

# SMITH TIMES

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## The Principal's Corner

I enjoyed my study trip to Thailand this summer and learned a great deal about the country and cultures of this beautiful part of the world. I visited many schools as part of this program sponsored by the Asian Studies Overseas Program (ASOP) at the University of Vermont. One of the schools I visited was in Lamphun, Thailand and is for orphaned girls. The school is dependent upon donations to keep running and recently lost one of its major donors due to the economic crisis in Europe. The school is in dire need of food to feed its students. I am trying to raise money to send to the director of the ASOP program for food for the children at the school. He—in turn—will collect all the donations he receives and obtain a bank check to send to the school. If you wish to donate cash, please leave it in the container for this purpose in the main office. Checks may be made out to Bill Williams/ASOP and left with me or placed in the container. People have been generous with their contributions to our school's Full Bag Pantry for those in need within our own community. Thank you, too, for your generosity in supporting children across the world who also need our help.



Our Grade 3 teachers, Mrs. Nicole Bahrenburg and Mrs. Kelly Mancuso, and their students are working on a wonderful community service project. They will be participating in a one-

mile run called the "Sandy Stride," to raise money for the American Red Cross for the victims of Superstorm Sandy. They hope to raise \$400.00, and their run will take place on Wednesday, December 19<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. (If the weather is bad, they will conduct their run in the gym.) Checks can be made out to the American Red Cross. Thank you for your generosity with

this very special project sponsored by our Grade 3 classes.

After the first of the year, our Family-School Partnership Team (FSPT) will be sponsoring two different types of events, a weekly Evening Story Hour and a Family Fun Time in the gym on Saturday mornings.



Please watch upcoming newsletters for specific information about dates and times. The team also supports other school events (i.e. Math Night, the school play, the International Celebration, our annual Community Dinner, etc . . . with needed resources.) The team is made up of the following individuals: Mrs. Stacey Clarke, Mrs. Kristin Fontaine, Mrs. Jennifer L'Ecuyer, Mrs. Nadeen St. Pierre, Ms. Kathy Mathis, Ms. Ann Arcovitch, Mrs. Marcelle Stephen, Ms. Amy Limoge, Ms. Katie Dyer, and Mr. Thomas Fleury.

Please consult the Calendar of Events for other important activities related to our school community. You will notice several dates for our upcoming production of "Alice in Wonderland," which will be presented on February 14-16, 2013. We hope each of our Grades 3-5 students and their families will find some way to become involved in this wonderful annual event.

Thank you for all you do to make our school a community of respectful, responsible, and safe learners. A total of 202 postcards and other contacts (via telephone or email) have been made to recognize and reinforce positive student behavior.

## Calendar of Events



**12/7 – 12/14:** Permissions  
Slips for “Alice in Wonderland”  
Due

**12/7:** 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.)

**12/10:** PTO Meeting (6:30-8:00 p.m.) -- Ellie  
B. McNamara Memorial Library

**12/10:** Parent Meeting re: Annual School Play  
(9:00 a.m.) Franklin Square Community Center

**12/12:** Teacher Inservice in the Afternoon.  
School Dismissed at 11:30 a.m. **Student  
Lunches Served**

**12/14:** Celebrations Around the World Concert  
(1:15 p.m.) -- Gym

**12/14:** Full Bag Pantry (2:30-3:15 p.m.) Cart by  
side door of school

**12/17 – 12/19:** Tryouts for “Alice in  
Wonderland” (12:00-2:00 p.m.) -- Principal’s  
Office

**12/19:** Grade 3 “Sandy Stride” Run for the  
American Red Cross (2:00 p.m.) -- Outdoors or  
Gym

**12/21:** Music/Scripts for “Alice in Wonderland”  
Distributed to Cast Members

**12/21:** Full Bag Pantry (2:30-3:15 p.m.) Cart by  
side door of school.

**12/24 – 1/1/13:** School Vacation

**1/2/13:** School Resumes

**1/2:** Rehearsals for “Alice in Wonderland” Begin

## Dental Resource



Vermont Technical College in Williston has a dental hygiene training program. They offer a limited number of dental hygiene appointments by hygienists in training to the public for adults who are not covered by dental insurance. The cost is \$20 (cash or check only paid at the time of service). They can also do X-rays at an additional cost of \$10-\$25 and make recommendations for follow-up care. There is a dentist on site who maybe available for minor dental procedures such as fillings. If interested you can call 879-5643. The Administrative person recommends calling at the beginning of December because spaces fill up quickly.

## Holiday Resources

Toy Baskets  
Chances for Christmas  
Contact Kathy Eli at 777-5130.  
You will need Social Security  
cards for children and photo  
ID’s for adults.



Christmas Gift and Food Baskets  
Hilltop Light Ministries  
421 Shelburne Rd  
Burlington, VT  
Call (802)863-0524 for an appointment.

Christmas Day Breakfast  
Unitarian Univ. Church  
End of Church Street  
December 25th 8:00-10:00 a.m.  
Contact Kathleen at 862-0251 for  
more information.



Christmas Day Lunch  
United Methodist Church  
Buell Street and North Winooski Avenue  
11:00 a.m.

## From Ms. Souliere:

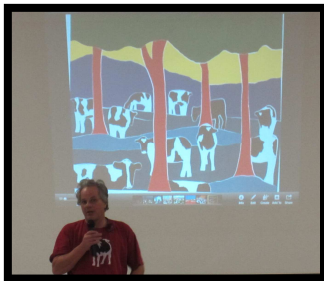


SAFE ROUTES to SCHOOL REPORT: I just received our beginning of the year report for the months of September, October, and November which included the % of students walking, biking, carpooling, family vehicle or taking the bus to school. The tallies were taken for Tuesday and Thursday Mornings only. It can not include a Walking Wednesday due to obvious reasons, the scores would be higher.

WALK/BIKE/SCOOTER 70%  
BUS 16%  
FAMILY VEHICLE 13%  
CARPOOL 1%

All in all I thought the numbers were very impressive especially since we started at 30% of students walking, biking, Scooter riding to school. Thank you all for your support throughout the years with Safe Routes to School.

Bravo to you! Ms. Souliere



### Woody Jackson visits C.P. Smith

C.P. Smith school was pleased to welcome Vermont artist Woody Jackson, who described his work and appreciated all our artistic efforts, as well. Thank you to Mrs. DeVita for arranging Mr. Jackson's visit to our school.

## Reminder

The 11<sup>th</sup> annual CP Smith KIDS ONLY SHOPPING EXTRAVAGANZA is happening on Monday December 10<sup>th</sup>!!



**We are still in need of:**

- \* **More items to sell!!! (you can drop them off between 8-10 a.m. Sunday morning at the Smith lobby – we'll be setting up for the sale**
- \* **Grocery bags and Newspapers (you can send these in Monday morning with your child)**

**\* MORE VOLUNTEERS – ESPECIALLY FROM 12:00 ON. PLEASE JUST SHOW UP MONDAY IF YOU ARE ABLE TO HELP OUT!!**

Thank you to all who have helped in any way to make this event happen!!!

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