

SMITH TIMES

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The Principal's Corner



Our school play, "The Marvelous Land of Oz" was presented this week. Thanks to the expertise of the staff of the Very Merry Theatre, dedication of key parent leaders such as Ms. Jessica Story-Huston, Mr. Ed Scott,

and Mrs. Shirin Hart, and the talent of our student cast and crew members, the play was a great success. It's so important for us to celebrate and nurture the fine arts at our school, and we appreciate the generous support of everyone who shared their time, talent, and donations to make this happen. So many children find their personal strength on or behind stage, and we are grateful to all who gave them a chance to do so this spring. Bravo, Smith School community!!!

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. ***Childcare will be provided on Thursday afternoon and all day Friday in the library.***

We have 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. **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(s) 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

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 and No School on 4/13)

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

4/13: Full Bag Food Pantry (8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.) – Side Door of School

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

Burlington Parks and Recreation

We have several programs for kids and families taking place this spring. Our Spring/Summer Brochure is now on line at www.enjoyburlington.com and our brochure will be distributed this week in the North End News. Some specific programs are:

Cooking Around the World

Ages 9-12

Tuesdays—May 1-22, 3:00-5:00 p.m.
Miller Community Recreation Center
\$60.00 Residents \$70.00 Non-Resident
Register by Tuesday, April 24th

Mosaic Creations Afterschool

Ages 9-12

Wednesday May 2-23, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Miller Community Recreation Center
\$40.00 Resident \$50.00 Non-Resident
Register by Wednesday, April 25th

Afterschool Bowling

Ages 6-11

Fridays May 4 - June 1, 2:30 - 5:30 p.m.
Pick up at Flynn Elementary School
\$60.00 Resident \$70.00 Non-Resident
Register by Friday, April 27th

Kids Night Out

Ages 5-11

Fridays April 20th & May 11th, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Miller Community Recreation Center
\$15.00 Resident and Non-Resident
Register one week before each Kids Night Out

Family Friday Nights Out

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Minute to Win It Activities for the family

April 13th

Family Fitness Activities and Healthy Snacks

May 18th

Miller Community Recreation Center
\$35.00 Resident (family)
\$45.00 Non-Resident (family)

Register one week before each Friday Night. Families can register on line at www.enjoyburlington.com or by contacting the Burlington Parks and Recreation Department at 864-0123. Our Spring/Summer Brochure also includes all of our summer camp offerings.



5th Grade Math Art

Mrs Orlando's inspired fifth graders used their newly-acquired protractor skills to create some awesome designs from a plain circle.

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



Study Sponsored by the UVM College of Medicine

Do you sometimes wonder why your child acts the way she does with friends? Are you interested in learning how your child's brain works? Emily Mazzulla, a Clinical Psychology Graduate Student at the University of Vermont's College of Medicine, is conducting a study of the neurobiological mechanisms underlying relational aggression in girls between the ages of 9 and 11. Her study invites girls (9-11 years old) and parents to participate in a study at the University of Vermont. Stipends of cash (for parents) and gift certificates (for children) will be given. For more information, please contact Ms. Mazzulla at 802-847-2310.

