

# SMITH TIMES

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## The Principal's Corner

We were pleased that about 90% of parents/guardians attended recent conferences on behalf of their children. That number is likely to go higher when a few additional conferences are held. We deeply appreciate the connections these meetings help us make and the working relationships they help us form. Thank you for all you do on behalf of your children and our students.

Our Professional Learning Community (P.L.C.) meetings on Wednesday afternoons are rich work sessions for teachers based on student assessments and other data they collect and use. I make the rounds of the five grade-level meetings each week (K,1,2,3, and 4-5) and never cease to be amazed by the resourcefulness, professionalism, creativity, and ingenuity of our teacher teams on behalf of students. Our weekly Educational Support Team (E.S.T.) and School Safety Team meetings also help to raise awareness of students' academic, emotional, physical, and social needs and identify ways and resources to meet them.

Cold weather is now upon us. Please feel free to help yourself to the winter clothing on the rack by the front door if your family members need it. If you have usable items (especially coats) in good condition and wish to donate them, please feel free to leave these items at the office. We clean all items before we place them on the rack for distribution. Hats and mittens are also available, thanks to the generosity of a few area charitable organizations.



If you or someone you know is interested in having Thanksgiving Day meals delivered to you, please contact me at the school: 864-8479

or [tfleury@bsdvt.org](mailto:tfleury@bsdvt.org), and I will send your name on to St. Marks's Church and the North Avenue Alliance Church, who are again co-sponsoring a

Thanksgiving Day meals program. The N.A.A.C. is hosting the sit-down dinner from 12:00-2:00 p.m. that day, and volunteers from both churches will deliver meals to your home if you prefer. All I need is your name, address, telephone number, and how many meals you are requesting, and I will forward that information to the churches.



A total of 108 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



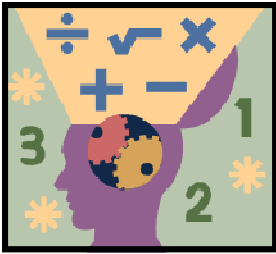
**11/8:** First Trimester Marking  
Period Closes

**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).



**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](mailto:tiffany.delaney@uvm.edu)) or 651-0182 for more information.

**Attention All Smith Families**



Our Kids Only, Shopping Extravaganza is Mon, Dec 9<sup>th</sup>.

We need donated items ASAP! Please bring your donations to the office. Items will be accepted for the sale until

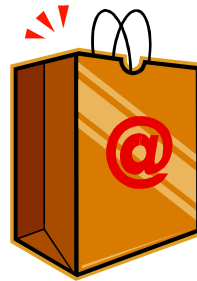
Friday, Dec 6<sup>th</sup>. We also need volunteers for the event on Dec 9<sup>th</sup>. Please see the sign-up sheet in the office or contact one of us.

Nadeen St-Pierre 860-5126  
Karen Ruben 315-369-8966

Thanks so much for your help!!



**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!

**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 25<sup>th</sup> – Friday November 15<sup>th</sup>.

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

