

SMITH TIMES

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The Principal's Corner



Thanks to our PTO Executive Committee (President: Mrs. Jennifer L'Ecuyer; Vice-President: Mrs. Gini Park; Secretary: Mrs. Tiffany Delaney; and Treasurer: Mrs. Karen LaBelle;) and a whole

group of other active parent volunteers, our recent Book Fair and Family Fun Night activities were wonderful events during which our school community really came together for learning and fun. We thank everyone for their helpful assistance.

When I listed the parent/guardian volunteers from last year, I ran the risk of unintentionally leaving someone out. (The list was compiled from teacher suggestions at the end of the school year, and at a most hectic time of the year, we lost some names, I am sure.) If you know someone who should be on that list and was not, please let me know, so we can correct our mistake.

Our next meeting of the PTO will take place on Monday, November 12th. At that meeting, I'd like to check in with those present to brainstorm suggestions for what our school action plan should contain. The plan is based on the district goals of academic achievement, school climate, and family-community engagement. Please come with your ideas and input!

The dedicated Math Night Committee is hard at work planning another opportunity for fun and learning to connect. It's also a great way for families to get together. Please join us for that on Thursday, November 15th from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the school.

Election Day is Tuesday, November 6th. Mr. Pecor's class will be sponsoring a mock election for a number of classes, and some are also planning to walk over to the polling station at the

Miller Center on Gosse Court to observe the actual process of exercising the right to vote.

Thank you for your donations of nonperishable food items for our Full Bag Pantry, which will be open on Friday afternoons again beginning next week. Families who need food support may help themselves to a knapsack of food on the cart near the side door of the school. (Please return the knapsack to the main office on Monday so it can be refilled for the next Friday.) We also have a table of free children's books in the main lobby for families to take from for some good fall and winter reading.

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.

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 Monday October 26th – Friday November 16th.

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).

Calendar of Events



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

11/6: Election Day. (Some classes will visit the Miller Center, a local polling place.)

11/7: Family-School Partnership Team Meeting (3:00 p.m.) -- Principal's Office

11/9: First Trimester Ends. (Report Cards distributed 11/16.)

11/9: Full Bag Pantry Opens (2:30-3:15 p.m.) Cart by side door of school.

11/12: PTO Meeting (6:30-8:00 p.m.) -- Ellie B. McNamara Memorial Library

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

11/16: Report Cards Distributed to Students

11/16: Full Bag Pantry (2:30-3:15 p.m.) Cart by side door of school.

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

11/30: Community Connection Meeting (9:00-10:00 a.m.) -- Principal's Office

11/30: Full Bag Pantry (2:30-3:15 p.m.) Cart by side door of school.

12/10: Kids Only Shopping Extravaganza (8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.)

Burlington Parks and Recreation

Pre-School Creative Kids

November 7th - December 19th,
Wednesdays/10:30-11:30 A.M.

Miller Community Recreation Center Art Room
Parents and kids can drop in for a morning of play with play dough, building materials, arts and crafts materials and other fun creative play.
\$8.00 per visit Ages 3-5



Tiny Tot Tumbling

November 2nd -December 7th
Ages 2-3 10:00-10:45 A.M.

Ages 4-5 11-11:45 A.M.
\$40.00 Resident/\$50.00 non-resident
Miller Community Recreation Center

School Age Let's Sing Vocal

November 5th -December 17th
Mondays 6: 00-7:00

Miller Community Recreation Center
Ages 10-18 \$75 Resident/\$85.00 non-resident
This class is a wonderful way to participate in the study of voice in a supportive group setting that will build confidence and self-esteem in the young singer.

Friday Game Night

Friday, November 9th
Edmunds Elementary Cafeteria
6:00-8:00 P.M.

Ages 5-11 \$12.00 per child
Come play nerf games, pool noodle games, tag games, and GAGA Ball.

Make your own Hula Hoop

Saturday, November 10th
10-12:00 A.M.

Miller Community Recreation Center
Ages 6-12 \$20.00
Learn to make your own hula hoop and hooping skills.



Duct Tape Art for Adults and Teens

Wednesday, November 7th

Miller Community Recreation Center
\$20.00
6:00-8:00 P.M.

Learn how to make unique wallets, bracelets, and many other practical uses for duct tape.

Please call Burlington Parks and Recreation to register at 864-0123 or on-line at www.enjoyburlington.com

11th Annual Kids Shopping Extravaganza

Coming soon: The 11th Annual KIDS SHOPPING EXTRAVAGANZA!!!!!! Monday Dec. 10, 2012.

How it works: **YOU** donate a variety of items that would make a nice gift for someone, and the **KIDS** get to shop for those special people on their lists.

Please start looking around your home for “treasures” (new or nearly new) to donate to this exciting and fun event. Please drop them off at the front office or give to your child’s classroom teacher from now until Friday Dec. 7.

This is a fun event for our children and it helps to raise money for the PTO and all of their supportive work for our school!

Questions? or to sign up to volunteer please call Wendy Purvee (363-4515)



News from the Guidance Office (by Kate Guilmette)

Following the bullying prevention unit will be discussions around harassment. It is an expectation of the district to help children understand what harassment is and what can be done to stop it. Often times the terms bullying and harassment are used interchangeably, but they are defined differently by the law. Both are hurtful and unacceptable. Bullying is behavior that happens over a period of time, is intended to be hurtful and there is typically an imbalance of power. Whereas harassment is a behavior (or behaviors) that are based on an individual’s (or their families) actual or perceived protected characteristics. We will be looking closely at some of these characteristics. This is done so children & families can appreciate and respect the differences that are between us as well as the similarities. The focus of the unit in younger grades will be around exploring how our differences make us special and unique. With the older grades we will look closely at some of the issues that arise around differences and how we can work together to make sure everyone feels respected and included. This unit helps to build empathy as well as skills in standing up for self & others. As always, please feel free to be in touch with any questions or concerns.

News from Box Tops for Education and Labels for Education!

As of October 30th we have raised \$97 in *Box Tops* and collected 100 points for *Labels for Education*. As the holiday season approaches keep your eyes peeled to collect even more.

Last year we raised over \$400 in *Box Tops* and over 12000 points from *Labels for Education*! The money from the *Box Tops* helps to support the PTO in providing supplies and learning opportunities for the students. The points from *Labels for Education* currently total over 13000.

For November show your school spirit by filling out and returning the attached “**Turkey**” **Box Tops** collection form. I will try to have a new one every month. Remember for every 10 tops collected we get \$1, so if every student fills out 1 sheet we would have over \$260 to help fund CP Smith activities. If we do this every month, by the end of the school year, we could raise over \$2000 just in *Box Tops*!

Keep bringing in those *Labels for Education* so that we can get equipment or supplies for the school. We are hoping to be able to get enough points to purchase much needed equipment for the teachers/students. At the end of last year the hope was to get a new color printer—let’s make it happen!

We did an amazing job last school year of raising money and earning points. Let’s keep up the good work. Earlier this school year flyers were sent home with the companies that are involved in both of these initiatives. If you need more information or another list please contact Jennifer Reay at jlreay10@yahoo.com.

