

SMITH TIMES

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The Principal's Corner



We enjoyed a beautiful and informative performance by three members of the Vermont Symphony Orchestra at an assembly last week, and thank them for helping us learn about and listen to various string instruments.

We also thank Ms. Marcie Lewis, Hunt Middle School Principal, and Mr. Danielo Balon, Director of the Burlington School District Office of Diversity and Equity, for helping us initiate what we hope will be an ongoing series of discussions about topics of importance to families and schools. These "Family-School Roundtables" are made possible by our wonderful Family-School Partnership Team and Parent/Teacher Organization. It has been suggested that we hold one in the fall about differentiated instruction, and we can certainly do that.

We're in the process of placing students in classrooms for the 2012-13 school year. We thank parents and guardians for providing us with valuable information about their children to help with the important work of creating balanced classroom settings. Since we are likely to enroll new students throughout the summer and will be hiring new teachers for at least two grades, we will share information about students' placements via a mailing in mid-August.

We extend our best healing thoughts to Mr. Joe Garofalo, our Music Teacher, who is recovering from an illness and will be out for the remainder of the school year. We thank Mr. David Weissenstein for substituting on Mr. Garofalo's behalf for these last few weeks.

Our Grade 4 students completed their New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP) Science tests this week, and we thank Mrs. Nicole Bahrenburg, Mrs. Sally Hayes, and Mrs. Kelly

Mancuso, for their excellent instruction and test administration. We will mail the test results to parents/guardians when we receive them.

Please consult the Calendar of Events for other important activities related to our school community.

A grand total of 301 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

5/22: "Get Acquainted Day" for Incoming Kindergarten Students and Parents/Guardians

5/22: Grade 5 Orientation Meeting at Lyman Hunt Middle School

5/28: Memorial Day Holiday (No School)

5/31: Volunteer Appreciation Reception (8:10-9:15 a.m.)

6/1: BKASP Parent Visit and Registration for 2012-13 (4:00-5:00 p.m.)

6/7: Grade 5 Wax Museum Presentation

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.

Jen L'Ecuyer
C. P. Smith PTO

J. J. Flynn Spring Fest & Fun Run

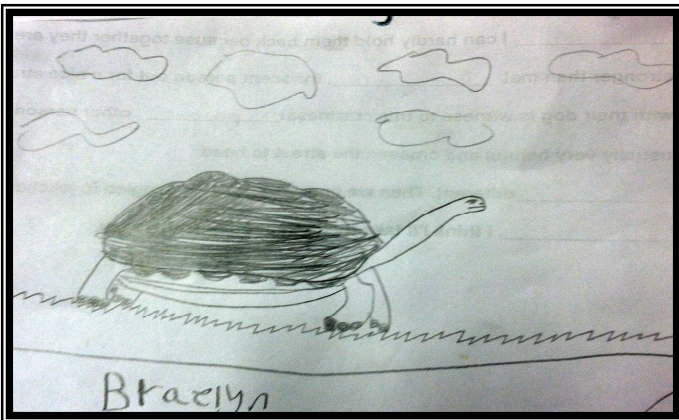


J. J. Flynn is holding its first annual Spring Fest and Fun Run on Sunday, May 20th from 2:00-5:00 pm (rain or shine) on the school playground. All are invited to join us. Fun Run— Choose

your own course (1/2 mile or 1 mile). All runners get a free marathon bib and ribbon! Race registration is scheduled to begin at 2:00 pm.

There will also be a bounce house (bounce away for 3-5 min. depending on the line!), bake sale, and face painting. The events are by donation with fresh popped popcorn and bottled water available for \$1.00 each.

We hope to see you there!



Indoor Recess Artwork

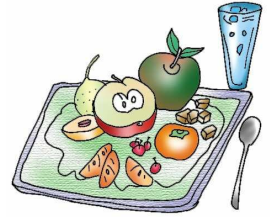
Burlington Parks and Recreation

We have lots going on at Burlington Parks and Recreation. We have a couple of Fitness Activities 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, children's, 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 or call 864-0123 for more information and to register for all of our programs.