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The Principal's Corner

Greetings!

We welcome to our school community Mrs. Tracy Rubman, who will serve as a special educator for the remainder of this school year. She replaces Ms. Annie Dunn, who left last year.

Thank you very much for attending our recent Curriculum Night presentations and Parent-Teacher Conferences, too. At Curriculum Night, we had representation from 117 of 239 students in Grades 1-5, which is a rate of 49%. This is higher than previous years' presentations, but we would still like to see more people attend Curriculum Night in the future. We will soon know about the attendance at conferences and will report that in a future newsletter.



Please join us for breakfast (free of charge!) next Friday morning, October 31st at 8:00 a.m. This is part of our monthly Community Connection gathering when we invite members of our community to visit and tour the building, talk about the school, and ask questions about it. We will gather in the cafeteria.

In order to encourage more regular and punctual attendance, we and other Burlington public schools contact families when their children are 5,10,15,20, and 25 days absent from or late to school. We do this in the form of a letter which also seeks to find out from families how we can support good, punctual attendance on the part of their children . . . our students. We seek to work with families as a team of support around their children. On rare occasions, we find we must contact outside agencies for support with this, including the Chittenden County State's Attorney's Office, but our goal is always to work directly with families first whenever and wherever we can.



If you are interested in becoming a part of a C.P. Smith Elementary School Drama Club to explore ways to bring fine arts opportunities to students—especially as part of after school experiences—please contact me at the school. The group that is forming to work with The Very Merry Theatre would like to put on “The Hobbit” this winter. Would you like to join in on the fun?

Another way to become involved in our school is to serve as a coach for a Destination Imagination team we would like to form. Destination Imagination is a worldwide non-profit organization that supports students' creation of projects that represent high levels of thinking and collaborating with each other. For more information, please contact me at the school.

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.



Calendar of Events



10/27 – 10/31: Pumpkin Raffle
(Sponsored by the P.T.O.)

10/31: Community Connection (8:00-9:00 a.m.)
-- Cafeteria and Lobby *Come join us for breakfast!*

11/3 – 11/7: Book Fair
(Sponsored by the P.T.O.)

11/10: P.T.O. Meeting/Dinner (5:30-7:00 p.m.)
-- Library

11/14: 1st Trimester Marking Period Closes

11/21: Community Connection
(8:00-9:00 a.m.) Cafeteria and Lobby. *Come join us for breakfast!*

11/21: 1st Trimester Report Cards Distributed to Students

11/26 – 11/28: Thanksgiving Holiday

12/1: Student Extravaganza Sale (Sponsored by the P.T.O.)

Turn in Box Tops for a Chance to Win



Box Tops for Education is a program to earn money for your school from things you already buy. Just look for the Box Tops for Education label, clip it on the dotted lines, and send it in to us. Last year as a school we collected almost 4,000 box tops! At 10 cents per box top, that means we raised almost \$400. That's enough to pay for the event photographs you see on the display in the front lobby!

This year we'd like to set our goal a little higher - we are shooting for 5,000 box tops this year. So far you all have brought in over 1,200 box tops, which means we still have almost 3,800 to go. To help us reach toward that goal, every student who brings in box tops before the winter break will have their name entered into a drawing to win a CP Smith t-shirt. You can use the attached collection sheet or put them in a bag or envelope, but please remember to put your child's name on the paper/bag/envelope so that they can be entered into the drawing. If all the box tops in your child's submission are neatly trimmed and unexpired, they will get a second entry in the drawing. So put them to work with the scissors to maximize their chances!

If you have any questions please contact Shy Lalumiere at shylmrl@hotmail.com.

Pumpkin Raffle

The PTO will be raffling off pumpkins decorated by the teachers and staff at CP Smith! Raffle tickets will be for sale before school all next week. Tickets are 25 cents. Names will be pulled on Friday and pumpkins will go home with the winners to add to your Halloween decorations at home! The students love this activity! Good Luck!

