

SMITH TIMES

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The Principal's Corner



We're excited that our school play, "The Marvelous Land of Oz" will be presented next week.

(Please refer to the calendar for practice and performance times and locations.) Parents/guardians of cast and crew members are also sent regular email updates by the volunteer leaders. The students in Grades 3-5 have worked hard on this project, along with a core group of wonderful parent volunteers. Please come join us for some great entertainment!

Parent/Teacher Conferences are being scheduled for the afternoon of Thursday, April 12th and all day on Friday, April 13th. You will receive confirmation of your conference time(s). Please contact Mrs. Desautels in the main office (864-8479 or tdesaute@bsdvt.org) if you find you will need to reschedule your appointment(s). We strive to conduct conferences with the parents/guardians of all students.

You will notice from time to time that we include with our weekly newsletters information from other organizations within the community. Our school has created a community partnership with the Heineberg Senior Center, and so you will notice information from them in this week's newsletter. We hope you will feel free to inform grandparents, friends, neighbors, and others about this wonderful resource for area senior citizens, who have become good friends and neighbors of our school. We are always pleased to also share with you information from our city's wonderful Parks and Recreation Department and Fletcher Free Library about programs and events of interest to children and families. You will find in our lobby

a new information stand on which much of this information is posted. Please help yourself to the resources you find there.

Earlier this week, we mailed to all families copies of the C.P. Smith School Parent/Guardian Information Form for Student Placement. Parents/guardians are 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 did 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 291 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

3/31: “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
(This is for Grades 4 and 5 only; snacks will be provided.)

4/2: “Marvelous Land of Oz” Dress Rehearsal (4:00-7:00 p.m.) – Hunt School
(Grades 4 and 5 for the whole time, **and Grade 3 from 4:00-5:30 p.m. only.** Pizza and snacks will be provided.)

4/3: “Marvelous Land of Oz” Dress Rehearsal (3:30-7:00 p.m.) – Hunt School
(Grades 4 and 5 for the whole time, **and Grade 3 from 3:30-5:00 p.m. only.** Pizza and snacks will be provided.)

4/4: “Marvelous Land of Oz” School Performance (1:00-2:15 p.m.) – Lyman Hunt Auditorium
(Students will return to Smith School for dismissal.)

4/4 and 4/5: “Marvelous Land of Oz” Performances (6:30 p.m.) – Lyman Hunt Auditorium
(Grades 4 and 5 should arrive at 5:15 p.m., and Grade 3 at 5:45 p.m.)

4/6: Full Bag Food Pantry (2:00-3:00 p.m.) – Side Door of School

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 ; No School on 4/13)

4/13: Parent/Guardian Information Forms for Student Placement Due at Main Office

News from the Guidance Office:

By Kate Guilmette, School Counselor

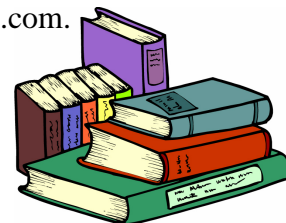
Our current classroom guidance unit has focused on personal safety. For younger students this means learning and practicing basic safety rules and familiarizing themselves with their alarm system. Every one of us has our own alarm system, a set of feelings (uh-oh feelings) that warn us that something does not feel right. The focus is getting students to understand that everyone has the right to be safe and there are steps to follow if they do not. Please ask your child about the 4 safety rules and what “uh-oh” feelings they experience.



Students in third through fifth grade will very briefly review this information as well, however, most our time will be spent discussing internet safety and being a responsible and respectful digital citizen. Mrs. Walters will join some of the classes for these lessons. As always please ask your children to share their knowledge with 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.



Jen L’Ecuyer,
C. P. Smith PTO

Hello, Families of the Cast and Crew of the Marvelous Land of Oz!!

Our 'production week' is next week: the *Marvelous Land of Oz* will be coming to life, thanks to your children, the Very Merry Theatre artists, and the families who have worked hard on producing this musical.

Please note the following dates-- **this Sunday** is our first dress rehearsal! Please have your child there on time, with his/her costume pieces, if there are any pieces that you have at home.

It will be a very busy, fun week for your children. Please be sure to have your child at each dress rehearsal and performance on time.

Tech/Dress rehearsal

Sunday, April 1, 12-4:30 pm, Hunt stage (no 3rd graders)
snacks will be provided

Dress rehearsal

Monday, April 2, 4-7 pm, Hunt stage (**3rd graders from 4 pm until 5:30 pm-- 4th and 5th for the whole time**)
pizza and snacks will be provided

Dress rehearsal

Tuesday, April 3, 3:30-7 pm, Hunt stage (**3rd graders from 3:30- 5pm-- 4th and 5th for the whole time**)
pizza and snacks will be provided

In-school performance

Wednesday, April 4, 1-2:15 pm, Hunt stage

Evening performance

Wednesday, April 4, 6:30 pm, Hunt Middle School (**4th and 5th graders arrive at 5:15 pm and 3rd graders at 5:45 pm**)
please have your child eat dinner before arriving at Hunt

Evening performance

Thursday, April 5, 6:30 pm, Hunt Middle School (**4th and 5th graders arrive at 5:15 pm and 3rd graders at 5:45 pm**)
please have your child eat dinner before arriving at Hunt

All shows are free-- playbills will be for sale for \$5.

Please call with any questions about the rehearsals or shows.....Jessica Story-Huston, 860-3926 or 598-7467.

HELP STILL NEEDED with the following:

supervising kids backstage during the show; providing rides to kids for dress rehearsals; make-up; breaking down the set after the show-- please contact Jessica Story-Huston if you can help (860-3926) or go to our sign-up page at: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0849A4AD229-musical>