

SMITH TIMES

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The Principal's Corner



Greetings!

As this school year winds down and we prepare for the next one, we are finalizing teacher assignments, preparing class rosters,

and completing other tasks to help us have a smooth finish to the 2013-14 school year and a smooth start to the 2014-15 one. Classroom teachers will be arranging "step up" activities with their colleagues at adjoining grade levels so that students will know who the teachers at their next grade level will be and what the expectations are. Letters about specific classroom assignments will be mailed to families right after this school year ends. At this point, our roster of teaching assignments is: Kindergarten: Mrs. Lynn Slack and Mrs. Christine Tetrault; Grade 1: Ms. Kerrin Flanagan, Mrs. Christine Harvey, and Mrs. Carolyn Pallutto; Grade 2: Mrs. Judy Carpenter, Mrs. Patty Kissell, and one other teacher to be hired; Grade 3: Mrs. Nicole Bahrenburg and Mrs. Kelly Mancuso; Grade 4: Ms. Kim Brockway, Ms. Sarah Minkler, and Mr. Joshua Safran; and Grade 5: Mrs. Carol McHugh and Mr. Dale Pecor. Ms. Annie Dunn, a special educator, will be moving on to work at Shelburne Community School, and Mrs. Christel DeVita (who is currently on a one year's leave of absence) has also resigned. She is now living with her family in North Carolina. Mr. Joe Garofalo will be returning to teach Music at least part-time next year. Mrs. Judy Forbes, a para-educator, will be moving to New Hampshire. We extend our sincerest thanks and best wishes to all the wonderful people who are moving on to new adventures and welcome back Mr. Garofalo.

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. We have our fingers crossed for good weather for that day.

Thank you for taking a few moments to complete and return the survey that was attached to last week's newsletter. Your ideas and suggestions help us do a better and better job of educating your children and working with your family. Additional copies may be found on the information kiosk in the main lobby or at the main office.

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

Calendar of Events



6/5: Tetrault Class Fieldtrip to Battery Park/ Library (8:30-2:00)

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. (5:00-7:00 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



Many thanks to Ms. Chris Souliere, Mrs. Christine Tetrault, and Mrs. Danielle Hurley for organizing our annual Arbor Day Assembly last Friday. We planted a memory tree for Derek

Schueler, a former student who died last summer.

Ms. Kerrin Flanagan, Mrs. Lynn Slack, and Mrs. Christine Tetrault and their Grade 1 students all visited the fire station recently.

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, Ms. Sarah Minkler, and Mr. Joshua Safran and their classes have all been on sailing trips recently and learned a lot about Lake Champlain, our precious local resource.

Community Input Requested

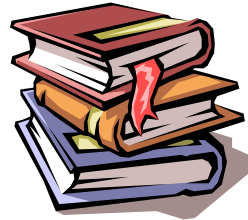
Superintendent and Finance Director Search Input



We invite you to submit comments via the Let's Talk! page about the upcoming searches for both the Superintendent and Finance Director positions for the District, or to comment/ provide general feedback to

the District as we work to improve the school environment for all students and families. These comments will be compiled and presented to the Administration and School Board as they work in the next month to fill these positions and transition into new leadership.

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.

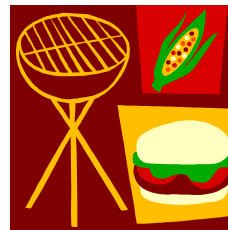
C.P. Smith bumper stickers - FREE



Come into the office and pick up a round C.P. Smith bumper sticker for your car etc. Show your school pride. These were donated by Place Creative

Company for our school community.

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!