

# SMITH TIMES

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## The Principal's Corner

Greetings!

One of the annual rituals of our school is holding an Arbor Day Assembly each spring. At this time, we plant a tree (with helpful support from the Department of Parks and Recreation), talk about what Arbor Day is, and learn how to properly care for trees. We usually dedicate the tree to a teacher who is retiring. This year, since no teacher is retiring, we dedicated our brand new peach tree in memory of Derek Schueler, a former Smith School student, who died last summer. Many thanks to Mrs. Christine Tetrault and Ms. Chris Souliere for their remarks on behalf of Derek, to Mrs. Danielle Hurley and Grade 3 students for singing a song, to Grade 5 student Aldin Brezicanin for teaching everyone about what Arbor Day is, and to Mr. Brian Sullivan and Mr. Adam Becker of the Burlington Parks and Recreation Department for bringing us our new tree and teaching us about proper tree care.

Another annual ritual of our school is an Appreciation Assembly at which we recognize and thank our staff members who for one reason or another will not be returning in the fall. This year, we will honor Ms. Annie Dunn, Mrs. Beth Dusablon, Mrs. Judy Forbes, and Ms. Maribeth Long. Ms. Dunn is a Special Educator, Mrs. Forbes, a para-educator, and Ms. Long, our Spanish teacher. As you may have read in the newspaper, Spanish instruction will no longer be offered to students in Burlington's elementary schools, and so our assembly will be a good time to thank Ms. Long for her service to our school during this school year. Mrs. Dusablon has very ably completed her service as a guest teacher for Mrs. Carol McHugh, who has been on medical leave for much of this school year but will return in the fall.

Still another annual event is our Farewell Assembly, which will be held on Wednesday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. in our school gym. At this time, we will thank our Grade 5 students for all they have done for our school and wish them well as they move on to middle school. Our Kindergarten students—who were each welcomed to our school with a carnation presented by Grade 5 students at the beginning of the school year--will now help us all say goodbye to our Grade 5 students by presenting each of them with a carnation in return. We take this opportunity to thank and

congratulate the following students and wish them every success in middle school and beyond: Sharmarke Arbow, Helen Argraves, Jennifer Bean, Noah Blood, Amaya Bradford, Aldin Brezicanin, Christian Buckeyenza, Kelcee Cadorette, Liam Chiraseveenuprapund, William Clarke, Liam Davison, Ella Decelles, Melinda Fenton-McGrath, Diana Fikiria, Ethan Griffin, Ethan Hoak, Abigail Hutchins, Mikayla Johnson, Victor Montanari, Abdifatah Musa, Kristopher O'Grady, Aidan Steeves, Jack Treat, and Nation Tyler.

The P.T.O. is sponsoring our End of School Year BBQ Picnic this evening at 5:00 p.m. on the school grounds. (We'll be inside if the weather doesn't cooperate.) Please come join us for live music, games, a barbeque dinner, dancing, cake, ice-cream, a 50/50 raffle, and lots of fun! Families may bring a dish to share, as well as chairs and blankets. We hope your whole family will be able to join us this evening!

If I don't happen to see you at our picnic, let me take this opportunity to wish you and all the members of your family a safe and enjoyable summer. Thank you for all you have done this year to make our school a community of respectful, responsible, and safe learners.

## Calendar of Events



**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-Lunch Available)

**6/23 – 8/15:** Free Summer Lunch Program at Smith and Other Sites (12:00-12:30 p.m.)

**8/27:** First Day of School for the 2014-15 Year