

SMITH TIMES

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The Principal's Corner

Greetings!

Our wonderful Music Teacher, Mr. Joe Garofalo, has stayed connected to our school community during his illness. While his spirits are high, his body continues to weaken due to the effects of pancreatic cancer. He is spending his remaining time at home resting and reading the cards of his many friends. If you wish to send him a card on behalf of your family, please do so at 250 Rudgate Road, Colchester, Vermont 05446. We will keep you informed with other information as we receive it.

The annual Burlington City Arts Children's Art Exhibit is taking place in City Hall. An awards ceremony was held in Contois Auditorium this week, and the following student artists were recognized for their fine work: Aisha Abdi, Macey Allard, Tiko Bedrosian, Josh Bergeron, Owen Boutin, William Connolly, Samantha Crafts, Salina Dahal, Eden Delaney, Jonah Delaney, Owen Dinklage, Wesley Gilmond, Hannah Harris, Hamza Hussein, Adler Kuntz, Ava Lafayette, Miah Lafayette, Veronica Lindstrom, Arianna Lyons, Garrett Micciche, Jayden Mutume, Hayleigh Newsome, Lina Nguyen, Christoph Ninziza, Colin Outly, Meg Ruben, Xavier St. Pierre, Luke Van Marter-Brown, Isabella Webb, and Eslyn White. The Bentley Davis Seifer Award for excellence in the fine arts was presented to Jonah Delaney and Veronica Lindstrom. Congratulations to all of our student artists!

Our annual Science Fair was also held this week. We will have more information about it next week.

Please sign up for Parent-Teacher Conferences if you have not done so already. Conferences will be held next week. You may sign up online (as has been done for the past few years) using the PTCFast system. Please call the school at 864-8479 if you need more information or assistance.

Our generous P.T.O. is sponsoring an Artist in Residence Program entitled "Poppins and Hook"

with parent and local dance instructor Nikki Boutin. The instruction will take place during students' scheduled Physical Education classes, and the performance for parents/guardians and other members of our community will take place on Friday, April 10, 2015. We hope you will be able to join us for this special presentation.

The student placement process for the 2015-16 school year has now begun. Students brought home copies of the Parent/Guardian Information Form for Student Placement. Please complete one form for each of your children to be enrolled at our school next year. Additional copies can be found on the informational kiosk in the main lobby. **Completed forms are due at the main office on or by Friday, March 27th, the last day for Parent-Teacher Conferences.**

I'd like to let you know about the district's wonderful S.O.A.R. (Summer Opportunities Academics and enrichment) Program. S.O.A.R. is a free program open to students currently in Kindergarten through Grade 5 who meet one or more of the following criteria: 1). The student is below standard in Math or Literacy; 2). Eligible for free or reduced-price school lunch; or 3). Receives Title, ELL, or Special Education services. **If your child meets at least ONE of these criteria, we would encourage you to enroll her/him in the S.O.A.R. Program for this summer. The program runs from June 29th through July 31st from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at John J. Flynn Elementary School. Transportation, breakfast, lunch, and snacks are provided, along with excellent academic support. Please consider enrolling your child! The deadline is May 1st, but the program will fill up quickly. Please contact the school at 864-8479 if you did not receive an application but would like one.**

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

The FUN Group

Social Activity Group for Children with
Intellectual/Developmental Delay
Elementary School Age

Calendar of Events



3/19: “Poppins and Hook” Artist in Residence Program Begins

3/19: Science Fair (6:30-7:30 p.m.)

3/23-3/27: Parent/Teacher Conferences.
Sign-up period: 3/11 – 3/25.

4/2: Family Bingo and Musical Cake Night (6:00-7:30 p.m.)

4/10: “Poppins and Hook” Performance (1:30 p.m.)

4/13: P.T.O. Meeting/Dinner (5:30-7:00 p.m.)

4/20 – 4/24: Spring Vacation

5/1: Deadline for S.O.A.R. (Summer School) Applications

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)

Structured activities and social bonding designed for elementary school age children with intellectual/developmental delay.

Each meeting will last 2 hours, beginning with a greet, then a 45 minute art or physical activity designed specifically for developmental level of the kids, followed by a shared snack and social time.

Activities include fun such as a dance class, swimming, art workshop, clay studio workshop, sing along/music time, a dance party, gym class, old fashioned playground games, yoga, and field trips.

Where: Activities will meet at different locales in the northern Vermont region. Current activities are planned for Shelburne, Winooski, Richmond, South End Burlington, Old North End Burlington. The goal is to accommodate families from the whole region, within an hour or so radius of Burlington, and to visit cultural centers within the same radius. We are a small community, so I would like to make activities accessible for a large geographical range.

Sections: Each section will consist of five (5) sessions held over 3 months. Session dates, activities and locations are flexible and will vary until confirmed. Estimated goal – 4 sections annually. **Fee:** Estimated cost for participants \$25 per section.

RSVP Shoshannahmamma@aol.com, or **310-1861**

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News from Around the School



Students in Mrs. Carolyn Pallutto’s Grade 1 class have studied a great deal about liquids and solids. They have conducted a number of different inquiry activities about them and are writing in their Science notebooks about what they have learned.

Students in Mrs. Patty’s Kissell’s Grade 2 class are enjoying their new reading groups and clubs!

Mr. Josh Safran, one of our Grade 4 teachers, will again be coaching our school’s Spelling Bee team. Last year, the Smith School team won the district championship, and we’re hoping they will bring the trophy home with them again this year.

You are invited!

**C.P. Smith Family Bingo and
Musical Cake Night**



**Thursday, April 2, 2015
6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
CP Smith Gymnasium**



**Entrance to event is free for you and your responsible adult,
but you must pay to play Bingo and Musical Cakes.**

Bingo Cards:

1 card: \$.50
2 cards: \$.75
4 cards: \$1.00
Bingo Daubers: \$2.00

Musical Cakes:

1 ticket per walk: 50C
The winners take home a cake
of their choice; some baked by
staff members!

Food:

Cheese or pepperoni pizza slice: \$1.50
Lemonade \$.25
Baked Goods by donation



This event is being presented and run by the CP Smith Fifth Grade Families as a fundraiser for their end-of-the-year day trip to Camp Abnaki. Please come support them!