

SMITH TIMES

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The Principal's Corner

Greetings!

Local dance instructor and Smith School parent Mrs. Nikki Boutin worked in collaboration with Physical Education teacher Ms. Chris Souliere for two weeks as part of an artist in residency program around the theme of Mary Poppins and Peter Pan. Entitled, "Poppins and Hook," students were provided excellent instruction by Mrs. Boutin and had a lot of fun, too. The final performance for this fine arts experience took place last Friday, and we were pleased with what a great job students did and with the high number of parents, guardians, grandparents, and other visitors in attendance. Many thanks to our P.T.O. for so generously funding this extremely worthwhile program.

This is a reminder 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.**

School will be closed next week for spring vacation. The Fletcher Free Library will be holding a number of wonderful activities to promote student reading, wellness, and connection to peers in a safe and supportive setting. Please check out their offerings at the end of this newsletter.

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.

Calendar of Events



4/6 – 4/17: S.B.A.C. Testing for Grade 4 Students

4/17: Community Connection Breakfast Gathering (8:00 a.m.) -- Gym

4/20 – 4/24: Spring Vacation

4/27 : S.B.A.C. Testing for Grade 5 Begins

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

5/7: C.P. Smith School Night at Panera's Café on Church Street (4:00-8:00 p.m.)

5/11: S.B.A.C. Testing for Grade 3 Begins

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 Year 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)

6/19: Placement Letters for 2015-16 Mailed

News from Around the School



The Kindergarten students in Mrs. Christine Tetrault's class are working on strategies to help them read words and sentences. In Math, they are working on number partners to 5.

The Grade 2 students of Ms. Brittany Belanger, Mrs. Judy Carpenter, and Mrs. Patty Kissell have been working hard on their annual Tapestry of Nations project. Students study the cultures and customs of many countries and present their learning in educational and entertaining ways. This event helps us build our understanding of people all over the world.

The Grade 4 students in Ms. Kim Brockway's class have been studying about renewable energy.

Audubon Spring Vacation Days

What are you doing for April break? Join us at Audubon for School Vacation Days!

Ages 6 -12

8:30 am – 3:30 pm

Fee: Members \$55/day or \$150 for three days

Non-members \$60/day or \$165 for three days

Register: 434-3068 or vermont@audubon.org

Online registration form: <http://bit.ly/1B2VDI2>

More information: vt.audubon.org/vacation-day-camps

[Salamander Spectacular](#)

Monday, April 20

April showers bring...salamanders! These quiet creatures are on the move in the spring, and we will be too during this fun day of exploring the Audubon Center's ponds and forests for signs of our amphibian friends. We'll migrate, burrow, swim, dance and crawl our way through the day with salamander fun and games, and might even see or hear a frog or two. Learn how you can help salamanders safely reach their ponds this spring. Bring home a handmade salamander condo to make a safe place for salamanders to live near your own house.

[Trailblazers](#)

Wednesday, April 22

Calling all explorers for an off-trail adventure! Follow your senses to the hidden corners of Audubon, where we'll find animals emerging from winter slumber and plants sending their first shoots up from the ground. We'll learn how to find our way through the woods, using map and compass or just our own mental memory maps as our guide! We'll also forage for spring snacks and go on the ultimate scavenger hunt to cap off this day of exciting exploration.

[Mud Magic](#)

Friday, April 24

Celebrate mud season by exploring all things sticky and mucky! We'll search for animal tracks on the banks of the beaver pond and see which animals use mud to build their homes. Then we'll build our own nests, dens, and dams. We'll get creative with different styles of earth art, from sculptures to mud paintings. There will also be plenty of games, exploration, and muddy science experiments. Be sure to bring your mud boots!

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Fletcher Free Library

April 2015 Youth Programs



Stories with Megan. At the **Library**: Mondays, April 6, 13, 20 & 27, 11:00-11:30 a.m. At the **Miller Community Center** (130 Gussie Court, Burlington): April 3, 10 & 17, 11:00-11:30 a.m. Enjoy a fun-filled storytime with stories, songs and rhymes. Free. Ages 2-5 years. No preregistration needed.*

Creative Tuesdays. April 7, 14 & 28, 3:00-5:00 p.m. Join us and use your imagination to be creative with recycled materials. **Create with Legos® on the first Creative Tuesday of each month!** Free. All ages. *under 8 with an adult helper, please.* No preregistration needed.

Gaming for Teens and Adults. Tuesdays, 5:00-7:45 p.m. 802MIG partners with The Fletcher Free Library to bring free, weekly *Magic The Gathering* and other tabletop games to the community. All skill levels and formats are welcome, as well as beginners looking to learn. Free. *Youth age 13 and under must be accompanied by a legal guardian or have parental permission to attend.* No preregistration needed.

Moving & Grooving with Christine. Wednesdays, April 8, 15 & 22, 11:00-11:30 a.m. Move to the rhythms of great old Rock 'n' Roll and World Beat music. Free. Recommended for ages 2-5 years, but everyone is welcome! No preregistration needed.

ChildLight Yoga for Kids. Wednesdays, April 1 & 15, 2:00-2:45 p.m. ChildLight instructor Emily promotes healthy, happy, resilient kids through yoga. Free. Ages 4-8 years. No preregistration needed. Parents and caregivers welcome!

Spanish Musical Kids. Thursdays, April 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30, 10:30-11:15 a.m. *Hola amigos! Vengan a cantar y aprender!* Come share Constanza's love of Spanish with Latin American songs and games! Free. Ages 1-5 years. No preregistration needed.

Music with Robert. Fridays, April 3, 10 & 17, 10:30-11:00 a.m. Sing along with Robert for great family fun! Free. All ages. No preregistration needed.*

Lego® Creations! Tuesday, April 21, 2:00-3:00 p.m. Create a Lego® masterpiece for display at the Library. Free. Ages 4 & up. No preregistration needed.

Celebrate Poetry with Vermont's Jerry Johnson. Wednesday, April 22, 4:30-5:30 p.m. A not-to-be-missed event with this Northeast Kingdom author of two celebrated books: *Up the Creek Without a Saddle* and *Noah's Song*. Jerry will read from his poems set to music by Jun Chalmor and Pete Sutherland. All are welcome, children and adults! Come join the fun! No preregistration needed.

Healthy Kids Day. Saturday, April 25, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. The Fletcher Free Library joins the YMCA to celebrate "Healthy Kids Day" and to get a jump on summer. Enjoy healthy activities at the YMCA's FREE community event! Check out the Fletcher Free Library table to talk about summer reading and enter the Library raffle for a fun prize. All ages. No preregistration needed.

After School Homework Help and Free Tutoring at the Library and the Miller Community Center (130 Gussie Court, Burlington). **For more information, call the Library Youth Desk: 865-7216.**

* Please note: All groups must receive special permission to attend any program from Robert Greenberg. Daycare is welcome in programs with a caregiver for every two children. Please call 865-7216.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, every effort will be made to make our programs accessible to people with disabilities. To aid us in making accommodations, please contact us a minimum of two weeks prior to the program you wish to attend. Please call 865-7216 (TTY relay, 711).

April is National Poetry Month!

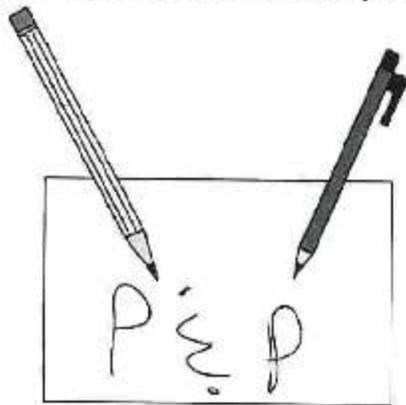
Check our our website: www.fletcherlib.org
or find us on Facebook!



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News

Come down to Pencils and Pens! We have pencils, pens, sharpeners, erasers, and everything you need for school. We have friendly 5th grade workers from Mr. Pecor's class that will gladly help you.



We also have some new items. We have Fashion Pens, Super Pencil Assortments, Bic Mechanical Pencils, Waybent Spring pens, 0.7Millimeter Lead Refills, Spencer Grip mechanical pencils, 0.9Millimeter Lead Mechanical Pencils, Panda erasers, Neon Smile Face Stress balls, and Smile'n Cap Erasers.