

SMITH TIMES

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The Principal's Corner

Greetings!



It is with the utmost respect for their professional contributions and generosity to the Smith School community that I announce that Mrs. Carolyn Pallutto, Mr. Edward "Ned" Strianese, and Mrs. Christine Tetrault will be retiring at the

end of this school year. Mrs. Pallutto currently teaches Grade 1 and began working in the Burlington School District in 1979. Mrs. Tetrault arrived 7 years later, in 1986, and teaches Kindergarten. Mr. Strianese began his tenure in this district in 2004, and is a special educator. Their combined 76 years of service to the children of our community is a legacy of kindness, warmth, compassion, best practice, and joy. They will be greatly missed. A reception in their honor will be held in early June, and during our Arbor Day Assembly, a tree will be planted in honor of each of these wonderful teachers, whom we will remember always and for whom we will always be very thankful.

That snazzy new bicycle rack in the front of the school comes to us through the generosity of the R.J and Shiloh Lalumiere family. Many thanks to them for encouraging more bicycle riding among the members of our school community.

On a personal note, I will be undergoing intestinal surgery later next week and at home recovering for a few weeks after that. The school will be in the good hands of former Smith School Principal Mrs. Lorie Caruth for the first few days and Mrs. Monica Smith, former Charlotte Central School Principal, for the two weeks to follow. I expect to return to school on June 1st.

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.

News from Around the School

The Grade 1 students in Ms. Kerrin Flanagan's class have been doing a lot of opinion writing and also inferring what poems are about. In Science, they are learning about light.

The Grade 3 students in Mrs. Nicole Bahrenburg's and Mrs. Kelly Mancuso's classes recently held a very successful Read to Feed community service project for Heifer International, an international charitable organization which helps feed people in need. The classes raised \$560.60 for this most worthwhile cause.

The Grade 5 students in Mrs. Carol McHugh's and Mr. Dale Pecor's classes are working hard on their S.B.A.C. tests. These tests are administered to students in most states across the country. Students in Grade 4 completed them recently, and students in Grade 3 will do so later this month.

Calendar of Events



- 5/11:** S.B.A.C. Testing for Grade 3 Begins
- 5/11:** P.T.O. Meeting/Dinner (5:30-7:00 p.m.)
- 5/14:** Kindergarten "Get Acquainted Day"
- 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



Fletcher Free Library



May 2015 Youth Programs

Please note: The Library will be **CLOSED** on **Monday, May 25** for Memorial Day.

Join our "Jam" to Keep Burlington Kids Hunger Free this Summer! **Saturday, May 30, 7:00-10:00 p.m.** Dance to live music by 'Mango Jam' at a fundraiser organized and hosted by the Fletcher Free Library and Burlington's Summer Meals Coalition. Please call the Library for more information regarding the purchase of \$25.00 tickets: 802-865-7216 or contact rgoldberg@burlingtonvt.gov.

Kids Yoga, Sundays, May 3 & 17, 1:00-1:45 p.m. Young yogis come together and explore the beauty of new beginnings with ChildLight certified instructor Emily, Free. Recommended for ages 3-6 years. No preregistration needed. Parents and caregivers welcome!
For details, call 802-865-7216.

Stories with Megan. At the Library: Mondays, May 4, 11 & 18, 11:00-11:30 a.m. At the Miller Community Center (130 Gosse Court, Burlington): **Fridays, May 1, 8, 15 & 22, 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, May 5, 12, 19 & 26, 3:00-5:00 p.m. Join us and use your imagination to be creative with recycled materials. **Create with Lagos® 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, May 5, 12, 19 & 26, 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.

Spanish Musical Kids, Thursdays, May 7, 14, 21 & 28, 10:30-11:15 a.m. *Hola amigos! Vengan a cantar y aprender!* Come share Constanca's love of Spanish with Latin American songs and games! Free. Ages 1-5 years. No preregistration needed.

Music with Robert, Fridays, May 1, 8 & 15, 10:30-11:00 a.m. Sing along with Robert for great family fun! Free. All ages. No preregistration needed.*

Kids' Day! Saturday, May 9, 9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. The Fletcher Free Library joins Burlington Parks & Recreation to celebrate Kids' Day! Cheer for our library van in the parade down Main Street at 9:30 a.m. Visit the library's table at Waterfront Park from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and find out about "Every Hero has a Story," our 2015 Summer Reading Program and "Lunch at the Library!" Be sure to enter our raffle! Free. All ages. No preregistration needed.

* Please note: All groups must receive special permission to attend any program from Rebecca Goldberg. Donations are welcome at programs with a one-dollar fee every two children. Please call 865-7216.

In accordance with the American 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).



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