

# SMITH TIMES

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## The Principal's Corner



Greetings!

This is always an interesting time of year. The weather is often back and forth between winter

and spring, and we at school are striving to bring one school year to a close for our students while preparing for the next. One of the ways we prepare for the next school year is by forming grade-level placement teams of teachers to review student data from a variety of sources and compile rosters for each classroom we will have next year. We value and closely review the information we receive from parents and guardians on the Parent Input Form, which we ask you to complete on behalf of each of your children who will be attending C.P. Smith School during the 2014-15 school year. (Two copies of that form are attached to this week's newsletter.)

Please complete one copy of the form for each of your children who will be attending our school next year. (Additional copies of the form are available at the main office.) **Please return completed forms to the main office on or by Friday, April 18, 2014, so that your information will be available to the placement teams when they meet soon after we return from spring vacation.** The information on these forms helps us understand your child and her/his academic, social, emotional, and physical needs and to create classrooms balanced for factors such as gender, behavioral, academic, and social (compatibility) concerns. We put a lot of time and effort into creating rosters of balanced classrooms that will be environments of supportive and successful learning for all within them. For that reason, we request that parents/guardians not make specific placement requests or ask for changes once the assignments have been made and announced. If parents/guardians do have questions or concerns

about their children's placement, I am happy to meet to discuss how to make the classroom assignment work for them and all concerned. At that time, I will suggest that we closely monitor the situation for the first few weeks of school and meet as necessary to continue to make things work successfully. If after these efforts to make the placement a successful one for a child, a parent/guardian still wishes to request a change in his/her classroom assignment, I will consider such a request and make a decision in the best interest of the child.

Application forms for the district's summer school program can be found on the information kiosk in the main lobby. **Please note that the registration deadline for summer school is May 16, 2014.** Transportation to/from the program, breakfast, lunch, and snacks are provided. There is no charge for summer school. The program runs from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. from July 7<sup>th</sup> through August 15<sup>th</sup>.



We look forward to seeing you at our Family Movie Night tonight. This fun event is being sponsored by our P.T.O. and begins promptly at 6:30 p.m. (Doors open at 6:00 p.m.) The movie, "The Sandlot," will be shown. It is rated PG by the MPAA. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Pizza and drinks will be sold. Please feel free to bring blankets and lawn chairs for that relaxing, "drive-in" feel.

Thank you for all you do to make our school a community of respectful, responsible, and safe learners.

## Calendar of Events



**4/4:** Family Movie Night (6:30 p.m.) -- Gym. "The Sandlot" will be shown.

**4/4:** Parent Information Forms (Student Placement) Distributed to Families

**4/9:** P.T.O. Meeting (6:30-8:00 p.m.)

**4/18:** Parent Information Forms (Student Placement) Due at Main Office

**4/21-4/25:** Spring Vacation

**6/11:** Last Student Day of the 2013-14 School Year (Tentative)

## News from Around the School



Many thanks to Mrs. Christine Tetrault for again organizing our school's participation in the Big Change Round-Up for the Vermont Children's Hospital.

Our school raised a total of \$475.89 for this very worthy cost. Thank you for your generosity!

Mrs. Judy Carpenter's and Mrs. Patty Kissell's Grade 2 classes are hard at work preparing their "Tapestry of Nations" projects, which will be presented soon.

Mrs. Nicole Bahrenburg's Grade 3 class has begun reading informational texts. They are also reading current events stories unfolding around the world.

We were pleased to welcome Pat Patriot, the mascot for the New England Patriots, and the New England Food and Dairy Council to our school this week to stress the importance of eating a nutritious breakfast each day. The Burlington School District offers a free daily breakfast to all its students, regardless of their family income level. Please contact the school for more information.



Pat Patriot and "It Starts With School Breakfast" visit C.P. Smith classrooms.

## From Ms. Souliere:



Our Safe Routes to School Walking and Biking to School Program will begin again on April 2nd. Please continue

to begin your walk/bike from home or park away from school and begin your walk/bike. We will punch Walking Cards on Wednesdays. You may continue your card or get a new one.

## Spanish Classes

Upcoming weekend Spanish classes offered for adults and families. Express Fluency's next weekend program is April 5-6 in Burlington. Information is available at [www.ExpressFluency.com](http://www.ExpressFluency.com). Please contact Elissa McLean at [802-275-2694](tel:802-275-2694) or [elissa@ExpressFluency.com](mailto:elissa@ExpressFluency.com) for more information.

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