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Honoring Our Grade 5 Students



We take this opportunity to thank and honor our Grade 5 students for their many contributions to our school community. They move on to middle school with our sincerest congratulations for striving to be the best learners and citizens they can be. We thank their teachers for their work with these students, as well. We also thank their parents, guardians, and other family members for bringing us these fine people to work with. We have all worked hard to bring them to this day and now pause to wish these leaders of tomorrow well as they transition on to the next phase of their lives.

Hawa Abdi, Abshira Abdirahman, Fatuma Abdulrahmanshuko, Savanna Albarelli, Brynn Allard, Maggie Barlow, Jake Bergeron, Ruby Bratcher, Aiden Burt, Haris Dobraca, Tristan Erno, Isabella Farkas, Kaleb Francis Gabbeitt, Prajal Gurung, Anabel Guthrie, Sabin Hart, Hannah Hershberg, Bryan Hong, Braelyn Howland, Suleiman Hussein, Margaret Huston, Mathieu Huynh, Rita Icimpaye, Jonathan Ishimwe, Dasha Jaentschke, Amrit Krivov, Hannah Kuckovic, Luken Kuntz, Dylan Labombard, Emma Larivee, Tyler Lavoie, Hadyn Lopes, Olivia Maher, James Markley, Neelie Markley, Bety Mayani, Grace Mazza, Andrew Metivier, Grant Moody, Tyler Moureau, Ryan Murray, Emmanuel Musauyimana, Catherine Nicolay, Jordan Palmer, Jabez Paquette, Kira Parker Demetrick, Reina Paul, Shannon Pecor, Ryan Pham, Colton Poulin, Kayden Relyea, Abbigail Rivait, Logan Steele, Spencer Stillwell, Liliana Venner, McKenna Weston, and Sullivan Weston.

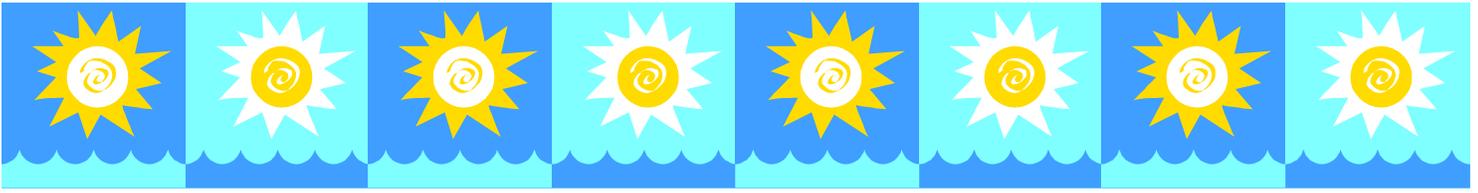
Honoring Our Staff



We also take this opportunity to thank and congratulate Mrs. Sally Hayes, one of our Grades 4-5 teachers, for her dedicated service to our school. Mrs. Hayes has accepted the position of Principal at the Brewster Pierce Memorial School in Huntington. She devoted a great deal of energy, experience and enthusiasm to our school and will be an excellent school leader in her new assignment. We wish her well.



We also say goodbye with great regret to Ms. Katie Dyer, one of our English as a Second Language teachers, and Mr. Chase Rosenberg, one of our Spanish teachers. They are moving on to other assignments. Two of our other teachers, Mrs. Cristel Devita, our Art teacher, and Mr. Joseph Garofalo, our Music teacher, will be taking one year leaves of absence during the 2013-14 school year. Our building substitute teacher, Ms. Ali McHenry, will also be moving to another area, and we wish her well. Last but not least, Ms. Erica Rosenthal, who has run the Burlington Kids Afterschool Program at our school and most recently has substituted for Ms. Kerrin Flanagan in Kindergarten, has been hired for a full-time position at a school in Swanton. We send her our thanks and congratulations, too. Ms. Flanagan is scheduled to return to Smith to teach Kindergarten here next year.



Calendar of Events



- 6/14:** Last Day of School for Students. (School will be dismissed at 11:30 a.m.)
- 6/15 – ongoing:** North End Food Pantry (9:00-10:00 a.m. each Saturday) -- Oddfellows And Rebekahs Lodge, 1416 North Avenue. Food support for individuals and families
- 6/24 – 7/26:** Summer Meals Program (11:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.) -- Cafeteria.
- 6/24 – 8/9:** Champ Camp -- Gym and Pre-School Classroom
- 7/1 - 7/25** Extended School Year Program -- D-wing at Smith School
- 7/29 – 8/2:** Science Camp -- D-wing
- 8/1:** Student Placement Information Mailed to Families
- 8/20:** Kindergarten Open House (6:30-7:30 p.m.)
- 8/21:** New Family Open House for Grades 1-5 (6:30-7:30 p.m.)
- 8/27:** School Open House (8:00-9:00 a.m.)
- 8/28:** First Day of School for Students for the 2013-14 School Year
- 8/30:** Welcome Assembly (8:30 a.m.) -- Gym

The Principal's Corner



Well, here we are! The end of the 2013-14 school year has now arrived. I'm sure students feel better about that than I do. I will miss them over the summer months.

However, I take comfort in the fact that they will be back here before we know it. As you can tell from our Calendar of Events, enough summer activities will be taking place under our roof to keep us from missing the kids too much. We have summer school, summer camp, a Science Camp, a summer lunch program, and other activities taking place here over the course of the next several weeks. We will also have a cart of reading books in our lobby from which students can come in and help themselves to some good summer reading. On August 28th, the magical feel of the first day of school will be upon us. In the meantime, may you and all the members of your family have a safe and enjoyable summer.

Please find attached to this newsletter a calendar for the 2013-14 school year. The creation of it was a collaborative effort among parents, teachers, and administrators. We will include copies of it in next year's welcome back packets that we distribute to students on the first day of school. For information about activities and events taking place before that day (such as our orientation sessions and Open House), we will send out a mailing and an AlertNow telephone message to all families in August. Student placement letters will be mailed to all families on August 1st. Please contact the school if you do not receive yours by a few days after that date.

Happy Summer