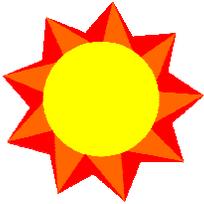


SMITH TIMES

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Greetings!



A rite of spring across Vermont is the annual administration to students in Grades 3-8 and 11 the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (S.B.A.C.) tests.

These tests are required by the federal Every Child Succeeds Act. The S.B.A.C. tests are aligned with the Common Core State Standards (C.C.S.S.) and use state-of-the-art computer adaptive testing and accessibility technologies.

The interesting thing about the S.B.A.C. tests is that the level of difficulty of the questions adjusts based on a student's answers to previously-asked questions. Students needing accommodations find them embedded into the tests. With S.B.A.C., each student has a different version of the test based on individual needs and answers. To learn more about the S.B.A.C. tests, please log on to the Vermont Smarter Balanced Assessment Portal, where you will find additional information, tools, and practice opportunities for students and families. Here is the link: <http://vt.portal.airast.org>.

It is important to remember that Vermont's test delivery system uses security features designed to protect students' privacy and adheres to all federal and state confidentiality regulations, including but not limited to, the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (F.E.R.P.A.).

Students at Smith School will take the S.B.A.C. tests as follows:

April 4-14: Grade 4

April 25 – May 6: Grade 5

May 9-20: Grade 3

If you have any questions or concerns about the S.B.A.C. tests, please do not hesitate to call me at the school at 864-8479 or email me at tfleury@bsdvt.org.

It was great to see so many parents and guardians attend recent conferences for their children. These

sessions are important opportunities to communicate needs and concerns on behalf of the students whom you entrust to us each day. We are so fortunate to be able to work with you and your family!

On a personal note, I will be out for the next week or so to have some minor surgery taken care of. Mrs. Lori Carruth and Mr. David Weissenstein, two seasoned professionals, will be here on my behalf today and next week.

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.

Run Vermont



C.P. Smith collaborates with RunVermont to offer a running program to all students, K-5. Children learn about and practice fitness, good nutrition, citizenship, helping hands and goal setting all while having fun. The program starts April 4th and will meet every Monday (for eight weeks) at CP Smith from 3-4PM, with a final event in June at Catamount Family Center in Williston. If your child currently attends the Burlington Kids After School Program, we will guide them back to afterschool at 4PM. Abby Ribout, Sue Chayer and Marco Tonizzo are this year's coaches. Cost is \$35/child. Scholarships are available; please don't let cost deter you from registering your child. Email Sue Chayer suechayer98@gmail.com for scholarship information.

Click here to register:

<http://www.runvermont.org/youth/ready-set-run/>

Calendar of Events



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

4/30: "Day in the Dirt" Event
(9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.) -- School Garden

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 Around the School



Mr. Adam Deyo, Kindergarten teacher, has written a grant for our school to help us use our school gardens in more beneficial ways for students. Also participating in this great work are Ms. Shelley Spinner, Mrs. Brittany Young, Ms. Meghan Warda, Mrs. Lynn Slack, Ms. Whitney Kittredge, Ms. Amber Tozzie, Mrs. Kate Ahman, and Mrs. Carolina Kilbourn. The Vermont Community Garden Network will once again be assisting schools across the city by supporting efforts to get our gardens and orchards ready for spring. A team of volunteers will soon work on a Saturday morning to help us. Would you like to be a part of this group to prepare our gardens and orchard for the new growing season? If so, please meet us on the school grounds on Saturday, April 30th at 9:00 a.m. Later—when the work is finished—we will gather in the city's intervale for a special celebration to thank everyone who helped out at school and community gardens that morning. Volunteers will work on general garden clean-up, planting perennials, moving compost, building and filling raised beds, basic construction projects, and more. The V.C.G.N. provides a site coordinator to locate needed tools, manage activities, and support volunteers. For more information please contact Mr. Deyo at adeyo@bsdvt.org.

Mrs. Lynn Slack and Mrs. Shelley Spinner and their Grade 1 students recently visited Rock Point in Burlington to learn about the environment. How nice it is to see classes study our local gem known as Lake Champlain!

Many great Science activities have been taking place in our Grade 3 classrooms. Mrs. Nicole Bahrenburg and Mrs. Kelly Mancuso's students recently participated in an Invention Convention. Students created inventions that filled a need or solved a problem and then constructed the items, writing about them and explaining them to the many parents, guardians, and others who attended the convention. Mr. Josh Safran's students held a Boat Regatta at which students tested the durability of the boats they had constructed and also written about.

Harlem Globetrotters



The world famous Harlem Globetrotters will be playing in Burlington, VT at the Patrick Gymnasium at UVM on Thursday, April 7, 2016 @ 7pm. Employees, students, and everyone with Burlington School District (family/friends) can take advantage of an exclusive discount and save up to \$6.50 off each ticket! To take advantage of this discount or for any questions, please contact Derek Gensburg at [602-707-7037](tel:602-707-7037) or Gensburg@harlemglobetrotters.com. An order form will be available in your school office. Tickets are limited based on availability, so please order early while tickets are available.”



Burlington School District
PreK-8 Lunch Menu
April 2016



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>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</p>				1 Meatball Sub Roasted Veggies
4 Chicken Patty Sandwich Baked Potato	5 PIZZA DAY! Cheese, Turkey Pepperoni or Veggie	6 Chicken or Bean Nachos with Lettuce, Cheese, Sour Cream, Salsa, Rice	7 Spaghetti & Meatballs Broccoli	8 Teriyaki or Sweet & Sour Chicken Stir Fry Vegetables Vegetable Egg Roll
11 Chicken Nuggets Sweet Potato Tots	12 PIZZA DAY! Cheese, Turkey Pepperoni or Veggie	13 Sloppy Joe on a Roll Green Beans	14 Chicken Caesar Wrap Chef's Choice Broccoli	15 Cheesy Breadsticks with Marinara Sauce Cauliflower
25 Chicken Nuggets Sweet Potato Tots	26 PIZZA DAY! Cheese, Turkey Pepperoni or Veggie	27 Chicken or Bean Taco with Lettuce, Cheese, Sour Cream, Salsa, Rice	28 American Goulash (Pasta with Tomato-Meat Sauce) Roasted Broccoli	29 All Beef Hot Dog Baked Beans

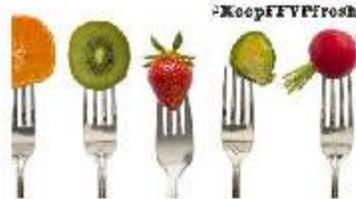
Available with
Every Lunch

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

Fresh Fruit & Veggie Bar

Soup-of-the-Day

Vegetarian options are
available every day.



Keep FVVP Fresh

