

SMITH TIMES

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The Principal's Corner

We are excited about Math Night, which will take place this coming Thursday, February 16th from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the school. We will have a number of learning stations for students and other family members and are expecting many Math minds to attend and engage in an educational and fun experience. We will also conduct our annual Title I Parent Involvement Meeting at this time. It will take the form of a station in the lobby at which parents/guardians will be asked to sign in and read and review our C.P. Smith Home and School Compact and offer written feedback about it. Your feedback is always important to us, and the Family-School Partnership Team has benefited from the survey information it has received from parents/guardians in the past. We look forward to seeing you Thursday evening.

Plans for our spring play, "The Marvelous Land of Oz," are dependent upon a host of adult volunteers to make it happen. Please call or email the school if you can help with this and return the permission slip which has been given to each child who has signed up for an audition. Many students in Grades 3-5 have signed up to be in the play or work on its crew, and auditions take place this coming Monday and Tuesday. We're hoping and expecting parents/guardians of these students will also volunteer their time and talents to make possible the successful presentation of this wonderful play.



Artwork by Haydn L.

Speaking of volunteers, our school thrives on the many people who come through our doors to lend a helping hand wherever and whenever they can. We appreciate folks like Mr. Billy Bratcher, who comes and speaks to and performs for classes from time

to time and then jumps in to help make school events such as our recent Winter International Celebration a success. We also appreciate Mrs. Susan Wheeler, a retired teacher, who comes in

every Wednesday morning to read with students. I recently met with Mrs. Gail Moreau, Executive Director of the Heineberg Senior Center, to talk about ways our school and the center can enjoy a closer relationship with each other, acknowledging the warm and natural bond that exists between children and senior citizens. We hope to soon have more senior volunteers at our school as part of a partnership with the senior center in our neighborhood.

This is a reminder that registration for Kindergarten for the 2012-13 school year is taking place now through March 16, 2012. If you have a child who will turn 5 years old before September 1, 2012, please enroll her/him as soon as possible. You may pick up the forms in the main office or find them online at the Burlington School District website.

Ms. Christine Souliere, our wonderful teacher of Physical Education, will be away from school for the next several weeks in order to have and recover from a knee operation. We send our best healing thoughts her way. Ms. Jennifer Kernoff, a valued substitute teacher in the district, will be substituting for Ms. Souliere during her absence.

Please consult the Calendar of Events for other important activities related to our school community.

A grand total of 234 postcards have been mailed and 164 other contacts made to families to recognize positive student behavior.

Thank you for all you do to make our school a community of respectful, responsible, and safe learners.

Calendar of Events

2/10: Full Bag Pantry (2:00-3:00 p.m.) – Cart by the side door of the school. Please take a bag of groceries if your family needs food for the weekend.

2/13 and 2/14: Auditions for “The Marvelous Land of Oz.” (12:00-2:00 p.m.) Grades 3-5.

2/13: PTO Meeting (6:30-8:00 p.m.) – Ellie B. McNamara Memorial Library

2/15: Half-Day of School

Due to Teacher In-service Sessions.

School will be dismissed at 11:30 a.m.

2/16: Math Night (6:30-7:30 p.m.)

2/17: 2nd Marking Period Closes

2/17: Full Bag Pantry (2:00-3:00 p.m.) – Side Door of School

2/24: Report Cards Distributed to Students

2/24: Full Bag Pantry (2:00-3:00 p.m.) – Side Door of School

2/27 – 3/5: Winter Vacation. (No School)

3/6: Teacher Inservice Sessions (No School.)

3/7: School Resumes for Students

3/15: Science Fair (6:00-7:00 p.m.)

4/4 and 4/5: School Play Performances:
“Marvelous Land of Oz.” - Volunteers Needed!

PTO News

PTO Meeting-February 13th, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Agenda:

- Introductions—5 minutes
- Staff Report—10 minutes
- Discussion/Open Forum regarding school budget with School Commissioners Edward Scott and Haik Bedrosian—30-45 minutes
- Principal’s Report: To include open discussion on school safety and possible changes in current system, please bring your questions/concerns—30 minutes
- Discussion regarding general PTO business, if time allows

Childcare will be provided in the gym

We hope to see you there.

C. P. Smith PTO

Used Books Needed

C.P. Smith PTO is seeking donations of used books for our Used Book Sale which will take place in the spring. We are looking for donations of books that are appropriate for K-5 that are in good condition.

If you have books to donate, please bring them to the front office. We thank you for your help.

If you have any questions please contact me at 660-9669 or jlecuyer7@gmail.com.

Jen L’Ecuyer, C.P. Smith PTO

Pre-School Registration

The Burlington Essential Early Education Program is now accepting applications for its preschool classroom at the J.J. Flynn Elementary School for the 2012-2013 school year. The Flynn preschool is an inclusive community based preschool program that offers a curriculum designed to meet the needs of a wide variety of learners. It is our program’s philosophy that all children have the ability to learn and that children learn best through exploring materials found within their environment. Children in the preschool classroom are provided opportunities to develop skills in each of the early childhood domains: social emotional, language, literacy, mathematics, science, and motor development.

If you have a child or know of a child who is part of the J. J. Flynn or C.P. Smith School community, is between three and five years of age and may be interested in our program, please contact **864-8463** to receive a registration form or to request more information about our program.



C. P. Smith School Science Fair

Do you have a curious young scientist at home? Interested in erupting your own volcano or creating your own bat habitat? Like tinkering with kitchen chemistry or gears, magnets or electricity? Join us for the fourth annual C. P. Smith Family Science Fair on Thursday, March 15, 2012 from 6:00-7:00 pm and share an evening of science excitement!

Our Family Science Fair is an opportunity for you and your child/children to explore a science topic/project of your choice, and then share your learning with other scientists in our school community. Open to elementary students of all ages, our fair focuses on fun, not competition... all participants will receive a Certificate of Participation. Parents are encouraged to actively participate in their student's discovery and project presentation. Keep in mind that a successful project can be completed with every day materials you can find in your home. Your project might include a poster display, a collection, or an interactive activity for visitors to enjoy... it can be as simple or elaborate as YOU wish to make it!

FAQs (Frequently Asked Questions)

Where can I go to get ideas?

Our school library has many materials that may support your projects. Stop by and "check out" our collection of science and science fair project books, non-fiction science resources and more. Our library also has a science pathfinder of online websites to help get you started with science project ideas.

Sounds great! How do I sign up?

Fill out a registration form with your child's name, grade and project title (so we can include it in the Family Science Fair program). Registration deadline is Monday, March 12, 2012. Be sure to let us know ahead of time if you have any special needs (access to an electrical outlet, special space requirements, etc.)

How much does it cost?

There is no registration cost. A successful project can be completed with every day materials you can find in your home or with materials you may borrow from our library. All students are encouraged to participate!

Pencils and Pens

We would like to thank all our customers for a very successful Grand Opening of our school store. We are always ordering new items and restocking current items.

Store Hours:

Wednesday 8:00-8:30 K, 1st, 2nd

Friday 8:00-8:30 3rd, 4th, 5th

