

SMITH TIMES

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The Principal's Corner



The turnout for the Science Fair last week was much larger than expected. We again thank Mrs. Shannon Walters (and all the teachers, parents, and others who attended to support students with their presentations), and we congratulate the following young scientists who participated with great projects: Brynn Allard, Grayson Blom-Clarke, Willa Chaparro-Hammond, Liam Chiraseveenuprapund, Jacinda Cupp, Kira Parker Demetrick, Ahmad Dennis, Bella Farkas, Sabin Hart, Caige Heald-Faling, Hannah Hershberg, Sarday Holness, Braelyn Howland, Benjamin Hurley, Maggie Huston, Abbie Hutchins, Jordan Jerome, Luken Kuntz, Tyler Lavoie, Hannah LeClair, Arianna Lyons, Abdi Madey, Alivia Mazza, Grace Mazza, Neelie Markley, Charlie McCleary, Ethan Messier, Andrew Metevier, Luke Michael, Grant Moody, Paige Moody, Nora Moody, Najima Musa, Reina Paul, Nickie Purl, Giselle Rainville, Connor Reutter, Wyatt Rollins, Robbie Safran, Savun Souvanhna, Kelsey Spencer, Logan Steele, Seamus Stein, George Waitt, Haley Walker, Heath Walker, and Sullivan Weston.



Image Credit: Jeff Clarke

Parent/Teacher Conferences are being scheduled for the afternoon of Thursday, April 12th and all day on Friday, April 13th. 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.

On Monday, we will be mailing to all families copies of the C.P. Smith School Parent/Guardian Information Form for Student Placement. Parents/guardians will be invited to offer input into the process of placing students in classrooms for the next school year. (We will use a different process for placing Kindergarten students, which I will explain in a future newsletter.) This process also includes valuable information from teachers, who strive to create classrooms balanced for a variety of factors. When you receive the blank forms in the mail, please complete one for each of your children attending Smith School (Grades 1-5) during the 2012-13 school year. **Placement teams will begin their work soon, so please make sure we have your form(s) on or by Friday, April 13, 2012, so we may consider your input as part of this process. Please deliver the form(s) to Mrs. Desautels in the main office.** You will note that these forms are due back by the time of Parent/Teacher Conferences, so you may wish to bring your form to the office when you arrive for your conference(s). **If you do not receive these forms in the mail or if you wish additional copies, please notify Mrs. Desautels in the main office.**

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

A grand total of 271 postcards have been mailed and 172 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

3/28: Family-School Partnership Team Meeting
(2:45 p.m.) – Principal's Office

3/29: Fieldtrip to Audubon Center (Grade 1-
Carpenter)

3/30: Tapestry of Nations Presentation – Grade 2
(8:15-9:00 a.m.) – Gym

3/30: Full Bag Pantry Food Shelf (2:00-3:00 p.m.)
– Side Door of School

3/31: “Marvelous Land of Oz” Set Build (9:00
a.m.) – Smith School Gym

4/1: “Marvelous Land of Oz” Technical/Dress
Rehearsal (12:00-4:30 p.m.) – Hunt School

4/2: “Marvelous Land of Oz” Dress Rehearsal
(4:00-7:00 p.m.) – Hunt School

4/3: “Marvelous Land of Oz” Dress Rehearsal
(3:30-7:00 p.m.) – Hunt School

4/4: “Marvelous Land of Oz” School Performance
(1:00 p.m.) – Lyman C. Hunt Auditorium

4/4 and 4/5: “Marvelous Land of Oz”
Performances (6:30 p.m.) – Lyman Hunt
Auditorium

4/9: PTO Meeting (6:30-8:00 p.m.) – Ellie B.
McNamara Memorial Library

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 Student Day for the 2011-12
School Year

C. P. Smith Dress Code

Our school has a dress code to help us maintain a safe, respectful, and orderly learning environment for all our students. As warm weather approaches, we share the following information from our handbook as a reminder. All children are expected to wear clothing appropriate for school, and we often remind children that they should dress for school as grown-ups do for their workplaces. This helps them understand that the social and work skills they practice now will benefit them in future years, when they become good workers and responsible adults. To ensure safety and respect, we ask your assistance by not allowing your children to wear the following articles of clothing to school: high heels, inappropriately short skirts or shorts, halter tops or tops with spaghetti straps, t-shirts with inappropriate words or advertising, midriff tops, and underwear which is visible. If a child arrives at school wearing clothing that violates one or more of these guidelines, his/her parent/guardian will be contacted to bring to school more appropriate clothing into which s/he will change. Please remember that sneakers must be worn for Physical Education classes, and that shoes with wheels may not be worn to school. Hats are allowed in the building only on designated “Hat Days,” usually prior to school vacations. Please contact Mr. Fleury at the school if you have any



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.



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.

Jen L'Ecuyer,
C. P. Smith PTO



Awesome Blossom News

If any one is still interested in donating to our school project we are in need of some peat pots to start more seeds. We can also use more soil to put in the pots as well. Any donations can be dropped off in the office and Mrs. Desautels will get them to us.

A special thank you to Liam Chira and his family plus Mitchell Harvey and his family for donating seeds and garden tools to our school project!



Student gardeners filling our new container gardens.

Donations Needed for The FULL BAG Pantry!

Great news! Our *In-School* food shelf, *The FULL BAG Pantry*, is being used by many families from our school community. However, due to the need, we could really use some more food to fill the shelves. If you would like to donate items, we would greatly appreciate your help!

Here are the items we could use the most:

- peanut butter
- crackers
- pasta
- canned spaghetti sauce
- mayonnaise
- tuna fish
- canned vegetables



Food Pantry
Donations Needed

Or if you would like to send in a check made out to: C. P. Smith School, to purchase food, we would appreciate any support that you can offer!

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

*Sincerely, The Full Bag Pantry Committee
Lynn Slack, Chris Tetrault,
Shannon Walters and Sally Hayes*

From the Health Office

As some of you know there is debate in the State Legislature about discontinuing the practice of allowing philosophical exemptions of immunization required for school attendance. I am pleased to report that we have very, very good compliance with these vital protections here at C.P. Smith!



This is an address for a Facebook web page for referral to accurate sources of information about immunizations. It is <http://www.facebook.com/vaccinatevt>.