

SMITH TIMES

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The Principal's Corner

We hope you enjoyed last evening's Winter International Celebration. Ms. Souliere and Mr. Miller and members of our Family-School Partnership Team (FSPT) prepared some international presentations for the first half-hour, and others a delicious international meal for the last hour. We were pleased with the excellent turnout we had for this gathering. The goal for this event was to bring together as many members of our school community as possible in a multicultural celebration.

We look forward to Math Night (2/16) and the Science Fair (3/15) as two other events our school community sponsors to enhance learning. We hope you will join us for those, too.

The school has begun a Full Bag Pantry to provide students and families with essential food items over the weekends. Bags of food are available on a cart near the side door of the school every Friday from 2:00-3:00 p.m., beginning today. Any adult from a family of a current C.P. Smith School student may help her or himself to a bag of food. (If you need a bag and can't arrive in person to pick it up, please call the school to make other arrangements to get the food to you.) Those wishing to make donations may leave nonperishable food items at the front office. We thank all who have donated for their help in reaching out to families who need a little extra support during these tough economic times.

Plan for our spring play are dependent upon a host of adult volunteers to make it happen. Please refer to the insert in this newsletter for more information.

Please consult the Calendar of Events for other important activities related to our school community.

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

Calendar of Events

1/27: Full Bag Pantry (2:00-3:00 p.m. every Friday) – cart near front office.

2/13: PTO Meeting (6:30-8:00 p.m.) – Ellie B. McNamara Memorial Library

2/15: Half-Day of School Due to Teacher Inservice Sessions. School will be dismissed at 11:30 a.m.

2/16: Math Night (6:30-7:30 p.m.)

2/27 – 3/5: Winter Vacation. (No School)

3/6: Teacher Inservice Sessions. (No School.)

3/7: School Resumes for Students

3/15: Science Fair (6:00-7:00 p.m.)

4/4 and 4/5: School Play: "Marvelous Land of Oz." Volunteers Needed!

FlynnArts Classes

Did you know that the Flynn offers after school performing arts classes? We also offer SCHOLARSHIPS and PAYMENT PLANS. For more information, visit www.flynnarts.org, email flynnarts@flynncenter.org, or call (802) 652-4537.

Mondays

3:30-4:30 Creative Drama, gr 2-3

Wednesdays

3:20-4:20 Creative Dance, gr K-1

3:45-4:45 Creative Dance, gr 2-5

4:25-5:25 Creative Drama, gr K-1

Thursdays

4:00-5:30 Acting, Improv, & Broadway, gr 4-6

Saturdays

9:00-10:00 Fantasy Ballet, gr K-1

Burlington Park and Recreation

We have several family oriented activities coming up in January and February.

Kids Night Out-Friday, February 3rd

Kids and parents enjoy a night out. Kids are dropped off for a night of movement games, crafts, a movie, and an evening snack.

Miller Community Recreation Center

\$12.00/child

K-5th Grades

6-9 p.m.

Register by Wednesday, Feb. 1st

Valentine Cupcakes & Cookies-Saturday, February 11

Valentine's Day is just a few weeks away!

Decorate cupcakes and cookies

for friends and family for

Valentine's Day Miller

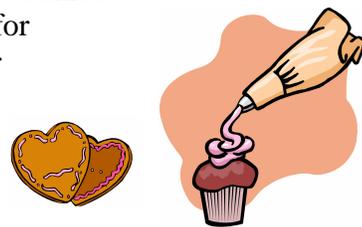
Community

Recreation Center

\$15.00

K-5th Grades

9:00-11:00 a.m.



A Call for “Readers” for Reading to End Racism



In February, C. P. Smith Elementary School will join in a community initiative called Reading to End Racism to support the District-wide goal of promoting and valuing diversity in the Burlington Public Schools. This project creates an opportunity for all students to listen to new literature, hear personal stories and join age-appropriate discussions to explore and explain racism.

Classroom presentations are led by volunteer readers who are solicited throughout the community, all of whom are committed to the elimination of racism. These readers are powerful role models for students, and in the past have included police officers, elected officials, educators, artists, business professionals, parents and school board members. All classes at C. P. Smith will participate in this one-day presentation, with book readings, personal stories and discussions on ways students can help end racism.

If you are interested in being a **volunteer reader**, please RSVP to Kate Guilmette (864-8504) or Shannon Walters (864-2228) by February 7th, 2012. If you are a **new volunteer reader**, there will be Reading to End Racism trainings and dialogue on January 19 from 5:30-7:00 pm at Edmunds Elementary School or February 8th at Flynn Elementary. Please plan on attending one of these training sessions.

