

SMITH TIMES

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The Principal's Corner



Greetings!

I hope your family had a safe and enjoyable spring vacation last week.

We take this opportunity to thank Mrs. Stephanie Marcotte, our Student Support Coach, for her dedicated service to our school community for the past 15 years. Mrs. Marcotte and her husband are moving to North Carolina and promise to send some warmer weather our way. Mrs. Marcotte leaves a legacy of top-notch work with children, especially those who are having a hard time maintaining physical and emotional control. A few minutes in her presence and they're back in the game, so to speak. We thank her for all she has done for our whole school community and wish her well in her new home.

We welcome to our school community Ms. Alisha Lussier, our new Cafeteria Monitor. She replaces Ms. Tina Giroux, who is moving on after serving in this position for four years. We thank Ms. Giroux for her service to our school in a number of ways and welcome Ms. Lussier.

Based on enrollment projections, the classroom configuration for the 2014-15 school year will be as follows: two Kindergarten classrooms, one K-1 classroom (it may be a Grade 1 classroom if there are fewer Kindergarten students than originally expected), two other Grade 1 classrooms, three Grade 2 classrooms, two Grade 3 classrooms, three Grade 4 classrooms, and two Grade 5

classrooms. Specific teacher assignments will be announced once they have been finalized.

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.



Many thanks to those of you who have brought in donations for Hunger Free Vermont. It's good for a school community to reach out to a cause beyond itself, and our school collects funds each year for the Vermont Children's

Hospital and also partners with the Heineberg Senior Center in our neighborhood. Many classes do community outreach on their own, as well.

Please find attached some fantastic ideas about Reading, Writing, and Math activities which you can do with your children at home.

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

Calendar of Events



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

News from Around the School



Mrs. Judy Carpenter's and Mrs. Patty Kissell's Grade 2 students held their annual "Tapestry of Nations" event recently. This annual celebration of countries and cultures across the world showed a great deal of student skill in a number of areas and was greatly appreciated by the many parents, guardians, and community members in attendance. They will bring their presentation to our community friends at the Heineberg Senior Center next week.

Mrs. Kissell's class also had a wonderful nature presentation by their 4-Winds team of Mrs. Bahrenburg, Mrs. Caputo, and Mrs. Cummings, who are so generous about volunteering in the class. The lesson was on birds and was a fun learning experience.

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.

Mr. Safran's class held their Hopeamyboatafloata Regatta Expo recently. Students engineered and designed boats to race in their classroom "reservoir." This was part of their Science curriculum this school year, and they wrote about their work in their journals.

Four Winds Science Program

The students at C.P. Smith enjoy learning about science through a parent supported program called Four Winds. The photos to the left show children learning and enjoying the Four Winds program.

Message from Ms. Souliere:

Next Wednesday May 7th is the Annual Intergenerational Walk and Bike to School Day. Schools across the State of Vermont will be participating. We encourage the parent community to walk or bike to school with students. We will be handing out a special prize for those who join in.

