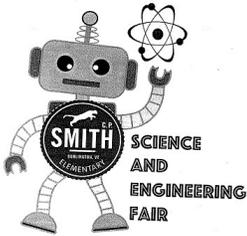


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Greetings!



Our recent Science and Engineering Fair was a huge success! Students created projects which represented a great deal of learning and hard work. The exhibits of parents and community members were also educational and engaging.

It was wonderful to see such a large turnout for this annual event. Many, many thanks to Mrs. Vanessa Hines and her core of dedicated parent volunteers for making this such a fantastic experience for our school community.

Our annual school concert took place on Thursday afternoon. We will have more about it in next week's newsletter.

We raised a grand total of \$1,255.12 for the Vermont Children's Hospital through the Big Change Round-up campaign. This exceeded last year's total of \$1,033.38, as well as this year's goal of \$1,100.00. Therefore, I will be dyeing my hair red and green and having myself taped to the wall of the lobby one day very soon. Thanks for your generosity!

The annual Burlington City Arts exhibit and awards ceremony at City Hall will be held on Tuesday, March 29th at 5:00 p.m. in Contois Auditorium. Ms. Sandra Hawkes, our Art teacher, has prepared a wonderful display of student artwork in the lobby of City Hall. Come see it and honor the following student artists at the ceremony: Aisha Abdi, Adhitha Budathoki, Daniel Caputo, Lilly Caputo, Mac Eisensmith, Samantha Gamache, Lani Keomanyvanh, Ava Lafayette, Veronica Lindstrom, Dylan Lopes-Smith, Finnian Mathy, Prekchhya Mizar, Leyla Musa, Brendan McGinley, Lindsay McGinley, Norra Moody, Miranda Stilwell, Winter Todd, and Landon Van.

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 should have brought home last week a copy of the C.P. Smith School Parent/Guardian Information Form for Student Placement. We distribute this form each spring 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. Extra copies of this form may be found on the information kiosk in the main lobby.

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.



Photo from C.P. Smith's Science and Engineering Fair

Calendar of Events



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

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.