

# SMITH TIMES

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## The Principal's Corner



What a concert! C.P. Smith School is so fortunate to have such talented children and adults as part of our school community! Many thanks to all our student performers for their hard work and perseverance. It certainly paid off with our wonderful concert last week. Many thanks to Miss Danielle Hurley for organizing such a wonderful array of student talent. Thanks to Mrs. Christine Sharp, our Art teacher—and all our classroom teachers—for the beautiful display of seasonal artwork in the hallways, too. Many thanks, too, to Mr. Bill Thayer for sharing his time and talents with us to make the concert such a wonderful experience.

Another wonderful annual event at our school is the Kids Only Shopping Extravaganza, which was held last Monday. Many thanks to Mrs. Nadeen St. Pierre for organizing this event and to Mrs. Brenda Bean, Mrs. Sanela Bechovic, Mrs. Sandy Beehler, Mrs. Sarah Chamberlain, Mrs. Holly Jeffers, Mrs. Becky Shea, and Ms. Kendra Sowers for helping out at it. It's a wonderful event as it raises awareness of others and also funds for our P.T.O.

Many thanks to Mrs. Carolyn Pallutto's Grade 1 class and Ms. Sarah Minkler's Grades 4-5 class for their visits this week to the Heineberg Senior Center for their annual holiday lunch. Our students delighted members with their singing. We're so fortunate to have the HSC as our neighbors, friends, and community partners!

Our school play, "Frankenstein," will be presented in February. Auditions took place this week, and rehearsals will begin right after we come back from vacation in January and will be held after school on **Mondays and Fridays from 3:00-4:30 p.m. and Wednesdays from 2:00-3:30 p.m.** Rehearsals will take place in two 45-minute blocks, but play participants may remain for the full 90-minute rehearsal periods and will be supervised throughout those times. Depending on the part a

**student gets, s/he may not be called to rehearsal each day. Rehearsal schedules will be communicated to families in advance. For more information about the play, please contact either Mrs. Dacia Ostlund or Mr. Eli Phillips at the school at 864-8479.**

Thank you for donations to the Toys for Kids program, which collects new, unwrapped toys for children who need them. If you wish to donate, please place items in the bin for this purpose in the main office.

A total of 192 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. May you and all the members of your family enjoy a happy and safe holiday. You might find our "Let's Break for Learning" article to be helpful during your children's vacation time.



## Calendar of Events



**1/2/14:** Students Return to School from Vacation

**1/13:** P.T.O. Meeting (6:30-8:00 p.m.)  
-- Library

**1/20:** Martin Luther King Jr. Day (No School)

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

**2/13:** Performance of "Frankenstein" for Students (TBD) -- Hunt Middle School

**2/14:** Evening Performance of "Frankenstein" (TBD) -- HMS

**2/15:** Matinee Performance of "Frankenstein" (TBD) -- HMS

## News from Around the School



Mrs. Christine Tetrault's Kindergarten class is very thankful for the parent volunteers who come in to teach Science lessons. The group recently learned about beavers and their tails, teeth, living environment, etc . . .

Mrs. Carolyn Pallutto's Grade 1 class and Ms. Sarah Minkler's Grades 4-5 class delighted the audience at the Heineberg Senior Center with their singing at the center's annual holiday luncheon this week.

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Mrs. Judy Carpenter's Grade 2 class is working on problem-solving with an element unknown to them.

Mrs. Patty Kissell's Grade 2 class has been learning a lot about bats. They completed an experiment about how mother bats find their babies. Thanks to Mr. Bill Thayer for his help with that experiment. In Math, they are working on problem-solving with an emphasis on missing addends. They have also been talking about different cultures and holidays.

The Grade 3 classes of Mrs. Nicole Bahrenburg, Ms. Kim Brockway, and Mrs. Kelly Mancuso displayed their bridges to a large group of parents, guardians, and other visitors on Wednesday morning. They have learned about and built four kinds of bridges: beam, deep beam, suspension, and arch.

Mrs. Kelly Mancuso's class is also experimenting with coding for computer programs. After listening to a short tutorial, students created codes on a computer program for figures to follow their specific commands.



*C.P. Smith students practicing for the Celebration Around the World Assembly.*