

SMITH TIMES

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The Principal's Corner

Greetings!

You will find attached to this newsletter a copy of our Family Satisfaction Survey. We invite you to complete it and offer your thoughts and suggestions about how our school can be better and better. The survey is a fairly lengthy one, but it is the one recommended by the Parent Information and Resource Center (PIRC) of the Vermont Family Network and the Burlington School District's Family-School Partnership Team (BSD/FSPT). Since the survey leaves little room for comments, I encourage people to use additional paper to express concerns, offer feedback, and elaborate on any point(s) they wish to. **Please complete surveys and return them to the main office on or before the last day of school, so that we can compile, reflect, and build upon this information over the summer. Thank you for taking the time to offer us valuable and vital feedback. We really appreciate it.**

Speaking of the FSPT, our school committee recently met to discuss a range of issues and activities. A request was made to move up the date by which parents/guardians are notified of their children's placements for the following year. (Last year, I moved notification up from mid-August to the first of the month, but committee members (made up of parents and teachers) requested an earlier date, and I am happy to oblige if earlier notification eases students' anxiety over the summer. We will now mail these letters right after the last day of school.

June 6th is going to be an exciting day for our school community! We have our annual Field Day (weather permitting) during the school day, and that evening, our wonderful P.T.O. is planning a Smith School Community Picnic. (This replaces the one previously scheduled for May 29th.) We have our fingers crossed for good weather for that day.



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

Calendar of Events



- 5/26:** Memorial Day -- (No school.)
- 5/27:** Minkler Class Fieldtrip to Sailing Center (8:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.)
- 5/30:** Pecor Class Fieldtrip to Sailing Center (8:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.)
- 5/30:** Flanagan Class Celebration of Kindergarten Readers and Writers (8:15 a.m.)
- 5/30:** Carpenter and Kissell Class Fieldtrip to Bowling Center (9:00 a.m. -11:00 a.m.)
- 5/30:** Slack Class Fieldtrip to Air Guard (8:30 a.m. -10:30 a.m.)
- 6/5:** Tetrault Class Fieldtrip to Battery Park/Library (8:30 a.m. -2:00 p.m.)
- 6/5:** School Chorus Fieldtrip to Jazz Festival (12:30 p.m.)
- 6/6:** Field Day (Raindate: 6/9)
- 6/6:** School Community Picnic Sponsored by the P.T.O. (5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.)
- 6/11:** Farewell Assembly (8:30 a.m.)
- 6/11:** Last Student Day (11:30 a.m. Dismissal)

News from Around the School



Ms. Kerrin Flanagan's students have been choosing their best pieces of writing to publish. They will be sharing their published stories at their Celebration of our

Kindergarten Readers and Writers to which parents, guardians, and other family members are invited. That very special event begins at 8:15 a.m. on May 30th.

Mrs. Danielle Hurley and the school chorus will be singing at the Burlington Discover Jazz Festival on Thursday, June 5th at 1:45 p.m. on the City Hall stage on the lower block of Church Street. A few chaperones are still needed to escort students and carry sound equipment. Please contact Mrs. Hurley at the school if you are able to help. Congratulations to our chorus for being asked to sing at this very special event!

Mr. Dale Pecor and his Grade 4 students enjoyed their fieldtrip to the Ethan Allen Homestead earlier this week. This class and the Grades 4-5 classes of Ms. Sarah Minkler and Mr. Joshua Safran will be visiting the Sailing Center, as well.

Mrs. Colleen Springer, our librarian, is organizing a DCF (Dorothy Canfield Fisher) Award Ice-Cream Party for Thursday, May 29th for students who have read at least five of this author's books.



The students at C.P. Smith participated in BlueCross BlueShield Walk at Lunch Day. Each student received a pair of sunglasses for their participation.

Donations of Children's Books?



During field day the Learning Center will be hosting a station for students to choose a used book to take home. In the past the Reading Is Fundamental program has supplied these books for free. This past year the qualifications for this program have changed and BSD schools are no longer eligible. I am inviting parents to donate children's books, that their children have outgrown, to our Field Day book giveaway.

Please bring books in good condition to the Learning Center (or drop off in the Office). We will take books up to June 3rd. Thank you for your help.

T-Shirt Weather is Here

You've seen them on your friends, now get your C.P. Smith T-shirt. Only \$12 a shirt. Available in youth, adult and women's fitted sizes - 100% cotton. Come into the office and see Mrs. Desautels to pick yours out. Hurry before they're all gone! Write checks to C.P. Smith PTO.



End of the Year BBQ



Come one, come all to the C.P. Smith end of year BBQ. On Friday, June 06, 2014, from 5:00 to 7:00pm, C.P. Smith will hold a BBQ outside near the playground.

Hamburgers and Hot Dogs will be served. We are asking those who attend to bring a side dish or salad to share with our Smith community. Also, please bring your blankets or chairs for seating. We hope to have music and games for kids, beginning at 5:00pm. Food will be served between 5:30-6:30pm. We are also looking for volunteers to help organize and anyone with DJ skills is welcome. We sincerely hope you can make it that day. Happy end of year everyone!