

SMITH TIMES

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Greetings!

We take this opportunity to thank Mrs. Maureen Ketcham for her service as our Physical Education teacher during Ms. Chris Souliere's absence. We expect Ms. Souliere to return to school soon and are in the process of hiring another substitute teacher in the interim. Thank you, Mrs. Ketcham, for your dedicated service to our school and its students.

This edition of the newsletter was printed before our annual Science and Engineering Fair took place. We will have more information about it next week. Many thanks to our P.T.O. (especially Mrs. Vanessa Hines) and to Mrs. Sharon Hayes, School Librarian, for organizing this event.



Our annual school concert will take place on Thursday, March 17th at 1:30 p.m. in the gym.

We moved the concert to March so that it could be part of Music in our Schools Month, which is celebrated

across the country. Mrs. Danielle Hurley, our Music teacher, and students have worked hard to prepare a wonderful concert for us. We hope you will be able to join us.

The registration process for the next Parent-Teacher Conference session began on Thursday, March 10th. Please use the P.T.C. Fast online registration system to sign up for a conference with your child's teacher. If you do not have a computer or would like assistance with the registration process, please call Mrs. Desautels in the front office at 864-8479. Conferences will be held during the week of March 21st with most taking place on March 24th and 25th.

Your child will be bringing home today a copy of the C.P. Smith School Parent/Guardian Information Form for Student Placement. We distribute this form each springtime to gather input from parents and guardians about the learning

environments in which their children work most successfully. If you wish to offer input about your child's placement for the 2016-17 school year, please complete and return this form to the main office on or by Friday, March 25, 2016. Soon after that date, the school will begin the process of placing students in classrooms for the 2016-17 school year.

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



Ms. Kim Brockway's and Mrs. Connie Guyette's Grade 4 students are doing lots of great work in Science! A representative from the

Community Sailing Center has been coming in to provide instruction about wind. Students made an anemometer to measure wind speed and a weather vane to measure wind direction. They collect data about the wind each week. A representative from the Vermont Energy Education Program is helping them explore wind and solar energy. The class partnered with the Burlington Electric Department to visit the Winooski One Hydro Plant and the McNeil Generating Station. Students are learning a great deal about potential, kinetic, renewable, and nonrenewable energy. They are thankful to volunteers Mrs. Beth Bahrenburg, Mrs. Connie Cummings, and Mrs. Laura Caputo for helping them explore the scientific world.

Calendar of Events



3/10 and beyond: Registration for Parent-Teacher Conferences

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

3/25: Student Placement Forms Due at Main Office

3/29: Burlington City Arts Annual Awards Ceremony (5:00 p.m.) -- City Hall

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

Preschool Registration

Burlington's Early Education Program is now accepting applications for the preschool classrooms located at the J.J.Flynn and C.P. Smith Elementary Schools for the 2016-2017 school year. Our Flynn classroom is an inclusive community based preschool program that offers both a morning and afternoon session, 4 days per week. Our Smith classroom is also inclusive but offers a full day program for 4 days per week. Enrollment in the Smith classroom is only open to children who will attend kindergarten the following year. (In each program there are a limited amount of spaces available.) Both classrooms offer a curriculum designed to meet the needs of all learners. It is our program's philosophy that all children have the ability to learn, and that children learn best through their active participation in play based activities. Children in the preschool classrooms are provided opportunities to develop skills in each of the early childhood learning domains; social emotional, language, literacy, mathematics, science, and physical development.

If you have a child between three and five years of age, on or before September 1, 2016, who lives in the J.J.Flynn Elementary School's or C.P. Smith Elementary School's neighborhoods, and you are interested in submitting a registration application, a copy may be downloaded from the Burlington School District's main web page (www.bsdt.org). On the school's main web page, under the Parent tab, you will find the Pre-Kindergarten registration paperwork. Once the packet is completed, it may be dropped off at either the Flynn or Smith schools, or mailed to: 150 Colchester Ave, Burlington, VT 05401.

The preschool registration process will close on April 1st. We hope to be able to finalize our class lists by April 15th.

