

SMITH TIMES

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The Principal's Corner



Our “Curriculum and Cones” event was held last evening. Curriculum Night and our Ice-Cream Social were combined into one evening to boost

attendance for the classroom presentations, and we were pleased with the turnout for these. We will continue to look for ways to enhance our working relationships with families on behalf of your children and our students. We were very pleased with the attendance at our Welcome to Kindergarten Night, New Family Orientation Night, Open House, and now, Curriculum and Cones Night, too. Many thanks to our teachers for planning these presentations and to parents/guardians for attending them. Special thanks to our wonderful PTO, which provided the ice-cream for our social. Thanks so much for joining us!

The recent PTO Meeting was well-attended and provided a forum for great discussions about the proposed district budget and calendar and school activities and events, as well. Many thanks to School Commissioners Bernie O’Rourke of Ward 4 and Linda Deliduka and Greg Jenkins of Ward 7 for attending and participating in this very productive meeting. Congratulations to Jen L’Ecuyer, PTO President, Tiffany Delaney, Secretary, and Gini Park, Treasurer, for their willingness to serve in leadership capacities for this new school year. Their dedication (and that of all other wonderful volunteers) to our school community is deeply appreciated.

As part of our school’s emergency management system, we regularly practice three types of safety drills: on-site (fire) evacuations, off-site relocations (usually to either the Miller Community Center or Lyman Hunt Middle

School) and lock-down drills. We will practice each of these drills in these first few weeks of school. We conduct the lock-down drills every other month and do so under the supervision of the Burlington Police Department.

This is a reminder that the Supplemental Educational Services (SES) form for eligible students to receive afterschool tutoring support is due at the school on or by Wednesday, September 18, 2013.

I will be participating in the Muscular Dystrophy Association’s annual “MDA Lock-up” event which “arrests” volunteers such as I who need to raise a designated amount in order to be “bailed out.” This event takes place on Wednesday, September 18th. Can you help? If you would like to donate to this very worthy organization which raises money on behalf of children and adults in our community with muscle disease, please drop off your donation with me at the main office. Checks may be made out to the MDA, or you may contribute online at <http://www.mdalockup.org/burlingtonlockup>. On behalf of the MDA, I thank you for your kindness and generosity.

Thank you for all you do to make our school a community of respectful, responsible, and safe learners.



Calendar of Events



- 9/18:** Supplemental Educational Services Forms Due Back at Office.
- 9/19:** School Picture Day
- 10/9:** PTO Meeting (6:30-8:00 p.m.) -- Library. (Note rotating Monday/Wednesday schedule.)
- 10/17:** Parent-Teacher Conferences (School will be dismissed at 11:30 a.m.)
- 10/18:** Parent-Teacher Conferences (No School)
- 10/21 – 10/25:** Book Fair
- 11/8:** First Trimester Marking Period Closes (Report cards distributed on 11/15)

“Meet and Greet”

Every semester the Office of Student & Community Relations hosts a "Meet-and-Greet" for area families in need of responsible babysitter and UVM students interested in a babysitting job. Join us on the 4th floor of the Davis Center!

DATE: Sunday, September 22, 2013

When: Families arrive at 10:30 and the event ends at 12 noon

Where: Dudley H. Davis Center (590 Main Street), UVM and parking is available

Tickets & Information: <http://www.uvm.edu/~oscr>

PLEASE NOTE: Only currently **(Fall 2013)** enrolled UVM students are eligible to attend the event as prospective babysitters.

As UVM affiliates, we cannot take on the role of holding, exchanging, or advertising the particular babysitting needs of parents in the community, or the particular babysitting availability and/or qualifications of our students. We can host Babysitter Minglers where we bring students and parents together so that they can meet face to face and exchange information if they so choose. We do recommend that parents check references of the students who attended the Babysitter Mingler and use whatever screening process they would normally use when hiring a sitter.

School Photo Day



Thursday, September 19th will be the day that our students will have their school photos taken by Ambient Photography. Please look for an order form to be sent home soon by your child's teacher. All children will be provided with a free group shot of the whole class.

BoxTops and Labels for Education



Did you collect BoxTops or Labels for Education this summer? Be sure to bring them in! Attached is a back-to-school collection sheet to help keep them all in one place. Every year we raise several hundred dollars through collecting. This money is used to support the PTO and school with purchasing supplies and helping to fund field trips. Easy fundraiser for families...and grandparents and community members too! On another note, I have been the Boxtops and Labels coordinator at CP Smith for the majority of the last 10 years and would like to turn these fundraisers over to someone this school year. It requires a couple of hours a month to sort, count, and submit. Access to a computer with internet, email, and a printer are helpful. If you are interested please contact Jennifer Reay at 859-1530

From the Health Office

Does anyone in your family smoke cigarettes? Look at this student created video!

Wow!!!

Go to the *Free My Ride* Facebook page, which has already received more than 300 "likes," to watch the video: www.freemyridevt.com. Follow the campaign on Twitter: @FreeMyRideVT or Facebook: /FreeMyRideVT

