

# SMITH TIMES

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## The Principal's Corner

It was great to see large and enthusiastic turnouts for the Burlington City Arts Annual Art Show and the Science Fair this week. We thank Mrs. Christel Devita and Mrs. Shannon Walters for the zillions of hours they devoted to these important events. Nurturing creative, inquisitive minds is the work of all of us, and it was wonderful to see the time and talent our students demonstrated on their artwork and projects.

Speaking of the BCA Arts Show, the following students were honored at that City Hall reception: Hawa Abdi, Abdi Abdulrahmanshuko, Tiko Bedrosian, Jake Bergeron, Christian Bukeyeneza, Lillian Connolly, Jacinda Cupp, Amelia Curry, Sean Davison, Charlie Decelles, Lilly Decelles, Olmo Degl' Innocenti, Janizer Diaz-Cartagena, Haris Dobraca, Awa Drame, Tristan Erno, Madison Goddard, Sarday Holness, Jonathan Ishimwe, Klarissa Kamins, Lani Keomanyvanh, Tanner King, Ami Krivov, Sean LaBelle, Axel Laing, Mariah Larson, Hannah LeClair, Jade Lussier, Arianna Lyons, Abdi Musa, Catherine Nicolay, Grace Park, Camryn Poulin, Colton Poulin, Zinnia Stanley, Logan Steele, Henrik Truc-Huynh, George Waitt, and Amber Wetmore. We congratulate these and all our budding artists!

We are delighted to report that our school's participation in the "Big Change Round-up" fundraiser for the Vermont Children's Hospital was a big success. Last year, we raised \$352.00 for that worthy cause, and due to the generosity of our families and staff members, we raised \$603.31 this year. Thank you for providing support for much needed medical care for the children of our state . . . and for teaching your children a valuable lesson about generosity.

Many people have inquired about purchasing copies of the portrait of our students and staff members which hangs in our hallway. We have bought the rights to that portrait and therefore are free to use it on our website and by making and selling copies of it or on greeting cards, etc . . . If you wish your

child's image not to be used for such purposes, please contact the school as soon as possible.

Parent/Teacher Conferences are being scheduled for the afternoon of Thursday, April 12<sup>th</sup> and all day on Friday, April 13<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Mrs. Desautels in the main office if you wish to request a specific conference appointment during that time. Otherwise, one will be scheduled for you.

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

A grand total of 256 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

**3/16: Full Bag Pantry** (2:00-3:00 p.m.) – Side Door of School

**3/16: Deadline for Kindergarten Registration**

**3/22: Family Bingo and Musical Cake Night** – Grade 5 Fundraiser (6:00-8:00 p.m.)

**3/23: Full Bag Pantry** (2:00-3:00 p.m.) – Side Door of School

**4/4 and 4/5: School Play:** "Marvelous Land of Oz."

**4/12 – 4/13: Parent/Teacher Conferences** (Half Day of School on 4/12 and No School on 4/13)

**4/23 – 4/27: Spring Vacation** (No School)

**6/13: Anticipated Last Day for the 2011-12 School Year**

## It's that time of year...

Believe it or not, it is the time of year to think about summer camps. There is a free guide to camps called "KidsVT" you can find it in grocery stores and other places where free publications are distributed. If you are interested in or are in need of scholarships the time is now! Many camps offer partial and full scholarships. If you need assistance in navigating this process please contact Kate Guilmette in the Guidance Office 864-8504.



## Parent Involvement Phone Survey



We are gathering information about parent involvement at our elementary schools. This is part of an overall evaluation of our magnet schools, and it is grant funded. Within the next week we will begin is a phone survey to learn more about parent involvement. These surveys will be completed by April 15. Families are randomly selected at each school. Fifth Element Associates, an independent research group, designed the process and conducts the survey to match professional research standards. They make sure that the sample of families that is surveyed reflects the diversity of our schools. This research helps us understand how we can work better with families. If you have already participated in the phone survey, THANK YOU!

## 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 books appropriate for Grade K-5 that are in good condition. If you have books for donation please bring them into the front office. Thank you for your help. Any questions please contact me at 660-9669 or [jlecuyer7@gmail.com](mailto:jlecuyer7@gmail.com).



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C.P. Smith PTO

## Labels for Education



Remember to clip your "Labels for Education"! I will be doing a pickup on March 23rd for submission on March 26th. We have the opportunity to earn 100 points for every 5 we collect. I have to have them submitted by March 30th...so, clip away! If you are not sure what products have "Labels for Education" on them, visit <http://www.boxtops4education.com/earn/clip/Brands.aspx> or the LFE Facebook page (linked from our C. P. Smith School Facebook page).

## Mercy Connections

Mercy Connections is a welcoming, educational non-profit located at 255 South Champlain St. in Burlington (next door to CVOEO). Our mission is to nurture self-sufficiency through education, mentoring and community. Mercy Connections offers a variety of skill-building and confidence-building programs. Here, you can connect with caring people, attain new education and surmount life challenges.

On the first week of April Mercy Connections is beginning a new cycle of two of our programs: Kindling Connections (April 4<sup>th</sup>) and Getting Ahead (April 2<sup>nd</sup>). Although each of these programs is a unique classroom experience, they have a few things in common: They are both 10-weeks-long and designed for women to explore our strengths, investigate our challenges, give and receive support and create meaningful life plans toward self-sufficiency. Please call Program Planning Director Cathy Ainsworth at 845-7162 or Project Facilitator, Heather Gilbert at 846-7294 to learn more about Kindling Connections and Getting Ahead. We invite you to discover which of these programs may be right for you and to sign up to attend.

Please come by for a visit at 255 South Champlain St. and/or visit our website at [www.mercyconnections.org](http://www.mercyconnections.org).

## Calling All Artists

We are looking for artwork for the playbill for *The Marvelous Land of Oz* and to display at C. P. Smith in the days leading up to the Musical. Specifically, we are looking for submissions by Friday, March 24th. All submissions should be on 8 1/2" x 11" white paper and should be delivered to Ms. Desautels in the front office. Here is a summary of the story to help students come up with ideas.

# The Marvelous World of OZ

### Background:

*The Marvelous World of Oz* was written by L. Frank Baum in 1904 (Originally published as *The Land of Oz*). It was written as the sequel to *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz* (1900).

### Synopsis:

The story is set two years after the events from the first book. The main character, Tip, has lived with Mombi, a witch in Gillian County, for as long as he could remember. Tip plans a prank and wants to frighten Mombi, so he builds a creature out of sticks and wood: Jack

Pumpkinhead. Mombi is not frightened but takes this as an opportunity to use her "powder of life". Upon being sprinkled with the powder Jack comes to life, surprising Tip and sings "Jack Lives". Mombi is upset with Tip and threatens revenge. Tip, with his friend, Tiger, and the newly-alive, Jack, sings "Run Away" and flees.

Meanwhile, we encounter Dorothy and friends as they walk down a road in Kansas and suddenly find themselves once again in Oz, confronted by Billina, a sorceress friend of the Wicked Witch of the North's. She uses the terrible Jackdaws to fly them away to a nest where they remain captives, awaiting the revengeful actions of the Witch for Dorothy having melted her sister two years before. The Jackdaws sing "Raiders".

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The Witch is outraged when Mombi arrives and tells her of Tip's escape. She sends her machine slave, Tiktok, to awaken the Sunflower to delay Tip's travels and the Flying Monkeys to incite General Jinjur's all-girl army to march from Munchkinland to the Emerald City to take over and ensure that Tip is not allowed in the gates. The Monkeys sing "Soaring".

On the way to the Emerald City, Jack has trouble walking so Tip uses the powder to turn a Sawhorse (who sings the Sawhorse song) into a horse for Jack to ride. They encounter the Sunflowers who sing the "Song of the Sunflowers" and attempt to halt their travels. But Glinda and Glenda intervene and they get through, meeting the scholarly Wogglebug on the other side ("The Importance of Education").

They arrive at the Emerald City and are greeted by the Ozians who stake them through the City: "Welcome to the Emerald City". Jack and Sawhorse visit the current rulers: the Tinman and Scarecrow and are tricked by the royal interpreter, Jella Jamb, into insulting the Scarecrow. But the Army of Revolt invades the city and the Travelers flee with Tinman, Scarecrow, Jella Jamb and some other important Ozians. During their successful invasion, the Army sings a "March".

Back in the Jackdaw's Nest, these pirate raiders continue to hold Dorothy and friends hostage. The defiant little Kansan sings her own version of "Raiders" with her friends.

Tip and friends, meanwhile, have manufactured a flying beast called a [Gump](#) by which they can escape through the air. As they head back toward the Emerald City they see Dorothy and her hostage friends and stop to rescue them. Hearing from Glinda that the Mombi, now staying in the Witches' castle, holds Tip's true identity, they fly there and allow themselves to be captured by the witch. A big fight ensues and soon, the true identity of Tip and the destiny of the Emerald City and Oz is revealed.

### Links:

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The\\_Marvelous\\_Land\\_of\\_Oz](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Marvelous_Land_of_Oz)

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