

SMITH TIMES

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Greetings!



The 2015-16 school year is quickly coming to a close. As we wind down one school year, we are already beginning preparations for the next. The last

day of school will be Thursday, June 9th at 11:30 a.m. We will hold a Farewell Assembly that morning at 8:30 a.m. in the gym as we (with the help of our Kindergarten students) say goodbye to our Grade 5 students as they move on to middle school. Please join us for that ceremony if you can.

We will soon be conducting interviews for one open teaching position at our school, and I hope to put out a full roster of teacher assignments when that has taken place. We are planning on three Kindergarten classrooms due to the large enrollment of incoming students in that grade. That will bring us to a total of 15 classrooms at our school. The moving of the district pre-school program back to Flynn School will help us all fit under one roof, although we will miss the very youngest of our students.

Our neighbors in the Ethan Allen Woods development across the street have asked me to remind parents that Ira Lane is a narrow, private road that is not a suitable or appropriate place in which to drop off or pick up children from school. In the interest of being good neighbors to residents who need to keep their lane free of cars parked in this private area, please use our school lot or Ethan Allen Parkway for dropping off and picking up your children. We also remind parents/guardians to not leave their cars unattended in the fire lane

adjacent to the school building. This is not an allowable parking area, and cars parked there also prevent buses from making their way through the parking lot. Thank you for your cooperation with these safety matters.

Please review the calendar for other upcoming school activities and events.

Thanks for all you are doing to make our school community one of safety, respect, and responsibility for all who come through our doors.

Calendar of Events



5/19: Kindergarten Get– Acquainted Day

6/3: Field Day/Bike Rodeo
-- School Grounds

6/3: Farewell Picnic (5:00-7:00 p.m.)
-- School Grounds

6/8: Appreciation Assembly (8:30 a.m.)
-- Gym

6/9: Farewell Assembly (8:30 a.m.)
-- Gym

6/9: Last Day of School
(11:30 a.m. dismissal)

6/17: Student Placement Letters Mailed

Families with kids ages 8-12
are invited to participate in a 2-part research study
at the University of Vermont Family Development
Lab



- Part 1: Parents will complete an online survey prior to their lab visit.
- Part 2: Kids (ages 8-12) and parents are invited to come to the UVM Family Development Lab for a 2.5-hour research study about how parents and kids interact with each other and with other people.

Upon completion of the study,
Families receive **\$70**
and kids receive a **prize!**

Interested? Take our screening survey at <http://bit.ly/1lc0v1d>
to see if you are eligible. Questions? Contact the Family Development Lab
at the University of Vermont at
802-656-4409 or **famlab@uvm.edu**