

SMITH TIMES

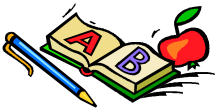
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The Principal's Corner

Our Family-School Partnership Team (FSPT) sponsored a Family Roundtable Session a few weeks ago with Stephanie Phillips, the Director of Curriculum and Instruction for the Burlington School District. Ms. Phillips presented information about the Common Core. We will include in next year's newsletters information about this important topic as we adjust our curriculum and assessments to align to the Common Core.

Each Burlington school holds a Title I Meeting each year to present our Home and School Compact for parental review. We strive to hold these meetings when other school events are taking place so as to maximize participation. This year, we will conduct our annual Title I Meeting on Friday, June 7, 2013 from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. in the front lobby. We hope parents/guardians will stop by the table set up there to review our compact and offer feedback about it and enjoy some bagels and juice, too. We're hoping that parents dropping off students or arriving for the Grade 3 Poetry Café will stop by the table, sign in, and give us their good ideas.



As our preparations for the next school year take shape, we are able to provide families with more and more specific information about teacher assignments, the calendar, etc . . . What follows is our list of teacher assignments for the 2013-14 school year:

Kindergarten: Ms. Kerrin Flanagan, Mrs. Lynn Slack, and Mrs. Christine Tetrault

Grade 1: Mrs. Christine Harvey, Mrs. Carol McHugh, and Mrs. Carolyn Pallutto

Grade 2: Mrs. Judy Carpenter and Mrs. Patty Kissell

Grade 3: Mrs. Nicole Bahrenburg, Mrs. Kelly Mancuso, and TBD

Grade 4: Mr. Dale Pecor

Grades 4/5: Ms. Sarah Minkler and Mr. Joshua Safran

Information about specific student assignments will be mailed home during the summer. This information will be enclosed with a "welcome back" letter from your children's new teachers.

We're putting the finishing touches on the school calendar for next year. The draft of the calendar was prepared by a committee of teachers and parents.

They did great work in creating a document that makes time for all our special activities and events for the whole school year. We will be communicating this information to you soon.

Please consult the Calendar of Events for other important activities related to our school community.

Thank you for all you do to make our school a community of respectful, responsible, and safe learners. A total of 306 postcards and other contacts (via telephone or email) have been made to recognize and reinforce positive student behavior. We are happy to report that 302 good deeds for others have also been reported to the office.

Calendar of Events



5/31: Full Bag Food Pantry
(2:00-3:00 p.m.) Side Door of School

6/4: Kindergarten Fieldtrip to Ethan Allen Homestead (8:40-11:20 a.m.)

6/6: Ms. Rosenthal's Class Fieldtrip to Post Office

6/6: Mrs. Kissell's Class Walkabout Fieldtrip

6/7: Annual School Field Day

6/7: Grade 3 Poetry Café

6/7: Title I Annual Meeting (8:00-10:00 a.m.)
-- Lobby/Principal's Office

6/10: Mrs. Tetrault's Class Fieldtrip to Post Office

6/11: Mrs. Slack's Class Fieldtrip to Post Office

6/14: Farewell Assembly (8:30 a.m.) -- Gym

6/14: Last Day of School for Students.
(School will be dismissed at 11:30 a.m.)