

# SMITH TIMES

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Greetings! Doesn't spring feel nice? I enjoy the extra daylight in the early evenings. I notice a lot more people out and about for their walks now that we have more daylight and warmer weather.

Parent-Teacher Conferences take place this week. If you need to confirm or change the time of your conference(s), please contact Mrs. Tina Desautels in the main office at 864-8479. If you have not yet done so, please also contact her to schedule a conference for you for each classroom teacher of your child(ren). **School will be dismissed at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday due to conferences being held that afternoon. Shortly before dismissal, we will distribute "to go" lunches to students who wish to have them. No school will be held this Friday, also due to conferences.**

*This is a reminder that completed copies of the C.P. Smith School Parent/Guardian Information Form for Student Placement are due at the main office on or by Friday of this week.* Copies of these forms were distributed to families a few weeks ago. (Additional copies may be found on the information kiosk in the main lobby.) These forms provide us with valuable information about students as we begin the process of placing them in classrooms for the 2016-17 school year. Parents/guardians will be notified about these placements in June.

Our annual school concert took place last week. Many thanks to Mrs. Danielle Hurley, our Music teacher, and her students who worked so hard to learn their songs and help us celebrate Music in Our Schools Month in good style. Bravo, Mrs. Hurley! We also thank the many, many parents, guardians, grandparents, neighbors, and others who joined us for this special event.

The annual Burlington City Arts exhibit and awards ceremony at City Hall will be held on Tuesday, March 29<sup>th</sup> 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, Adhitia 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.

A syringe was recently found on Ethan Allen Parkway. This is a good "teachable moment" to instruct or remind children to report but not to pick up or touch the unsafe or unknown objects they see.

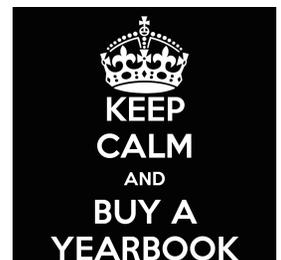
Please review the calendar for other upcoming school activities and events.

Thanks for all you are doing to make our school community one of safety, respect, and responsibility for all who come through our doors.

## Yearbooks

Yearbook sales are almost over! If you have not ordered a yearbook and would like to, please get your order in by April 1st. That's in just 1 week! You can order online by going to [www.inter-state.com/yearbook](http://www.inter-state.com/yearbook) and entering school code 05354B. Or you can turn your payment in to the office (extra order forms are available if you need them) addressed to CP Smith PTO.

Yearbooks are awesome - a way for your child to look back on themselves and their peers when they are older, and with spaces set aside for autographs they are a great way for kids to record friendships. Don't miss the chance to get one this year!



## Calendar of Events



**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

**4/14:** Grade 2's Tapestry of Nations (8:30-9:15 a.m.) -- Gym

**4/18 – 4/22:** Spring Vacation

**4/29:** Community Connection Breakfast (8:00 a.m.) -- Meet in Lobby

**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](http://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.