

SMITH TIMES

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The Principal's Corner

We're back in full swing from our winter recess, although it felt more like a spring break weatherwise.

I take this opportunity to publicly congratulate Superintendent Jeanne Collins for being named Superintendent of the Year for Vermont. She recently traveled to Texas to be honored with the winners from other states. We are pleased to have such a gifted and caring leader for the schools in our district.

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.



Our school is participating in a "Big Change Round-up" fundraiser for the Vermont Children's Hospital. Last year, we raised \$350.00 for that worthy cause. Thank you for your generosity in helping us beat last year's goal and provide much needed medical care for the children of our state.

We're exploring ways to create a community partnership between Smith School and the Heineberg Senior Center in our neighborhood. A natural bond exists between children and senior citizens, and we're looking for ways to make that work for our school and the center. I will have more about that as our work unfolds.

Practices of our play, "The Marvelous Land of Oz," are going along well, thanks to a dedicated group of parent volunteers and representatives of the Very Merry Theatre. Soon, we will be seeking advertisers for the program which will be distributed in the lobby prior to each performance. This is a significant revenue source for the play, which is likely to cost over \$4,000.00

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.

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

3/9: Full Bag Pantry (2:00-3:00 p.m.) – Side Door of School

3/12: PTO Meeting (6:30-8:00 p.m.)
Ellie B. McNamara Memorial Library



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

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

3/16: Deadline for Kindergarten Registration

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

4/12 – 4/13: Parent/Teacher Conferences

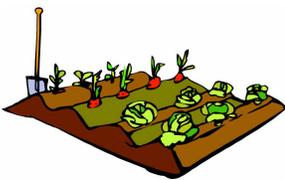
The Marvelous Land of Oz



The Marvelous Land of Oz webpage is up and running at verymerrytheatre.org.

Just go to the home page, scroll down, and click on the Marvelous image. It has the final week's schedule and all the music tracks for kids to sing along to. We'll try to keep it updated with the regular rehearsal schedule as well.

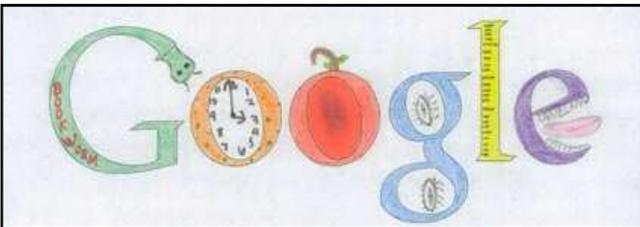
Awesome Blossom



The Awesome Blossom Crew would like to thank the following students and their families for the generous donations of seeds, garden tools,

garden gloves and watering cans to help us with our garden: Brynn & Macey Allard, Hannah Hershberg, Janizer Diaz-Cartagena, Zachary Michaud and Aidan Steeves, Lillian Connolly & Corey Fenimore.

We are still in need of supplies such as pots to start our seeds and soil if there is any one else that wants to contribute. All you need to do is drop them off in the office and Mrs. Desautels will get them to us. Thanks so much again to all who have sent in donations to us!



Grade 3-5 Regional Winner "Learning is Fun"

Doodle 4 Google is a contest where Google invites students in the United States to use their artistic talents to think big and redesign Google's homepage logo for millions to see. This year, students are asked to exercise their creative imaginations around the theme, "If I could travel in time, I'd visit..." One lucky student artist will see their artwork appear on the Google homepage and take home some cool prizes (the national winner takes home a \$30,000 college scholarship and awards his/her school with a \$50,000 technology grant).

Entry forms are available at _____ - or from our school Library Learning Center.
Good luck to all our creative artists!

Reading is an Investment Entry Forms Due Soon!



The deadline for **Reading is an Investment** entry submissions is fast approaching... but there's still time to get your entry form in before we mail them on March 14.th. Not only does your child benefit from reading great books about financial literacy (and others free choice books), they'll also be entered in to win a \$250 college savings account, administered by the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation. Entry forms—and many books about smart money management—are available in our Library Learning Center.



Unleash your Inner Mad Scientist!

Please join us on Thursday, March 15th from 6-7 pm for our 4th Annual Science Fair and share an evening of science excitement!

All students and their families are invited to join us and learn from our guest scientists. A "Mad Scientist" Cake will be served at the end of the evening to celebrate all of the great science thinking!

Need transportation? Need a translator for the evening? Need help with supplies for your project? Please call 864-2228 or stop in the library to see

