

# SMITH TIMES

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## The Principal's Corner

The debut of our new school website takes place today. It will be a "work in progress" as we continually strive to make it as clear, accurate, and professional in content and appearance as we can.



### Food Pantry Donations Needed

Our Full Bag Pantry food shelf could use your help. We're running low on a number of items and are always in need of the following items: pasta, pasta sauce, crackers, protein bars, soup, raisin packs, canned

vegetables or fruit, cereal, peanut butter, jam, microwave popcorn, mayonnaise, and grocery bags. Thank you for whatever you can provide to families who need food support, especially during the weekends. Food (in prepackaged grocery bags) is available on a cart near the side entrance of our school on Friday afternoons from 2:00-3:00 p.m. If you are in need of basic food items to support your family during the weekend, please help yourself to a bag from the cart on Friday afternoons. If you need a bag delivered to your home, please give me a call.

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.**

The Family-School Partnership Team (FSPT) is sponsoring two upcoming discussions, known as "Family-School Roundtables." These will be informal gatherings with invited guests, who will

facilitate discussions of interest to families within our school community. The first gathering will be with Hunt Middle School Principal Ms. Marcie Lewis and will be held in the library on Thursday, May 10, 2012 from 7:00-8:00 p.m. The second will be held on Wednesday, May 16, 2012 (also from 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the library) and will be facilitated by Mr. Danielo Balon, the director of the Burlington School District's Diversity and Equity Office. Refreshments will be served, and translators will be available. We're hoping to continue these discussions in the next school year, as well. I am pleased by the work our FSPT and our Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO) are doing to enhance our communication and working relationships with all families.

Smith School will be hosting the district's annual Spelling Bee on Friday, May 11, 2012 at 9:30 a.m. at the school. Superintendent Collins will be among our "celebrity" judges and scorers. Each school is fielding a team of Grades 4-5 students, and we're pleased to promote this event as a sign of the academic excellence taking place at our schools.

Next week is Teacher Appreciation Week across the nation, and we thank the PTO for the events they're planning to recognize the dedication of our school's faculty and staff members.

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

**5/4: Full Bag Food Pantry** (2:00-3:00 p.m.) – Side Door of School

**5/7 – 5/11: Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week**

**5/9: “Fiddlesticks” VSO Assembly** (1:30 p.m.) – Gym

**5/10: Family-School Roundtable** (7:00-8:00 p.m.) – Ellie B. McNamara Memorial Library. Speaker: Ms. Marcie Lewis, Principal, Lyman Hunt Middle School.

Topic: “Helping Your Child Survive and Thrive in Middle School.”

*We will arrange for translators to be available.*

**5/11: Burlington School District Annual Spelling Bee** (9:30 a.m.) – Hosted by Smith School

5/11: Registration Deadline for Summer School Program

**5/11: Full Bag Food Pantry** (2:00-3:00 p.m.) – Side Door of School

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

**5/16: Family-School Roundtable** (7:00-8:00 p.m.) – Ellie B. McNamara Memorial Library. Speaker: Mr. Daniello Balon, Director, Diversity and Equity Office, Burlington School District. Topic: “With Liberty and Justice for All: An Update of District Initiatives Related to Diversity and Equity.”

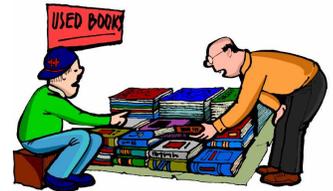
**5/18: Arbor Day Assembly** (1:30 p.m.) – Outdoors (weather permitting)

**5/22: “Get Acquainted Day”** for Incoming Kindergarten Students and Parents/Guardians

**6/8: Field Day** (Raindate: 6/11)

**6/13: Last Student Day** for the 2011-12 School Year.

## 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](mailto:jlecuyer7@gmail.com).

Jen L’Ecuyer,  
C. P. Smith PTO



## C.P. Smith PTO Update

Our next PTO Meeting will take place on Monday May 14th from 6:30—8:00 p.m. in the Learning

Center. This meeting will focus on planning / scheduling for events for the 2012-2013 school year. We would like to have your input on future events and fundraising for the 2012-2013 school year. Come out and make our voice heard. This will also be the last PTO Meeting for this year and we will be holding voting for 2012-2013 PTO Officers. PTO positions are open to everyone and if you are interested in holding a position within the PTO please contact me prior to the PTO Meeting on 5/14. Our current Officers are as follows:

Jennifer l’Ecuyer:	President
Regina Park:	Vice President
Tiffany Delaney:	Secretary
Karen LaBelle:	Treasurer

Our current Officers are interested in continuing in their positions for the 2012-2013 school year.

Hope to see you there.

Jennifer l’Ecuyer  
C.P. Smith PTO

## From Ms. Souliere



### **Way to Go Week**

(May 7-May 11) sponsored by VTrans and Safe Route to School Walk, Bike, Carpool during this week in May to promote good health and avoid car pollution. Most

schools and businesses in the State of Vermont are joining in on the fun.

C.P. Smith Frequent Walking Cards will be punched everyday next week with Walking Wednesday being the day we hand out special prizes to all students who walk, bike, scooter to school, or carpool. If you are not able to let your child walk the entire distance you may drive and park a short distances from school so that they can walk.. Please encourage your child to participate for this fun and healthy week.

## “Supermoon”—this Saturday

Second graders are learning about the phases of the moon. We have been trying to look at the moon each evening. The weather in Vermont doesn't always cooperate. We are hoping it will this Saturday. We will be having a full moon this Saturday. It will be a “Supermoon” according to the scientists at NASA. This means that during its orbit, the moon will be closest to earth. It should look brighter and a bit larger than a usual full moon. Take a look Saturday night and see if you can see this beautiful moon!



Want to learn more? Ask a Smith Second Grader! NASA has a great short video explaining the phenomena available at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kOplwuMTyS4>

## Burlington Parks and Recreation

We have lots going on at Burlington Parks and Recreation. We have a couple of Fitness Actives happening for children and families. They are:

### **Family Fitness & Nutrition Night at the Miller Community Recreation Center**

Evening Includes: Active games and movement for getting everyone moving and strong! There will be an introduction to the Miller Center's Fitness Room along with taste testing and preparation of tasty nutritious snacks.



Friday May 18th 6:00—8:00 p.m.  
\$35.00 Resident \$45.00 Non-Resident

### **Personal/Group Fitness Training at the Miller Community Recreation Center**



Fitness sessions designed by one of our certified strength and conditioning specialists, for each person's fitness needs!

Personal Fitness Session (60 minutes)  
\$50.00 Resident \$60.00 Non-Resident

Group Fitness Session (60 minutes, 2 people)  
\$50.00 Resident \$60.00 Non-Resident

We also have many, many itty bitty, childrens, adult, family, and 50+ programs happening this spring and summer. We also have a wide variety of summer camps.

Please check out our register for all of our programs at [www.enjoyburlington.com](http://www.enjoyburlington.com) or call 864-0123 for more information and to register for all of our programs.