

SMITH TIMES

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The Principal's Corner

We're pleased to report the upcoming debut of our new school website. Each school within the Burlington School District will be using a similar website format entitled, "School Fusion." Our hope is that you find this website to be clear, accurate, and professional in content and appearance. It will be a "work in progress," as we continue to refine the website and expand its content. On it, you will find information about our school and links to other schools' websites and the district's, as well. The website will be available as of May 4, 2012. We hope you will keep us in contact with your feedback about and suggestions for it.

The school district runs a wonderful summer school program *known as Summer Opportunities Academics and Enrichment (nicknamed SOAR.)* *The program is free of charge and open to any student currently enrolled in Kindergarten through Grade 5 who meets the following criteria: 1). does not meet standards in Math or Literacy; 2). is eligible for free or reduced-priced school lunches; or 3). receives Title I, ELL, or Special Education services. For more information about the program, please check our welcome board in the main lobby or give me a call at 864-8479. **The registration deadline for summer school is May 11, 2012.***

Thank you to parents/guardians who provided us with information about their children which will prove valuable to us in the upcoming student placement process. Teacher teams will soon be formed to create class rosters made up of groups which are balanced for gender, behavioral, academic, and other factors. Specific class placements for students entering Grades 1 through 5 will be announced to all families in August. Preliminary Kindergarten classroom rosters will be created by that team of teachers in the late summer and flexibly adjusted by the end of the first two weeks of school in order to make sure all three classrooms are balanced for the factors listed above. We found this flexible placement process to

be a good one this past year and well-received by parents/guardians, too. Since Kindergarten students arrive without information from sending teachers and schools, the challenge of creating balanced classrooms without this information can be difficult. Students and the school as a whole benefit from our ability to make changes once we see how the students work with each other. As mentioned last week, we will have three Kindergarten classrooms, two for Grade 1, three for Grade 2, two for Grade 3, two for Grades 4-5 and two for Grade 5. We will also host one of the district's Early Essential Education (EEE) classes here during Flynn School's upcoming construction work.

Our annual spring vacation will take place next week. There will be no school for students during the week of April 23-27, 2012. School will resume on Monday, April 30, 2012.

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

4/20: Full Bag Food Pantry (2:00 – 3:00 p.m.) – Side Door of School

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

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

5/11: Registration Deadline for Summer School Program

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

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



News from BoxTops And Labels for Education

We raised over 3,600 extra bonus points last month from Labels for Education. We now have over 11,600 points to use for equipment in our school. The PTO has decided to use 8,000 points to purchase a computer printer for the teachers. Great job collecting and congratulations to the teachers on some new equipment.

LFE ann BoxTop Coordinator,
Jennifer Reay

Thank you to the cub scouts from dens 7 & 8 in Pack 651 for the wonderful birdhouses that you built! The birdhouses are now in CP Smith's courtyard garden. Hopefully some birds will find them to be nice homes to raise their chicks!

