

SMITH TIMES

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The Principal's Corner

Greetings!



We welcome to our school community the following new teachers: Ms. Brittany Belanger, Grade 2 Teacher; Ms. Andrea Farley, English Language Learner (ELL) Teacher; Ms. Kate Healy, Art Teacher; Ms. Chelsea Rood, Music Teacher, and Ms. Tanya Willard, Food Service Assistant. We are also in the process of hiring a new Special Educator. We will announce her/his name soon. Welcome to all our new staff members! Ms. Sarah Minkler, Grade 4 Teacher, is now Mrs. Sarah Erkson, as she married this summer. Congratulations, Mrs. Erkson!

Here is a little information about our new teachers. Ms. Belanger is from Bedford, New Hampshire, where she worked in both elementary and secondary school settings. She was also the lead teacher this summer for Winooski's Thrive Summer School Program. Ms. Farley was born in Algeria and moved a few years later to Angola and then to Brazil. She has taught Art and ELL programs at B.H.S. and Flynn School. Ms. Healy worked at Underhill I.D. Elementary School and is very connected to Burlington's art community. Ms. Rood lives in Franklin, Vermont and has worked at schools in St. Albans and Hardwick. Ms. Willard comes to us from Champlain Elementary School, and we are happy to welcome her and all our other new staff members to C.P. Smith Elementary School. **We hope you will be able to join us for Curriculum Night on September 30th to meet our teachers in person and learn about our classrooms and school programs.**

This is a reminder that if you wish to enroll your child for Supplemental Educational Services this fall, you must return the signed application to our school's main office on or by September 30, 2014. Please contact me for more information.

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. Refunds will be made by check and should be received within two weeks of the request.

I will again be holding Community Connection gatherings in the main lobby on the last Friday of each month from 8:15-9:15 a.m. These gatherings are for all members of our school community to meet and talk about and/or tour the school. Feel free to join us and to spread the word to other members of our community who may wish to join us.

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.

Join Cub Scouts

Do you have a boy in Grades 1-5 who wants to have fun with friends participating in activities such as camping, playing games, building derby cars, or arts and crafts? If you do, Cub Scout Pack 651 would love to be a part of his life. If you are interested in finding our more information about the scouting program, please call Nancy Bean at 862-5394 or send an email to beankid@comcast.net.

Calendar of Events



9/19: School Picture Day

9/26: Community Connection Gathering (8:15-9:15 a.m.) -- Lobby.

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

