

# SMITH TIMES

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## The Principal's Corner



Greetings!

We held our annual Welcome Assembly this morning. As part of this annual ritual, students in Grade 5 presented each of our Kindergarten students with a carnation, as a sign of welcome to our school community. Many

thanks to teachers Mrs. Christine Tetrault, Mrs. Lynn Slack, Mrs. Carol McHugh, and Mr. Dale Pecor for organizing this wonderful event.

I take this opportunity to mention to you that Mr. Joseph Garofalo is unable to return to school at this time due to health concerns. He had taken a leave of absence last year to take care of family members and is now taking the time he needs to take care of his own health. We are fortunate to have Ms. Chelsea Rood taking his place. In next week's newsletter I will include information about all our new teachers.

Several schools throughout the school district (including ours) are required to provide Supplemental Educational Services, that is additional academic assistance/tutoring to improve eligible students' educational performance at no charge to families. An important feature of Supplemental Educational Services is that families can choose among different types of services, offered by a variety of providers in different area locations. The Vermont Agency of Education has approved a list of eligible providers. For more details about these providers please visit the website: [http://education.vermont.gov/documents/EDU-SES Vermont Approved Providers.pdf](http://education.vermont.gov/documents/EDU-SES_Vermont_Approved_Providers.pdf).

If you wish to have your child receive tutoring from one of these providers, please complete the application for Supplemental Educational Services. (A copy of this was sent home on the first day of school.) To access another copy of the application, please do so here: <http://bsdweb.bsdt.org/district/Curriculum/SES/SESApplication.pdf>. Only children who qualify for free and reduced-price federal meals are eligible to receive SES services. If your child is eligible for free or reduced-priced meals and you

have not previously applied, here is the link: [http://education.vermont.gov/documents/EDU-Child Nutrition FRL Meal Application.pdf](http://education.vermont.gov/documents/EDU-Child_Nutrition_FRL_Meal_Application.pdf). A limited number of spaces for SES services are available. As a result, not all students who apply will be able to participate. There is no obligation to enroll your child in Supplemental Educational Services. There will be a second enrollment opportunity in January, 2015. **If you decide you want to enroll your child in the Supplemental Educational Services this fall, you must return the signed application to our main office on or by September 30, 2014.** Service providers will contact you in October if your child has been selected to participate. Programs will begin shortly thereafter.

It is great to see so many people walking and riding bicycles to school. A full bike rack is a very good thing to see. For safety reasons, we ask bicycle riders to get off their bicycles on the city sidewalk and then walk their bicycles along our sidewalk or lawn to the bike rack in front of the school. Thank you for reviewing this safety rule with your children, and please thank them for making a very healthy choice to ride their bicycles to school and wear a helmet while doing so.

School breakfasts and lunches are free to all students this year. However, milk is still \$.50 a carton if a student is bringing a lunch from home and wishes to purchase only milk. Parents/guardians who have money left over on their children's meal accounts should email Mr. Doug Davis, Burlington School District Food Service Director, for a refund. His email address is [ddavis@bsdvt.org](mailto:ddavis@bsdvt.org). Refunds will be made by check and should be received within two weeks of the request.

Thank you for all you are doing—and will do—to make our school community one of safety, respect, and responsibility for all who come through our doors.

## Calendar of Events



**9/5:** Welcoming Ceremony for Kindergarten Students (8:30 a.m.)

**9/8:** P.T.O. Meeting/Dinner (5:30-7:00 p.m.)  
-- Library

**9/19:** School Picture Day

**9/30:** Curriculum Night (5:30-6:30 p.m.)

**10/13:** P.T.O. Meeting/Dinner (5:30-7:00 p.m.)  
-- Library

**10/15-10/16:** Parent-Teacher Conferences

**10/17:** No School

## Photos from the First Day of School



## From the Nurse



Enclosed please find 2013-14 immunization rates for C.P. Smith with a statewide comparison. In order to comply with Vermont law, we are making these rates publicly available.

There is a link to all 2013-2014 school immunization rates on the Health Department webpage for easy review and comparison. The link is <http://healthyvermont.gov/he/imm/ImmSurv.aspx>.

## Message from M. Souliere

Safe Routes to School Walking and Biking to School starts next Wednesday. New cards will be handed out for those students who need new ones or you can continue with cards from last school year.

