

SMITH TIMES

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The Principal's Corner

Conferences among parents/guardians, teachers, and students are coming up next week. These are good opportunities for exchanges of information between home and school. Please bring your children with you to their conferences. Thank you for confirming your conference times with us. Please contact the school at 864-8479 if you find you will need to reschedule your conference or if you are running late. We will relay those messages to your children's teachers. Last year, over 90% of families participated in these conferences. This year, we're aiming for 100%! ***The Family-School Partnership Team will provide childcare in the gym on Wednesday afternoon and all day Thursday for children waiting to attend their conferences and for their younger sisters and brothers whom parents/guardians may need to bring with them.***

Our Grades 3-5 students successfully completed their NECAP tests in Reading and Math (and Writing for Grade 5 students) earlier this week. We will mail you your children's test results when we receive them in the next few months. We use data from these tests to help us plan the best instruction for students based on what the results tell us they need.

Please consult the Calendar of Events for other important activities related to our school community. We thank those who have offered input into what they would like to see as part of next year's school calendar. This year's calendar was a collaborative effort among parents/guardians, teachers, and administrators at a PTO meeting last spring. We will likely use that model again to accomplish this important task for next year.

Our Full Bag Pantry will open again in early November. This is a volunteer effort of staff members, parents/guardians, and other community members who donate nonperishable food items to our school's own food shelf, open by the side door (nearest the parking lot) every

Friday after school. The pantry is most in need of pasta, tomato sauce, peanut butter, black beans, rice, crackers, cereal, juice, flour, sugar, oats, macaroni and cheese, tuna, soup, canned vegetables, canned fruit, applesauce, grape jelly, and egg noodles. If you wish to donate, please leave donations in the main office. Thank you for your generosity in helping to provide needed food over the weekends to other members of our school community.

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

Calendar of Events



10/13: PTO Halloween Costume Drop and Shop Event (10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.) -- School Gym

10/17: Parent-Teacher Conferences (School will be dismissed at 11:30 a.m.)

10/18: Parent-Teacher Conferences (No School)

10/19: No School

10/22 – 10/26: Book Fair

10/26: Family Fun Night

11/6: Early Release Day for Teacher Inservice (School will be dismissed at 11:30 a.m.)

11/9: Full Bag Pantry (Details to follow in an upcoming newsletter.)

11/15: Math Night (6:30-7:30 p.m.)

11/21, 11/22, and 11/23: Thanksgiving Recess (No School)



INNSBROOK Gift Wrap Fundraiser

If you have not already participated in the fundraiser there is still time. We have extended the gift wrap fundraiser until October 22nd. If you have not received a fundraiser packet and would like to participate please contact me at jlecuyer7@gmail.com or 660-9669. If you are already participating in the fundraiser all orders need to be entered by 10/22. This fundraiser is raising money for C.P. Smith PTO. Thank you for participating.

Jennifer L'Ecuyer
C.P. Smith PTO

Family Fun Night

Family Fun Night will be held at C.P. Smith on Friday, October 26th from 6 to 8 pm.

The event includes music, dancing, crafts, face painting, a bake sale, and more!

Kids (and grown-ups) are encouraged to wear a costume!

All children must be accompanied by an adult.

The PTO is looking for volunteers to help with this event. Please contact Gini Park if you can to help (862-5202) or parkbaker@hotmail.com)



News from the Guidance Office (by Kate Guilmette)

Fall Greetings C.P. Smith families. I hope this newsletter finds you well and settling into the routines of the school year. One of my goals this year is communicate with you the objectives of each guidance unit. Here is a general outline of what we will cover this year in classroom guidance: Bullying Prevention, Harassment, Emotional Regulation, Friendship & Conflict Resolution, Personal Safety, Healthy Choices (drug & alcohol awareness), and Career Exploration.

As I write this we are finishing the Bullying Prevention Unit. My hope is for students to be able to identify bullying behaviors as well as strategies that stop bullying. My focus this year has been to help students understand that we must work together, adults and children to stop bullying in its tracks. We have explored the perspective of the bystander and what might prevent a person from intervening in a bullying situation. Standing up to a bully can be very difficult, whether you are the target or the bystander, it takes courage. I hope that through role playing and practicing strategies students will use their power to stand up for themselves and others. Within the next week you may notice a student project at Hannafords. Some students from the intermediate grades have used grocery bags to communicate their feelings & knowledge about bullying. These bags will be used to bag groceries and help spread the word that bullying is not acceptable. Please talk with your child about what they can do to stop bullying. As always, feel free to contact me with any questions.