

SMITH TIMES

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Greetings!

Report cards will be distributed to students on Tuesday, November 24th. If you do not receive your child's report card on that date, please contact the school. This date was changed for all district elementary schools because of the implementation of a new student assessment data system. As it sometimes takes more time and effort to implement a new system, we want to make sure the information is recorded accurately.

If your child has outgrown her/his winter coat from last year, have you considered donating it to a family in need? We are accepting donations of winter coats in good condition to distribute to children who don't have them. When we receive a coat, we wash it and give it to someone who can use it. Thank you for your generosity.

The Marine Corps League of Vermont is once again organizing a gift collection program for families in need during the holiday season. The toys are collected in big red barrels (such as the one in our main office) and then turned over to area agencies for distribution to families. Tax-exempt donations may also be sent to Toys for Kids at P.O. Box 4092, Burlington, VT 05406. Once again, we thank you for your donations to this worthy program.

A number of Smith School alumni will be appearing in "Seussical, the Musical" this weekend at B.H.S. It is always great to see former students pursuing their talents on and off stage as they grow into responsible young adults. "Seussical" will be presented on November 19th and 20th at 7:00 p.m. and at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. on November 21st. The Very Merry Theatre will be working with our school again this year to put on our own production. It will be "Aladdin," and it will be presented in February.

(We will be holding an informational meeting for parents and guardians of potential play participants on December 10th at 5:30 p.m.) In March, we will hold our annual school concert as part of Music in our Schools Month. It's great to support the fine

arts in our school and in the community as a whole!

We hope your family will be able to attend "Game Night" on Thursday, December 3rd from 6:30-7:30 p.m. We will be playing lots of fun Math-related games that also help us develop our problem-solving skills. Please join us!

There will be no school next Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday due to the Thanksgiving holiday. My best wishes are yours for a holiday season filled with peace, joy, happiness, and safety for you and all the members of your family.

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



11/24: First Trimester Report Cards Distributed to Students

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

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

12/7: Student Shopping Extravaganza

12/10: Parent/Guardian Meeting re: School Play (5:30 p.m.) -- Library

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

12/22: Annual School Sing-Along

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

A Message from Superintendent Obeng

Greetings, Parents /Guardians and Community /Members,

Thank you to all who were able to participate in the Community Forums and contribute to our system vision. I wanted to give you an individual opportunity to share your thoughts regarding your child's school. This information will assist me in the analysis of areas that need improvement in specific schools. Your responses will also contribute to the development of our Strategic Plan and Multi-Year planning process.

Visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JVB3JN6> to complete the survey. Or, find a link to the survey posted at www.bsdvt.org.

If you prefer to complete this in hard copy format, please pick up a survey from your school administrative assistant and return to:

Maryann Kalman
150 Colchester Avenue
Burlington, VT 05401

If you require translation or assistance completing the survey, contact Nijaza Semic at (802) 288-6048.

Please take 10 minutes to support our schools and provide the feedback by **Monday, November 30, 2015**.

Thank you.

Yaw Obeng, Superintendent

News from Around the School



The students in Ms. Brockway's and Mrs. Guyette's Grade 4 class recently held a celebration of their Personal Narratives. This event took the form of a "Museum Share," which meant that their stories were displayed on tables and those in attendance were invited to read and comment on them. Lots of creative authors were hard at work!

We were pleased that we were able to meet with 90% of parents and guardians during recent conferences. We are aiming for an even higher percentage in March, when conferences will again be held.

Family Game Night

Please join us for board games, dice games and card games with a math focus on December 3rd at Game Night . The event will be from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Come learn new games to play with your family and friends. There will be a game swap. Bring a gently used game, take home a gently used game. There will be a raffle for new board games too.



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