

SMITH TIMES

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The Principal's Corner

Greetings!

If your child is returning to Smith School for the 2014-15 school year and you would like to provide information about her/him that would be helpful to us in the student placement process, please complete and return your form to the main office on or by Friday, April 18th. Please complete a separate form for each of your children who will be attending Smith School next year. If you need additional copies of this form, you may pick one up at the main office or the information kiosk in the main lobby. These forms are closely reviewed by the teacher teams who conduct the placement process.

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 7th through August 15th.



Our school honored Mr. Doug Davis, Burlington School District Food Service Director, and our own Mr. Dan Marshall, Mrs. Lisa Moody, and Mrs. Arleen Bennett at a

short assembly last week. The Food Service Department recently received an award for the 6th best program in the United States due to the nutritious food offered each day, the use of local foods in preparing meals, the Breakfast in Classrooms program, access to an afternoon meal as part of the Burlington Kids Afterschool Program, and the orchard recently planted on our school grounds, which will someday provide us with our own supply of fresh fruit. As another

way to honor these wonderful individuals for their work, the school is collecting donations for Hunger Free Vermont, a local education and advocacy group with a mission of ending hunger in our state. If you would like to learn more about Hunger Free Vermont, please visit their website at hungerfreevt.org. **Donations for Hunger Free Vermont may be left at the main office anytime before May 31st. Checks may be made out directly to HFV. Thank you for your generosity in making sure our friends and neighbors have enough to eat.**



As the weather gets warmer, we often have to remind students of our school dress code. Your help and support in making sure your children are dressed appropriately and respectfully are greatly

appreciated. The code states, *"Your child is expected to wear clothing appropriate for school activities. Clothing should be comfortable for learning and play. Parents are encouraged to monitor their children's choice of clothing. To ensure your child's safety and to maintain a positive learning environment, the following clothing items are not permitted at school: high heels, inappropriately short skirts or shorts, halter tops or tops with "spaghetti" straps, t-shirts with inappropriate words or advertising, midriff tops, or underwear that is visible."* If a child does wear one of these items to school, parents/guardians will be contacted to bring appropriate clothes to school.

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

Calendar of Events



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

4/21-4/25: Spring Vacation

5/9: Burlington School District Spelling Bee (9:30 a.m.) -- Gym

5/12: P.T.O. Meeting (6:30-8:00 p.m.) -- Library

5/15: Kindergarten "Get Acquainted Day"

5/16: Deadline for Summer School Applications

5/26: Memorial Day -- (No school.)

5/29: School Dinner (rescheduled from 4/16)

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

News From Around the School



Ms. Kerrin Flanagan's Kindergarten students read the story, The Very Hungry Caterpillar, recently, as they learn about author Eric Carle and his works. They started new Math workplaces to practice the skill of counting on, by adding on to the number they're already thinking about. They have finished their stories about bears and are back to their own writing again.

Mrs. Christine Tetrault's Kindergarten students now know all the letters of the alphabet! In Word Study, they sorted pictures according to vowel sounds, spelled words to label pictures, and they will soon be dictating sentences, too. In Math, they have been practicing addition, making number combinations and using their DreamBox computer program at least once a week. They are also writing numbers in the teens and doubling numbers.

Mrs. Judy Carpenter's and Mrs. Patty Kissell's Grade 2 students held their annual "Tapestry of Nations" event yesterday. (Since this is being written beforehand, we will have more to say about it in our next newsletter.)

Mr. Josh Safran is serving as the school's Spelling Bee Coach. He is organizing and training the school team, which will participate in the district competition here at Smith School on Friday, May 9th at 9:30 a.m.

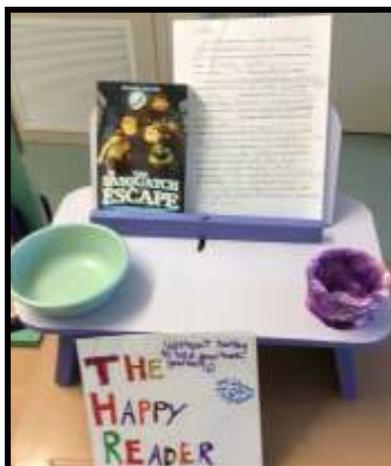
Heartbleed Bug Update

We have confirmed that the following District websites/accounts were not impacted by the Heartbleed Bug:

Jupiter Grades
EDU 2.0
MySchoolBucks Food Service Accounts

We also recommend using the below link to self-check any sites that you may be using at home.

<https://lastpass.com/heartbleed/>



Third grade projects from Mrs. Mancuso and Mrs. Bahrenburgs Invention Convention.

Burlington School District Receives Unqualified Audit

On Tuesday, April 8, the Burlington School Board received its first audit designed to highlight the finances of the School District separate from the City. Prior to this year, the School District's audit had been part of the City's audit whereas this year the audit was done separately, similar to the way Burlington Electric's audit is handled. This audit is an important step in working to have more transparency into the District's finances and financial controls. The audit was for the FY13 fiscal year which ended June 30, 2013 and was completed by Melanson Heath & Company, PC.

The audit was unqualified with no material weakness. What an unqualified letter means is that in the professional opinion of the auditor the District is appropriately representing its finances through its financial statements.

One of the findings of the audit was to highlight the School District's recent deficits. The audit combined the deficits of FY12 and FY13 because the FY12 deficit by Vermont education funding guidelines was not retired until FY14, after the time period this audit covered. Additionally, the realized deficit of FY13 is being retired within the FY15 budget. Thus both deficits identified within this audit have been discussed and responded to by the Board.

The audit did identify two areas of significant deficiency. The first acknowledged the ongoing deficit issue the District has been facing. The District remains concerned about recurring deficits in FY14 and potentially FY15 and has initiated a separate review into those deficits in order to determine the root cause of the deficits and take appropriate corrective actions. The second area acknowledges concerns over control of disbursements and provides guidance in actions the District and Board can take to shore up disbursements, part of the District's overall commitment to transparency in gaining a better understanding of how to solidify its financial fundamentals.

Patrick Halladay, Board Chair, commented: "This audit is an important first step in helping us understand the financial challenges the District faces. The good news is that there are no material weaknesses. As we move forward, the deficiencies will inform the direction the District's financial cure plan assumes. Our goal is to understand our budget better and use this knowledge to design smarter programs with sustainable funding and financial controls."

Burlington School District
Lunch Menu - May 2014

SATURDAY MAY 10TH
 Join us for the 29th Annual Kids Day
 Free Admission 10:00-3:00
 Battery Park Fun, Food, & Activities
 Free Lunch for all kids 18 & Under

LOOK for the

BURLINGTON SCHOOL FOOD PROJECT

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>1</p> <p>GET FRESH!</p> <p>Chicken Parmesan Sandwich Italian Seasoned Broccoli</p>	<p>2</p> <p>GET LOCAL!</p> <p>Sesame Noodles With Chicken or Vegetables Vegetable Egg Roll</p>	<p>3</p> <p>GET LOCAL!</p> <p>ALL BEEF BUNGER OR Veggie Burger Root Veggie "Fries"</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Sweet & Sour Meatballs or Tofu Egg Noodles Roasted Broccoli Veggie Egg Roll</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Cheesy Baked Ziti Steamed Garlicky Broccoli</p>
<p>6</p> <p>PIZZA Zesty Caesar Salad Seasonal Roasted Veggies</p>	<p>7</p> <p>BURGER DAY! All Beef Burger or Veggie Burger Root Veggie "Fries"</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Meatball Sub with Kale Pesto Marinara Kicking Garlicky Greens</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Spaghetti for Lunch Egg & Cheese Sandwich English Muffin Turkey Sausage Roasted Winter Squash</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Spaghetti & Meatballs Italian Seasoned Zucchini</p>
<p>11</p> <p>Chicken Nuggets Baked Potato Bar With All the Fixings</p>	<p>12</p> <p>PIZZA Zesty Caesar Salad Seasonal Roasted Veggies</p>	<p>13</p> <p>PIZZA Zesty Caesar Salad Seasonal Roasted Veggies</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Chicken Fajita Rice Onions & Peppers Refried Beans</p>	<p>15</p> <p>All Beef Hot Dog Roasted Root "Fries" Homemade Classic Coleslaw</p>
<p>16</p> <p>Chicken Party Whole Wheat Bun Roasted Carrots</p>	<p>17</p> <p>PIZZA Zesty Caesar Salad Seasonal Roasted Veggies</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Beef or Bean Soft Taco Refried Beans 3-Sisters Succulash</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Szechuan Chicken Rice Garlicky Kale Veggie Egg Roll</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Chicken or Cheese Baked Enchilada Corn Tortilla Sweet Potato and Black Bean Salad</p>
<p>21</p> <p>Chicken Nuggets Baked Potato Bar With All the Fixings</p>	<p>22</p> <p>PIZZA Zesty Caesar Salad Seasonal Roasted Veggies</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Sloppy Joes Roasted Root Veggies</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Chicken 'n Biscuits Roasted Broccoli</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Midweek Day</p>

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Salad Bar
 An ever-changing assortment of raw vegetables, whole grains, beans, homemade salads, fruit, dressings and dairy selections!

SERVED DAILY:
 Homemade Soup
 Milk
 Vegetarian Options

Yazbeck Milk Choices
 1% White Milk
 Skim White Milk
 Skim Chocozina Milk

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