

SMITH TIMES

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The Principal's Corner



You will now see a visual billboard of classroom and school events past, present, and future when you enter our main lobby. The television on which this information is displayed

was provided by our Family-School Partnership Team (F.S.P.T.), which helps identify and eliminate barriers to participation among all members of our school community and communicate with them and make them feel welcomed and valued. Thank you, F.S.P.T.!

Thanks to our wonderful P.T.O. for coordinating two recent “fun-raisers” for our school: the Halloween Costume Drop and Shop and the Pumpkin Raffle, which students and families enjoy very much. The proceeds from these and other fundraisers help make possible the many great projects of the P.T.O. which help our school very much.

Another source of information in our lobby is the kiosk, located near the door to the Burlington Kids Afterschool Program office. Please look there for newsletters, copies of policies and curricula, calendars, and resources from the Fletcher Free Library, the Burlington Parks and Recreation Department, and others.

Speaking of the Burlington Kids Afterschool Program, I am happy to report that enrollment is at an all-time high, with lots of fun and educational activities planned for children at this vital time of the day. Many thanks to Mrs. Dacia Ostlund, Director, and Mr. Elijah Phillips, Assistant Director, and their staff members for the energy, experience, and enthusiasm which they bring to the program. The B.K.A.S.P. wanted me to let you know that the link to their wonderful website is www.burlingtonkids.wix.com/smith. Please check it out to learn more about this great program!

The Ethan Allen Woods Homeowners' Association (the neighborhood across the street from the school)

has respectfully asked us to remind parents and others who drop their children off at school or pick them up from school to refrain from using their lane to do so. This is a safety concern because their narrow lane is not wide enough to allow cars (and especially emergency vehicles such as fire trucks, ambulances, or even police cars) to enter the neighborhood. Ira Lane is a private road, and we ask you —on behalf of our neighbors—to use our own school drop-off loop instead of their road.



A total of 90 postcards have been mailed on behalf of students who are respectful, responsible, and safe learners. We

seek ways to recognize positive student behavior in order to reinforce it.

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

Calendar of Events



11/8: First Trimester Marking Period Closes

11/11: P.T.O. Meeting (6:30-8:00 p.m.)

11/15: Report Cards Distributed to Students

11/21: Math Night (6:30-7:30 p.m.)

11/27-11/29: Thanksgiving Holiday. (No School).

Second Annual C.P. Smith PTO Halloween Costume Drop and Shop a Success



Thanks to the many families who donated costumes, baked treats for the bake sale, and to Hannaford Supermarket for donating cider and cookies. Special thanks

to Sue Chayer, Gini Park, Ethan Park, Lennon L'Ecuyer, Paige Moody and Mariah Larson who helped during the sale and Jennifer L'Ecuyer and Tina Desautels for their support and help in getting the word out. And many thanks to the families who came and found some great inexpensive costumes and supported the PTO in the process. Over the next few weeks, if you find yourself with costumes that you would like to donate for next year's sale please bring them to the office and we'll store them for the future. Thanks!

Full Bag Pantry



Dear Families,

The Full Bag Pantry committee would once again like to start sending bags of food home to families on Fridays. We are looking for four parent volunteers to come in once a month, on a rotating basis, to help pack the bags to send home. If you would like to assist the committee, please email or contact any of the following:

Penne Wheeler: pwheeler@bsdvt.org
Sarah Minkler: sminkler@bsdvt.org
Maribeth Long: mlong@bsdvt.org
Colleen Quaglietta: cquagllie@bsdvt.org
Christine Tetrault: ctetraul@bsdvt.org

Thanks so much.

Wreath Fundraiser



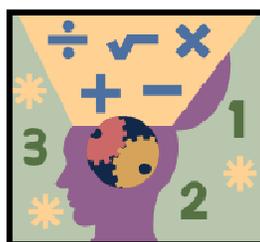
Once again this year we are selling wreaths as a PTO fundraiser. Mark's Wreath Company has generously provided this opportunity for our school.

The fundraiser will run from Friday October 25th – Friday November 15th.

If you would like to buy a beautiful holiday wreath or garland, please contact Sarah Curry via email (sarahstrousecurry@gmail.com) or phone (399-2303).



Save the Date for C.P. Smith Math Night Thursday, November 21, 6:30pm - 7:30pm



Join us for a family-oriented evening of fun for all ages. Math Night features a number of stations, run by teacher, parent, and student volunteers. Each station focuses on a game,

puzzle, or other activity that celebrates mathematics.

This is also a call for people to help make the night a success! Run a math station, help greet visitors, or just bring the family. To volunteer, sign up at <http://bit.ly/17XKJRM> [Math Night Volunteer Sign Up](#), or contact parents Neil & Tiffany Delaney (tiffany.delaney@uvm.edu) or 651-0182 for more information.

News from Around the School



Ms. Kerrin Flanagan's Kindergarten class learned a new Math game called "Compare." They are also telling and drawing stories from their own experiences.

Mrs. Christine Tetrault's class is also working on comparisons using apples and pumpkins, two things common to Vermont at this time of the year. Students are also creating their own stories and using Math journals, too. These journals are a great way to demonstrate students' understanding of Math concepts.

Mrs. Kelly Mancuso's Grade 3 class has been doing investigations with water and writing about their findings in their Science notebooks. They also read the children's classic, The BFG, by Roald Dahl.

Students in Mr. Joshua Safran's Grades 4-5 class recently participated in the StarBase Program sponsored by the Vermont Air National Guard. This fieldtrip is loaded with great Science skills for students to know and use.

Mrs. Danielle Hurley, our Music teacher, is forming a student chorus. Details were in last week's newsletter.



Mr. Safran's students using team work at StarBase.

News from the Guidance Office



We have begun the classroom guidance unit on bullying. This unit will begin with identifying bullying behavior and distinguishing it from other mean behavior.

Bullying by legal definition has three elements, it is repeated over time, the behavior is intended to ridicule, humiliate or intimidate and occurs during the school day on school property or occurs off-site but interferes with a student's right to access their education. This a very technical definition and will be looked at with students in 3rd-5th grade. All students will be presented with the definition that is age appropriate. The purpose in discussing bullying is to make sure students are able to report it and know that they have the right to stand up for themselves and others. We will also spend time exploring the different roles that surround bullying behavior. Ask your child to tell you about the role of bystander, bully, target and ally.

Your Holiday Shopping Can Earn C.P. Smith Money

Did you know you can earn money for C.P. Smith just by shopping sites you already shop? There are two easy ways:



The first is through **Amazon.com**. If you access the Amazon site through the PTO blog then any purchases made will have a percentage of the purchase go straight to the PTO. You have to access the site through the blog each time.

The second way is through "e BoxTops". There are over 400 stores included in this site, such as, expedia, Gap, iTunes, etc. You just need to enroll. Again, you can access the site through the PTO blog. It's easy! Planning a vacation? Try making reservations through this site. These funds are used to support extra events and programs at Smith!



**BURLINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
*** LUNCH MENU - NOVEMBER 2013 *****

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>VEGETARIAN</p> <p>VERMONT PRODUCTS OFFERED THIS MONTH: Shelburne Farms Cheddar, Vermont Grass-Fed Beef, Vermont Bean Crafters Bean Crumble, Beets, Carrots, Winter Squash, Milk</p>	<p>CHICKEN</p>	<p>BEEF</p>	<p>TURKEY</p>	<p>BEEF or PASTA BEAN CHILI SHELburne FARMS CHEESE CORN CHIPS</p>
<p>4 CHICKEN PATTY SANDWICH BAKED POTATO BAR CHEESE, BROCCOLI, BROCCOLI, and ALL THE FIXINGS</p>	<p>5 PIZZA TUESDAY with CHEF'S CHOICE OF SEASONAL VEGETABLES</p>	<p>5 BEEF or PASTA BEAN TACO LETTUCE, TOMATO, SHELburne FARMS CHEESE RICE & BEANS</p>	<p>7 SZECHWAN CHICKEN VEGETABLE RICE PILAF with VEGETARIAN EGG ROLL</p>	<p>8 SPAGHETTI BEEF or PASTA BEAN MARBINARA OVEN ROASTED BROCCOLI & CAULIFLOWER</p>
<p>11 CHICKEN FAJITA with RICE SAUTEED ONIONS & PEPPERS SEASONED LOCAL BLACK BEANS</p>	<p>12 PIZZA TUESDAY with CHEF'S CHOICE OF SEASONAL VEGETABLES</p>	<p>13 SHELburne FARMS MAC & CHEESE EARLY STEAMED KALE</p>	<p>14 SWEET & SOUR CHICKEN VEGETABLE RICE PILAF with VEGETARIAN EGG ROLL</p>	<p>15 LOCAL BEEF or PASTA BEAN NACHOS LETTUCE, TOMATO, SHELburne FARMS CHEESE CORN CHIPS</p>
<p>18 CHICKEN NUGGETS BAKED POTATO BAR CHEESE, BROCCOLI, BROCCOLI, and ALL THE FIXINGS</p>	<p>19 PIZZA TUESDAY with CHEF'S CHOICE OF SEASONAL VEGETABLES</p>	<p>20 THANKSGIVING MEAL ROASTED TURKEY & GRAVY MASHED POTATOES MAPLE GLAZED LOCAL WINTER SQUASH</p>	<p>21 ORANGE CHICKEN VEGETABLE RICE PILAF with VEGETARIAN EGG ROLL</p>	<p>22 MEATBALL PARMESAN SANDWICH & SEASONED SWEET POTATO FRIES</p>
<p>25 ROASTED CHICKEN BAKED POTATO BAR CHEESE, BROCCOLI, BROCCOLI, and ALL THE FIXINGS WHOLE WHEAT ROLL</p>	<p>26 PIZZA TUESDAY with CHEF'S CHOICE OF SEASONAL VEGETABLES</p>	<p align="center">THANKSGIVING BREAK NO SCHOOL</p>		

***** AVAILABLE EVERYDAY *****

**FRESH FRUIT & SALAD BAR and VERMONT LOW FAT OR SKIM MILK
VEGETARIAN and VEGAN OPTIONS**

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