

SMITH TIMES

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The Principal's Corner

Greetings!

Mr. Ned Strianese, one of our special educators, is away from school for an extended period of time due to health reasons. We are keeping him in our thoughts and prayers. We are pleased that we have Ms. Jessie Olson to fill in for Mr. Strianese during his absence. Ms. Olson most recently worked at the Sustainability Academy and came to us highly recommended.

We hope you enjoyed our Celebrations Around the World performance this week. Students worked very hard to practice their dances and songs. We are so thankful to Ms. Chelsea Rood, who is our Music teacher this year. Ms. Rood devoted many hours—a labor of love—to coordinating rehearsals and making sure everything went as planned. Bravo to Ms. Rood and all our student performers! We also thank Mr. Bill Thayer, known as “Wild Bill” on WOKO but as a caring and helpful parent to us.

As I mentioned in last week's newsletter, we are moving in the direction of preparing paperless copies of our weekly newsletter. Attached to that newsletter was a form requesting those who wish to continue receiving paper copies of the newsletter to contact the school. (We will include that form in our January 9th newsletter, in case you may have missed it.) Otherwise, your email address will be shared with the P.T.O. as part of a subscription list that will include updates from the school, information from the P.T.O., and the weekly newsletter. **If you wish to receive the newsletter and updates from the P.T.O electronically, you need to do nothing. You will automatically be added to the P.T.O. blog subscription list. The P.T.O. will not share your email address with any other entity without your permission.**

It's exciting to again be working with the Very Merry Theater to bring to the stage our annual

play, which this year will be “The Hobbit.” Auditions were held this week, and performances will take place on February 12th, 13th, and 14th with many rehearsals in between.

Free lunches will be served in our school cafeteria on the Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays of school vacation (that's December 22, 23, 24, 29, 30, and 31) from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. No need to sign up. Just show up! This is for all Burlington children, regardless of whether or not they are enrolled in one of our district schools. **Please also note that any Burlington student may pick up a free “grab and go” dinner from the school kitchen at dismissal time on any school day.**

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. May your family have a safe and enjoyable holiday season. We look forward to seeing students back at school on Monday, January 5th.



Thank you to the wonderful volunteers who helped make this year's Shopping Extravaganza such a successful event.

News from Around the School



Ms. Kerrin Flanagan's Grade 1 students love the mathematical problems they find in the messages that greet them each morning during their Morning Meetings. They are also building fluency with counting, addition, and subtraction. In Science, they are wrapping up their unit on matter. Students loved solving the mystery of the melting icicle.

Ms. Brittany Belanger's Grade 2 students have been creating non-fiction animal books. They shared their writing with parents, guardians, and others at a recent presentation. A reading challenge will be sent home to be reached during vacation. In Math, they are tackling word problems.

Mrs. Patty Kissell's Grade 2 students have completed 7,000 mathematical problems on the IXL computer program. That's an amazing accomplishment! Students' user names and passwords will be sent home so that they can work on even more during vacation. In Literacy, they are reviewing non-fiction conventions, and in Math, they are mastering double and triple-digit addition.

Girls on the Run - Coaches/ Volunteers Needed



Girls on the Run is a transformational physical activity based positive youth development program for girls in 3rd-8th grade. We teach life skills through dynamic, interactive lessons and running games. The program culminates with the girls being physically and emotionally prepared to complete a celebratory 5k running event. Meets after school 2 days a week for 12 weeks.

Some coaches are returning but if you are interested please email Keri Crafts at keri@placedesign.com or tell Tina in the front office. Sign up for girls grades 3-5 will be early next year.

Calendar of Events



12/22 – 1/2: Holiday Vacation

1/5: School Resumes After Holiday Vacation

1/12: P.T.O. Meeting/Dinner (5:30-7:00 p.m.)

1/14: "Math Night"

1/19: Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday (No School)

1/22: International Celebration Dinner (5:30-7:00 p.m.)

1/30: Community Connection Gathering/Annual Title I Meeting (8:00-9:00 a.m.) -- Cafeteria

2/12 – 2/14: Performances of "The Hobbit"



Photos of Smith students practicing for the Celebrations Around the World performance.



C.P. Smith School Goes Paperless!

Dear Smith families,

With your help we have an opportunity to greatly reduce our paper consumption at CP Smith School!

At the beginning of the school year most of you provided us with your email addresses along with your contact information. We would like to share your email addresses with the CP Smith Parent Teacher Organization. Your address will be added to the subscription list to the PTO blog/website meaning that you will get updates via email whenever a new post is added to the blog. These posts include photos and updates from school, information from the PTO, and, newly included, the **weekly Smith Times newsletter**.

Once you are receiving the Smith Times electronically, we will no longer send a paper copy home with every student. By doing this we will enormously reduce our paper consumption.

If this is ok with you, there is no need for you to act. **You will automatically be added to the PTO blog subscription list.** The PTO will absolutely NOT share your email address with any other entity without your permission.

If you would prefer not to be subscribed and continue to receive a paper copy of the Smith Times OR your email address has recently changed, please fill out the form below and return it to your child's teacher.

Thank you!

CP Smith Subscription Withdrawal Form

Student name(s) and grade(s) _____

Only send this form back to request the following:

- Please do not share my email address with the PTO.
- Please continue to send me a paper copy of the weekly Smith Times newsletter.
- My address has changed. My new address is _____

Dec 15, 2014 Monday

Dear C.P. Smith Community

Thank you all for helping to make our 20t4 EXTRAVAGANZA a great success! This event was as special as always for the children, whether it was their first experience or their sixth! The faces of the children really lit up with excitement at the prospect of choosing gifts for those special people on their lists as they entered the EXTRAVAGANZA (set up in the hallway). Once again, thank you for all the donations (and start saving for next year!!!). I am pleased to announce that this year the Extravaganza earned \$675.00 for the PTO.

The EXTRAVAGANZA relies very heavily on C.P. Smith community members to succeed. Volunteers collected, sorted and displayed the donations prior to the sale. Last Monday, the volunteers helped children select gifts, restocked items between classes, wrapped items and supplied good cheer throughout the entire day! A special THANK YOU to the following volunteers: Kate Ahman, Beth Bahrenburg, Sandy Beehler, Jeff Clark, Shelley Hoake, Kristin Fontaine, Shayne Galloway, Shelley Hoake, Holy Jeffers, Scott Shumski, Shelley Spinner, Jessica Udvardy Jamaica White and Nicole Zygarowski. (I apologize if I missed someone). Thank you ladies for the marathon service you provided. You truly are the heart of C. P. Smith!

We hope everyone involved realizes the special memories they made with the students during this unique event.

Best Wishes to all for a safe and joyous season!

Karen Ruben and Nadeen St-Pierre



Free Vacation Lunches

What? FREE LUNCH

When? December 22, 23, 24, 29, 30, and 31
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. each day

Where? C.P. Smith Elementary School
332 Ethan Allen Parkway

What else? Free books for some good vacation reading will be available to take home.

Children do not need to be enrolled in a district school.

Registration is not required.

Just show up!

For More Information call:

Doug Davis 864-8416 or Thomas Fleury 864-8479

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