

SMITH TIMES

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The Principal's Corner

We will hold another Smith School Community Dinner on Thursday, April 18th from 5:30-7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria. The theme will be learning about Asian cultures, as the Thai New Year takes place earlier in the week. Please come and enjoy a delicious Asian meal with your family and learn about the beautiful country of Thailand. This event is free and is being sponsored by our Family-School Partnership Team. If you are planning to attend, please complete and return to school the form attached to this newsletter. In that way, we know how many people to plan for.

Our Science Fair has been rescheduled for Thursday, May 2nd from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the library and lobby. Mrs. Colleen Springer, our Library/Media Specialist, will be coordinating this very important academic event for our school community. Please also find attached to this newsletter information about the fair. Please encourage your child(ren) to participate and work on her/his project during spring vacation.

Speaking of spring vacation, there will be no school during the week of Monday, April 22nd through Friday, April 26th. On Saturday, April 27th, however, we will be preparing our school orchard for planting on the grounds nearest Ethan Allen Parkway. We will gather at 9:00 a.m. and work until about noon. Teams from around the city will be working on a number of school and community garden projects to celebrate Earth Day. We are pleased that the Smith School orchard has been chosen as one of the sites on which parents and community members will be working. On that Saturday, we will dig holes for where the trees will later be planted and compost and mulch the site, too. Can you join us? (Please refer to the attachment for more information but note that it is not necessary to register or join a team in order to assist with this project. Just showing up to help is fine, however we did want you to know how supportive the Friends of Burlington Gardens and the Vermont Community Garden Network have been of this project. Enrolling as a team demonstrates support for the organization so helpful and supportive of us in constructing our

own school orchard for us to use for science projects and as a source of delicious foods to serve in our own school kitchen.)

Please consult the Calendar of Events for other important activities related to our school community.

Thank you for all you do to make our school a community of respectful, responsible, and safe learners. A total of 264 postcards and other contacts (via telephone or email) have been made to recognize and reinforce positive student behavior. We are happy to report that 253 good deeds for others have also been reported to the office.

Calendar of Events



4/18: School Community Dinner
(5:30-7:00 p.m.)

4/19: Full Bag Pantry (2:00-3:00 p.m.)
-- Side Door of School

4/22 – 4/26: Spring Vacation (No School)

4/27: “Day in the Dirt” Smith School Orchard
Planting (9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.) -- School
Grounds

5/2: Science Fair (6:30-7:30 p.m.)
-- Library and Lobby

5/6: Hunt Principal Rich Amato Visits
(6:00-8:00 p.m.) -- Library. Sponsored by PTO.

5/9: Family Roundtable Session (6:30-7:30 p.m.)
Topic: Common Core w/S. Phillips of the BSD

5/15: Half Day of School Due to Teacher
Inservice. (School will be dismissed at 11:30 a.m.)

6/14: Last Day of School for Students. (School
will be dismissed at 11:30 a.m.)