

SMITH TIMES

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The Principal's Corner

Greetings!

Many thanks to our wonderful P.T.O. for sponsoring two recent events: the Halloween Family Fun Night and the Book Fair. While intended as fundraisers, these events are also “fun-raisers” and bring our school community closer together.



We have been notified that two area churches are once again sponsoring a free Thanksgiving Day dinner delivery to the homes of those who

request these meals. If you wish to order cooked meals of turkey, stuffing, vegetables, cranberries, potatoes, dessert, and a roll, please write me a note or email me at tfleury@bsdvt.org and include the following information: your name, address to where you'd like the meals delivered, telephone number, and the number of meals requested. Meals will be delivered on Thanksgiving Day (Thursday, November 26th) between 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

The Board of School Commissioners has adopted a revised Policy on the Prevention of Harassment, Hazing, and Bullying of Students. Copies of this policy are on the district's website and may also be found on our information kiosk in the main lobby. If you have any questions about this policy, please contact me at the school.

Report cards will be distributed to students on Friday, November 20th. If you do not receive your child's report card on that date, please contact the school.

I have met with Mr. Don Wright of the Very Merry Theatre to discuss this year's annual dramatic production. I have shared with him the feedback I have received, including an interest in involving students from more grade levels. We are

pleased to once again work with the V.M.T., which supports student dramatic productions in each of the city's elementary schools.

On a personal note, I will be away from school on medical leave for the next two weeks. I expect to return to school on Monday, November 16th. Mrs. Monica Smith, a retired Charlotte Central School Principal, will be filling in for me.

Thanks 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



11/9: P.T.O. Meeting/Dinner (5:30-7:00 p.m.)
-- Library

11/20: First Trimester Report Cards Distributed to Students

11/25 – 11/27: Thanksgiving Holiday
(No school)

12/3: Math Night (6:30-7:30 p.m.)
-- Library/Gym

12/7: Student Shopping Extravaganza

12/14: P.T.O. Meeting/Dinner (5:30-7:00 p.m.)
-- Library

12/23 – 1/1: Holiday Vacation (No school)

Attention All Smith Families

News from the Guidance Office

Our Kids Only Shopping Extravaganza is Mon, Dec 7th.



We need donated items ASAP! Students will bring home a flyer detailing all the type of items we are hoping to collect in order to make this event a wonderful success. Please bring your donations to the C.P. Smith front office. Items will be accepted for the sale up to and including Friday, Dec. 4th. We will also need volunteers for setting up the event on Dec. 6th and for the Kids Only Shopping Extravaganza on Dec. 7th. Please see the sign-up sheet in the office or contact one of us.

Philip Pezeshki – 233-9460

Julia Flores – 829-1762

Thanks so much for your help!!

Students enjoyed practicing Mindfulness during their weekly classroom guidance time. There are many resources out there for families to explore. There are a variety of ways to practice mindfulness, making it inviting for many preferences. It can be practiced through stillness or movement, or any of the five senses. The focus is on paying attention to what is happening right in that moment, simply noticing without judgment or categorizing. This may sound simple but it is not easy to do, that's why we practice mindfulness and it's not something we just "do". One of the best things about mindfulness is that we can practice with our children and experience the benefits together. Here are a couple titles if you would like to explore; "Sitting Still Like a Frog: Mindfulness Exercises for Kids (and their parents)" by Eline Snel and "The Mindful Child" by Susan Kaiser Greenland. There is also a collection in our learning center for families to check out.



Vacation Camp Programs/After School – Wingspan Studio

Wingspan Studio encourages the natural creativity and wonder in children through inspiring camps and classes accessible to all. There are also programs to jump start parents' creative skills! And we are tres excited re a special "Pleine Air Painting" workshop in March in Puerto Rico great for families!

Please visit our website for all the details: wingspanpaintingstudio.com
Contact Ms./Madame Maggie w/ any questions: maggiestandley@gmail.com

For example, during Nov break we have 2 days of "**Gummy Bear Gratitude**" filled w/ fun, **French, art and music**.

In Dec our theme is "**Just Peachy!**" based on the great story *James and The Giant Peach* where we'll doing tons of **art and acting!**

Kids are learning all the time, thus it's important to keep up enriching experiences to sustain the great work during school time! We strive to make programs accessible w/ scholarships through our Spread Your Wings! program, and help with transportation if needed. Let your imagination soar! Join us in a magical, real working studio in Burlington's South End Arts & Enterprise District.

See you at the studio! Madame Maggie
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