

# SMITH TIMES

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Greetings!



There will be no school on Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, due to the Memorial Day Holiday. School will resume on Tuesday morning at 8:10 a.m.

The last day of school will be Thursday, June 9<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. (Lunches to-go will be available to students who request them.) We will hold our 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.

Shortly after the completion of this school year, parents and guardians will receive information about their children's classroom placements for the 2016-17 school year. The student placement process at C.P. Smith is a very involved one. It begins with parents and guardians providing input about their children and the environments in which they are most likely to thrive and learn. Grade-level teams of students' current classroom teachers, specialists (P.E., Guidance, Music, Library, and Art teachers), and special educators are then formed to review this information and their own knowledge and data about students and how they interact and work with each other in classroom settings. Drafts of classroom rosters are created and revised to make sure groups are balanced for a variety of factors, including gender, learning ability/style, behavioral concerns, etc . . . These lists are then sent to me for final review and approval. Out of respect for the amount of time and energy teachers devote to the task of student placement, I rarely make changes to these rosters, knowing that those who work with students on a daily basis for a whole school year know more about how they learn and work together than I do. I would ask that you also respect the process by not requesting a placement change for your child. I recognize this may be difficult, so I would invite you to contact me if your feelings or concerns are strong, so that we can meet to discuss a plan for your child which would guide her/his transition into the classroom with the support needed to feel and be successful. Almost always, a child's initial disappointment disappears after the first few days or weeks of school. They realize they can still see their friends assigned to other rooms and that the opportunity to make new friends is a good thing, too. They see that the connection they had built with former teachers can

also be built with their new one. I hope you find this explanation of our student placement process to be a helpful one.

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.

## News from Around the School



The students in Mrs. Judy Carpenter's Grade 2 class have demonstrated great responsibility by returning all their homework assignments since September!

That's a total of 441 assignments this year! We are all very proud of these second graders and their accomplishment.

Our Grade 5 students met today with teachers, students, and administrators from Hunt Middle School, as they transition on to this next phase of their academic lives. We are so proud of this group of 50 wonderful students and citizens.

## Calendar of Events



**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

# June 2016

## Burlington School District Pre-K - 8 Lunch Menu



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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6 Chicken Patty Baked Potato Bar	7 <b>PIZZA DAY!</b> Cheese or Turkey Pepperoni	8 Beef or Bean Nachos Lettuce, Cheese Salsa, Sour Cream	9 <b>LAST DAY OF SCHOOL</b> Turkey & Cheese Sandwich Veggie Sticks Fruit	

Available with  
Every Lunch  
Local Vermont Milk  
1% White  
Fat Free White  
Fat Free Chocolate  
Fresh Fruit & Veggie Bar

Soup-of-the-Day

Vegetarian options are  
available every day.



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