# SMITH TIMES

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# The Principal's Corner

### Greetings!

The first trimester of the school year has closed, and students will be bringing home their report cards today. If you do not receive a report card, please contact the school after checking with your child. If you have questions or concerns about the report card, please contact your child's teacher.

Although school will be in session next Monday and Tuesday, this will be our last newsletter until we return from our Thanksgiving Holiday. May this holiday be filled with much peace and joy for your family and friends, and be a safe one, too. One of the things for which I am most thankful is to be a part of a school community with so many wonderful and talented children, parents/guardians, and teachers.

Our neighborhood churches are hosting a delicious hot dinner on Thanksgiving Day to anyone who lives in the area. There are two ways to enjoy this delicious meal: you may go to the North Avenue Alliance Church at 901 North Avenue on Thanksgiving Day between the hours of 12:00 and 2:00 p.m., and it will be served to you. However, if you prefer that the meals be delivered to your home between 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. on Thanksgiving Day, please call St. Mark's Church at 864-7686 or 862-3616, or me at the school at 864-8479, and let us know you many meals you are requesting, as well as your address and telephone number.

We are so thankful to Mrs. Beatrice Gerrish of Ridgewood Drive, who knitted many beautiful (and warm!) hats and mittens for our students. We are so thankful for our kind and generous neighbors!

Thank you 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.

# New Colors – C.P. Smith T-Shirts For Sale



Once again we have some fabulous new Smith T-shirts for sale. New Colors for this year! Blue shirts with a lime green logo! Sizing for Youth, Adults and new fitted Women's shirts.

\$13 each for these high quality shirts. Show your school spirit! Great as gifts for the whole family! See samples in school lobby. Get an order form from the PTO bulletin board, Tina in the office or in your kids folder. ORDERS DUE BY 12/5! Delivery the week before break.

# **Calendar of Events**



**11/21:** 1<sup>st</sup> Trimester Report Cards Distributed to Students

11/26 – 11/28: Thanksgiving Holiday

**11/27:** Thanksgiving Day Meals at North Avenue Alliance Church. Home deliveries available, too.

**12/8:** Student Extravaganza Sale (Sponsored by the P.T.O.)

**12/8:** P.T.O. Meeting/Dinner (5:30-7:00 p.m.) -- Library

**12/16:** Celebrations Around the World Assembly (1:30 p.m.) -- Gym

12/22 - 1/2: Holiday Vacation

1/5: School Resumes After Holiday Vacation

# **Holiday Support**



It's that time of year again!
Starting November 1st,
Chances for Christmas will be
taking registrations for support
with Holiday gifts. Please
call (802) 777-5130 to sign up.
PLEASE note that our voice
mailbox only holds 20
messages, so please only leave

one message!!! Your call will be returned, in the evening only. Do not leave more than one message, so other families have the opportunity to do the same. The volunteer who will be handling all of our phone calls works full time, so will only be able to access and return calls in the evening. Please be patient and know that calls will be returned in the order received.

In order to receive our gifts:

- \*\*You MUST NOT be signed up elsewhere! This is extremely important as we have found that many families are trying to get assistance from our program when they are already receiving services elsewhere. You cannot sign up for our program if you have signed up elsewhere.
- \*\*You must provide us with an original social security card for yourself and each of your children. Just having the SS# is not sufficient we must have an original copy for each family member.
- \*\*You must provide us with a photo ID.
- \*\* You must provide a current piece of mail with address.

Pick up dates for 2014 will be at the Champlain Mill during December:

- \*December 18th all day and in the morning on the 19th: Giving Tree families
- \*December 19th in the afternoon and all day on the 20th: Families with appointments.
- \*\*Please note that once we have given you your appointment date and time, you MUST remember it. We will not give it to you again as time does not allow on our end. If you lose your time slot, you are welcome to come during walk-ins.
- \*December 21st-22nd all day: Walk in families.

Lastly, we are in DESPERATE need of toys this year, so PLEASE, spread the word. The more gifts we receive, the more families we can serve - perhaps your own.

# **News from Around the School**



Mrs. Christine Tetrault's Kindergarten students have begun Writer's Workshop. Each student has a folder and has an opportunity to be a writer and artist and create

stories on topics of their choice. So far, topics have included apples, flowers, pets, friends, family, and adventure stories about dragons and princesses. Mrs. Tetrault's class is now on Twitter, too!

Mrs. Carolyn Pallutto's Grade 1 students are focusing hard on blends in Spelling. In Science, they are doing a lot of inquiry work with magnets. Students collect information in their Science notebooks. Students recently read to a well-attended gathering of parents and guardians the wonderful stories they have written. They are becoming talented writers and readers!

Ms. Kim Brockway's Grade 4 students are building reading stamina, increasing each day the amount of time they are reading. They are practicing reading with expression and paying attention to punctuation. They are busily writing in their writer's notebooks, too.

We are setting up our Student Council for the 2014-15 school year. We will have more information about that soon.

# **Attention All Smith Families**

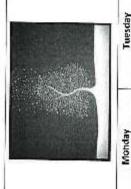


Our Kids Only, Shopping Extravaganza is Mon, Dec 8<sup>th</sup>.

We need donated items ASAP! Please

bring your donations to the office. Items will be accepted for the sale until Friday, Dec 5<sup>th</sup>. We also need volunteers for the event on Dec 8<sup>th</sup>. Please see the sign-up sheet in the office or contact one of us.

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# **Burlington School District** December 2014 Lunch Menu

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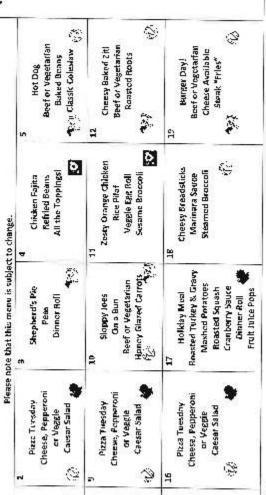
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#### Ask for help early

If your child is briving nouble with a subject, you don't have to walt until patent-reacher conferences to bring up your concerns. Call or email the teacher for ideas. He may (accommend an after school needing group or new study smalegies to try at Loune, for example

#### Snail mail

Your availbox is full of learning opporfinities! Let your youngster check the mail and sort it into piles (bills, catalogs, invitations). For a mach challenge, have her gainer coupons and add up how much you'd save if you used them all. Or she could read a power company buschure to learn how your family can use less electricity.



One of the most comtinna places for kids to find drugs is in a house-

hold medicine cabinet. Keep prescripion and over-the-counter medications or sed up, and talk to your child about. what to do if a friend offers him medione. Explain that it's dangerous to take a strug. Eat his doctor didn't prescribe. and that he deesn't need.

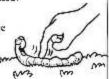
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# JUST FOR FUN

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# A plan for homework

Experts agree Children rend to use to their parents' expensitions. And the expenrations your set for your youngster about homework. can motivate her to work hard. Consider this advice.

#### Create a "home office"

Setting aside a special. workspace in your house shows your child that home werk tax priority Help her pick a place that's away from discrettions, such as her bedroom or a corner of the family room, and sould it with school supplies. Then works shes working, let her hear you tall younger sibmgs, "Your sister is doing minework. so play quietly."

Will your youngster de homework right after school or later in the evening? Some kids work better if they have a smark and rates a break after being in school all day. Others do best if they start right awaywhile they're still in "school mode." You might have your child try both to see



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#### Encourage independence

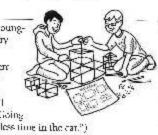
When your child does homework, stay nexrby and do your own thing (read a book prepare dinner). That way, you're available if she newly you, but you're showing that you expect her to do are homework Ferrell Tip: If she asks for help, find our what ske has already tried, and offer suggestions for figuring it out on her own. ("Maybe you could look at yesterday/cosignment.\*)♥

#### Let's collaborate

Working well with others is a skill your youngster needs for school and his butter career. Try these ideas at home

 Team up to make family decisions 'ike where to go on a day trip. Share your alway, and my to agree on the auswer. Ask, "Does everyone agree?" and if not, explain your reasoning, ;"I know you like the millional park, fore its fatt Going. to the stare parts organs more more there and less time in the car.")

 I recurrage your youngster to collaborate with friends when they visit. Would they like to build a city with toy buildings and cars." They tright, work togs her. to craw a blueprint. To organize a amplific bood kickhall tournament, they could divvy up teams and make a branker Y



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# Empathy: The bullying antidote

What causes children to bully others? There's no one answer, but emporing—the ability to understand and chare and her person's feelings—can help prevent bullying. Guide your child in develop empathy with these suggestions.

Use your imagination. Kids love to pretead. Encourage your youngster to imagine he is a new student in school, for instance. Ask hor to



say what hot person may be feeling ("I don') know anyone, so I'm a bittle neryeus") and how he'd like to be tream. ("I hope semeone will talk to me")

#### Connect with others.

If season to feel empatheric toward someone you're familiar with Suggest that your youngster get to know his classmates. He could

institus a succent by doesn't know well to play with him at recess or to osal a buck together in the library. This can make your alt lid less likely to bully others—and more apt to step in if someone else bullies his classmates.



### Making connections

Their, are no wrong answers in these games—as long as you can defend your choices! Play together, and you child will pract to thinking deeply and strategically



1. Creative categories. Choose a cacegory (foods, places), and take turns raming something that, its. The catch? Each answer has to relate to the one before it. For instance, converts related to cream cheese (carrol cake has cream cheese frosting), and arount cheese is classed to bage! (happels taste good with cream cheese). Keep going until some one is stumped.

2. Degrees of separation. Name two famous people who don't seem connected (Penjamin Franklin, Dr. Seuss). The next player has to link them—in six moves or less. Example Tranklin links to George Washington (both were founding fathers). Washington links to Abraham Lincoln (both were presidents). Lincoln links or Dr. Senss (he and the Cat in the Ha, both were tall links).

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As Absolutely, Any kind of help you provide will make a difference. Contact the teacher—she may be able to send he me projects for you in work on in the evenings. For meanner, she might give you materials to make geography games or ask you to create a list of high-friendly poetry websites.



Also, consider voluntaring with an after-school activity like chees club or Odyssey of the Mond, or at an evening event, such as a science fair or school carrival. Call the school office or visit the website to find our about activities and opportunities.

Finally, if you're able to use a few hours off, look at the school calendar, and plan about Maybe you could take a shift at a book fair or chaperone a field trip.

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I by divided the number of secnarls by 5 to figure out how many rules away the storm was. I decided to be on the lookou, for reachable moments, too, Last week, I called home while I was on a business trip. That led to a conversation about time zones around the world and when the sun would set where I was and at borne. And yesterday my son spotted a

her air bulleon in the sky. We considered whether it would drift in the same direction as the wind—and in did.

We are both learning new things, and now we look for teachable moments when we're, ou, together!







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