

SMITH TIMES

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The Principal's Corner

Thanks again to all who provided helpful assistance for our recent play, "The Marvelous Land of Oz," whether it was coaching young actors on their lines, building the sets, playing wonderful music during the performances, making costumes, baking items for the concession stand, coordinating the lighting, preparing or selling ads for the very professional-looking program, designing the fantastic play poster, selling concession items, flowers, or play memorabilia, applying make-up, providing transportation, or donating funds to defray the expense of the production, (and any other task which I might be temporarily forgetting). We really appreciate the support of our whole community in making sure the fine arts are nurtured at Smith School. On behalf of our school, I give a warm thank you to Ms. Marcie Lewis, Principal of Hunt Middle School, and Mr. Craig Olzenak, HMS Band Teacher, for so generously sharing their school's space with us.



Visit our C.P. Smith Facebook page for more play photos.

I was pleased that so many members of the Heineberg Senior Center were able to join us for our play and thank them for hosting Mrs. Patty Kissell's and Mrs. Carolyn Pallutto's Grade 2 classes for a special presentation of the "Tapestry of Nations" project at the most recent monthly meeting of the center. We are pleased with the connections we've made with our neighbors and friends at the HSC.

Parent/Teacher Conferences are scheduled for the afternoon of Thursday, April 12th and all day on Friday, April 13th. You should have received 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 computer lab.***

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. **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.** ***Our class configurations for the 2012-13 school year will be as follows: three Kindergarten classes, two Grade 1 classes, three Grade 2 classes, two Grade 3 classes, two Grade 4-5 classes, and two Grade 5 classes for a total of 14 classes as compared to 13 this year.***

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

4/12 – 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. If visiting school to pick up food items is a hardship for you, please call the office (864-8479) to make arrangements for items to be sent home with your child..

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

5/2: Family/School Partnership Team Meeting (2:45 p.m.) – Principal's Office

5/14: PTO Meeting (6:30-8:00 p.m.) – Ellie B. McNamara Memorial Library



Attention Musical Cake Winners!

Was your cake placed on a white Williams Sonoma plate? If so, the baker of the cake would like it returned. Please bring the plate to the office and we will see that it gets back to the owner. Thank you so much!

The Fifth Grade Team

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 jlucuyer7@gmail.com.

Jen L'Ecuyer,
C. P. Smith PTO



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.