

SMITH TIMES

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The Principal's Corner

Greetings!

We welcome you and your family to the 2015-16 school year! Last Wednesday, we welcomed 269 students in Kindergarten through Grade 5, and this week we welcomed another 15 in the Burlington School District/Head Start Pre-School Program. It was great to see so many of you at our recent Welcome Back Picnic, sponsored by the P.T.O. We appreciate all the hard work these wonderful people devoted to making this annual event so much fun.

We also welcome the following new staff members to our school community: Adam Deyo, Kindergarten Teacher; Vi Nguyen, Kindergarten Teacher; Shelley Spinner, Grade 1 Teacher; Danielle Brigham, Special Educator; Danielle Hurley, Music Teacher; Sandra Hawkes, Art Teacher; Sharon Hayes, Librarian; Molly Bosley, Burlington Kids Afterschool Program Assistant Director; Catherine "Cat" McKelvey, School Psychologist; and Christina Pasnick, Social Worker. We are pleased to welcome to new roles Danielle Carey, Literacy Interventionist; Christine Harvey, Math Interventionist; and Elijah "Eli" Phillips, Burlington Kids Afterschool Program Director. We also welcome Dave Clark, Pre-School Teacher; Sarah McLellan, Head Start Teacher; and Stacie Bilodeau, Pre-school para-educator to our school community.

Ms. Christine Souliere, our wonderful Physical Education Teacher, will be out on medical leave for the next few months due to knee surgery. Please join us in sending her our best thoughts, and we look forward to seeing her upon her return to school. In the meantime, Mr. David Weissenstein will be temporarily assuming her duties while we hire a substitute for the duration of Ms. Souliere's leave.

Our rules are safety, respect, and responsibility, and we work hard to teach and reinforce expected behaviors through the use of Cat Cards and in other ways, too. On the first day of school, students were taught expected ways of walking in the hallways, eating in the cafeteria, arriving at and leaving from school, and playing at recess.

Students were encouraged to do as much reading during the summer as they could and earned one ticket for each book they read and could tell me about. (Having conversations with students about reading is

one of my favorite aspects of my work.) Students earned a total of 743 tickets. A drawing was held, and Jason Lai in Grade 3 was the person holding the winning ticket. (Actually, all summer readers were winners in the greater sense, weren't they?) Jason earned a gift certificate to The Bagel Café. We are putting extra focus on literacy this year and will look for many ways to promote reading. What are your ideas about that? *During the month of September, I am asking students to come and show me the books they have finished reading, so I can talk to them about their books. They will earn one ticket for each book they have read and shown me. The person holding the winning ticket will earn a \$25.00 gift certificate to The Bagel Café.*

Speaking of promoting reading, you will find at our information kiosk in the main lobby some great information from the Fletcher Free Library. They have a number of events and activities taking place in September, as they do every month throughout the year. Please check the kiosk regularly for updated information from our fantastic city library and other sources, too.

Many thanks to the P.T.O. and to Sugar Snap Catering for the delicious lunch they provided for teachers during our recent inservice time. We appreciate their generosity very much.

Please find in this newsletter a calendar of upcoming school events. A calendar of events for the whole school year will be posted in an upcoming newsletter.

Thank you for promptly completing and returning to school the forms in your children's "welcome back" packets, which were distributed to them last week.

Thanks 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



- 9/7:** Labor Day Holiday (No school)
- 9/14:** P.T.O. Meeting/Dinner
(5:30-7:00 p.m.) -- Library
- 9/23:** Yom Kippur (No school)
- 9/25:** Community Connection Breakfast
(8:00 a.m.) -- Lobby
- 9/30:** School Picture Day
- 10/8 – 10/9:** Parent-Teacher Conferences
(Some may be on 10/6, 10/7, or 10/13)
- 10/12:** Columbus Day Holiday (No school)

Pictures from the C.P. Smith New School Year BBQ Picnic



Be A Box Tops Hero



Last year you all did wonderfully at collecting Box Tops, and we met our goal of 5,000 collected. Great job! This year we're shooting even higher - our goal is 6,000 Box Tops. That translates to \$600 for our school! Box Tops money goes directly into the PTO account, to fund things like the Back to School picnic, an event photographer, Artists in Residence, and much more.

Because you all are super collectors, anyone who turns in Box Tops before the end of September will get their name entered into a drawing. The winner (whose name will be drawn & announced on October 1st) will get an awesome set of lunchbox napkins to let everyone know just how super you are!

You can turn Box Tops in to Tina in the front office. You can put them in a ziploc bag or an envelope, or there are even some collection sheets in the lobby that you can attach them to. However you turn them in, make sure that your name is on your submission! You don't want to miss out on getting your name in the drawing! If you have any questions about the program, or would like to donate a prize or help with promotion, please contact Shy Lalumiere at shylmrl@hotmail.com.

News from Around the School



Mr. Dave Clark's Pre-School program began this week. We are pleased to host it here at Smith. Also working with students are Ms. Sarah McLellan, Head Start Teacher, and Ms. Stacie Bilodeau, para-educator. There are 15 children enrolled in this program.

Mrs. Patty Kissell's Grade 2 students are enjoying playing a "Bump Math" game, as well as "Back to School Bingo."



C.P. Smith School Goes Paperless!

Dear Smith Families,

With your help we have an opportunity to greatly reduce our paper consumption at C.P. Smith School!

At the beginning of the school year most of you provided us with your email addresses along with your contact information. We would like to share your email addresses with the C.P. Smith Parent Teacher Organization. Your address will be added to the subscription list to the P.T.O. blog/website meaning that you will get updates via email whenever a new post is added to the blog. These posts include photos and updates from school, information from the P.T.O, and, newly included, the **weekly Smith Times newsletter**.

Once you are receiving the Smith Times electronically, we will no longer send a paper copy home with every student. By doing this we will enormously reduce our paper consumption.

If this is acceptable to you, there is no need for you to act. **You will automatically be added to the P.T.O. blog subscription list.** The P.T.O. will absolutely NOT share your email address with any other entity without your permission.

If you would prefer not to be subscribed and continue to receive a paper copy of the Smith Times OR your email address has recently changed, please fill out the form below and return it to your child's teacher.

Thank you!

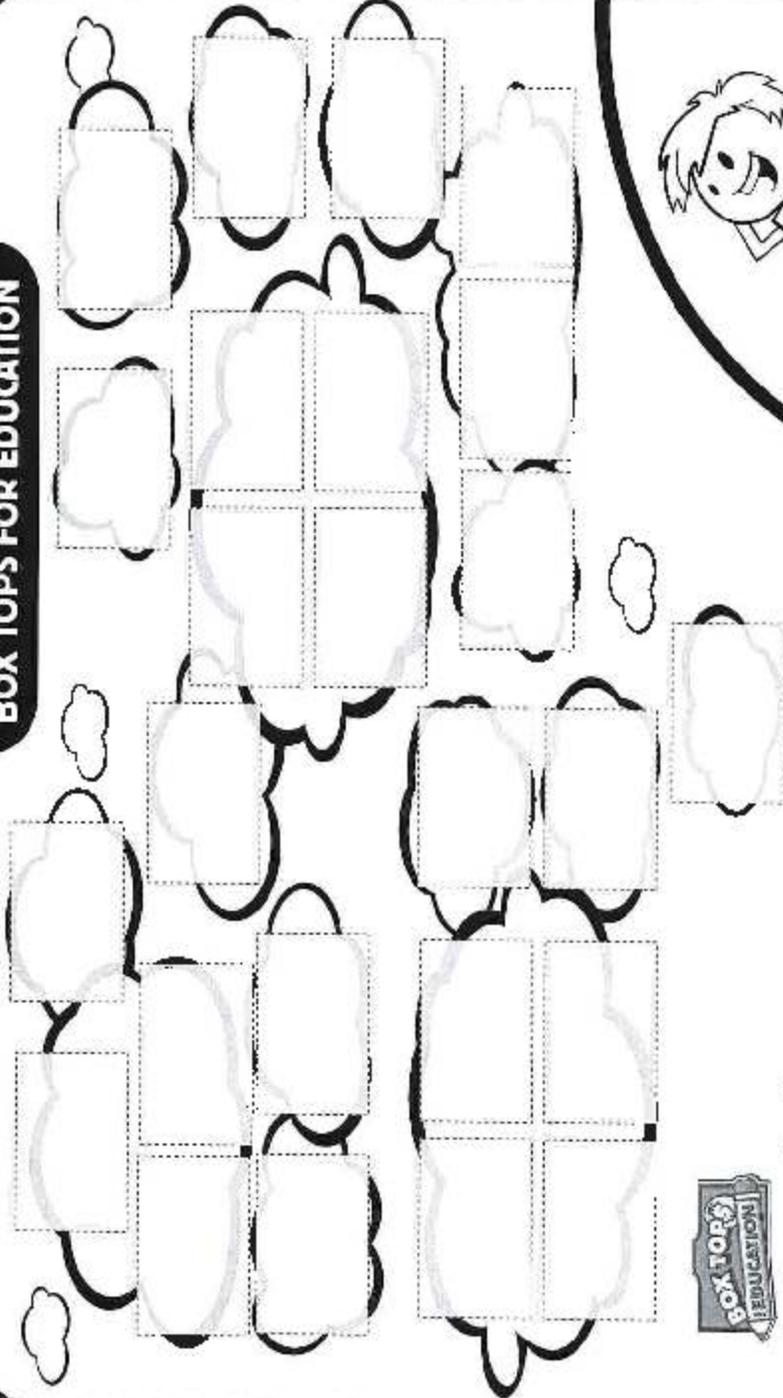
C.P. Smith Subscription Withdrawal Form

Student name(s) and grade(s) _____

Only send this form back to request the following:

- Please do not share my email address with the P.T.O.
- Please continue to send me a paper copy of the weekly Smith Times newsletter.
- My address has changed. My new address is _____

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GRADE _____

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