub Roasted Roots

Available with
Every Lunch

Local Vermont Milk
1% White Milk
Fat Free White Milk
Fat Free Chocolate Milk

Fresh Fruit & Veggie Bar

Soup-of-the-Day

Vegetarian options are



Our Fresh Fruit & Veggie Bar features an ever-changing assortment of fruit, vegetables, whole grains, beans, homemade salads, meat, cheese and dairy selections!

Menu items are subject to change without notice. We offer a variety of choices every day. For more information, please contact us at 864-8416 or schoolfood@bsdvt.org.