

SMITH TIMES

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The Principal's Corner

On behalf of all the staff members of C.P. Smith School, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you for your generous contribution of time and talent, as we all strive to make our school the best place it can be for all our 260 students. Although we're still working on a number of our goals to create the best possible learning environment in the most safe and supportive surroundings, I believe the glass is "half full" and not "half empty." Smith School thrives because of a close relationship among wonderful children, caring parents, and dedicated teachers. During the 2012-13 school year, we will continue to work to enhance that relationship among us. As a first step, we will be creating a more inviting lobby area, as we welcome family members into our building. I love seeing parents, guardians, and others coming through our doors each morning as they bring their children to school. It's good for them to know their children are delivered into a safe environment and to feel welcome to stay and chat with me or each other, if they wish. There's much more to creating a collaborative working relationship than that, but it all starts with a warm welcome to our building.

We're excited about hosting summer school and recreation programs at Smith during the next few months. I've always said that it's better for a school to wear out than rust out, so we will put our space to good use this summer. Please refer to the calendar for the dates and times of these programs. We're also offering a summer lunch program each weekday from June 25th through August 17th (except July 4th) from 11:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Children and youth of all income levels are welcome to attend. They don't need to be enrolled in a district school, since federal grant funds pay for this program. There is no need to sign up . . . children and youth may just show up at the cafeteria at the designated time, and we will feed them. (Adults who accompany them may also eat for \$3.75 each.) There will be a table in the lobby on which books will be placed for students' summer reading. Please help yourself to what you see there that your children can use for this important purpose.



Our Grade 5 students are a sign of hope for the next generation of leaders. They are bright and caring young people, who will be good citizens and life-long learners. At their recent Wax Museum, they demonstrated their excellent knowledge and social skills. We will miss them very much and wish

them well as they move on to middle school. Let's all pay a special thanks and say best wishes to: Muna Arbow, Isabella Bucci, Jacinda Cupp, Janizer Diaz-Cartagena, Lilly Decelles, Awa Drame, Ekrem Hadzic, Caige Heald-Faling, Greg Horton, William Huynh, Anni Jeffers, Jordan Jerome, Opal Key, Tanner King, Emily L'Ecuyer, Shannon LaBelle, Justin Lai, Meghan Lavoie, Hannah LeClair, Abdi Madey, Tao McCann, Abby McKeown, Logan McMillan, Madison Messier, Luke Michael, Katelyn Miles, Najima Musa, Medine Nifasha, Nick Parrott, Nikie Purl, Giselle Rainville, Sabrina Redzic, Wyatt Rollins, Isabel Scott, Naima Sheikh, Savun Souvanhna, Kelsey Spencer, Seamus Stein, Carly Treat, Aletha Weber, Eleanor Weisman-Rowell, Amber Wetmore, and Evan Whalon.

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

A grand total of 310 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.

May a safe and enjoyable summer be yours!

Calendar of Events



6/25 – 8/17: Summer Lunch

Program (11:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.)

Children and youth up to the age of 18 may come to the cafeteria of Smith School each weekday (except 7/4) for a lunch at no charge. This is regardless of income level. Participants do not need to be enrolled in the Burlington School District.

6/25 – 8/3: BKASP Summer Recreation

Program (7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.) – Gym and D-wing

7/9 – 8/2 : Summer School Program

(8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.) – D-wing

8/10: Student Placement Information and

Welcome Letters from Teachers Mailed to Families

8/21: New Family Orientation Night

(6:30-7:30 p.m.) – Gym

8/24, 8/27, and 8/28/12: Teacher Inservice Days

8/29/12: First Day of School for Students

(8:10-2:45 p.m., except for Kindergarten, which will be dismissed at 11:30 a.m., with optional lunch provided afterwards.)

FREE SUMMER MEALS IN BURLINGTON FOR ALL KIDS 18 & UNDER

No fees. No registration.
Just show up!

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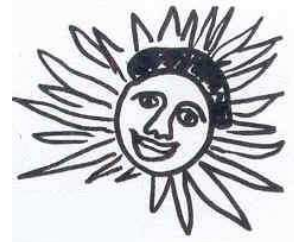
June 25-August 17
Monday-Friday
Lunch 11:30-12:00 p.m.



Glean with the Vermont Foodbank, Volunteers Needed

The Vermont Foodbank, the state's largest hunger-relief organization, is looking for volunteers this summer to help with the Gleaning Program. Gleaning is the age old practice of harvesting produce that is otherwise unmarketable. The Vermont Foodbank Gleaning Program harvests excess produce from local farms with the help of many volunteers, making it available to our neighbors in need. In 2011 the Vermont Foodbank Gleaning Program worked with more than 100 farms and hundreds of volunteers to provide nearly 400,000 pounds of fresh, local produce to Vermonters in need of food assistance. Participating as a gleaning volunteer offers community members the chance to learn firsthand about local food production and food insecurity in the state. Come glean with us! To learn more and to volunteer at a farm near you, please contact Michelle Wallace at [802-477-4125](tel:802-477-4125) or mwallace@vtfoodbank.org

SUMMER ART CAMP!



Mrs. DeVita will be offering a "drop-in" Summer Art Camp!*

Students will create exciting art at C.P. Smith School on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings on select dates in June and July from 9:00-11:45 a.m.

Students need only bring a snack and their creativity!

Dates- 6/18, 6/20, 6/22, 6/25, 6/27, 6/29, 7/2 ?'s.... cdevita@bsdvt.org / 872-8579

*Students can come to one or all of the sessions. There is a fee associated with this camp.

Please pick up a sign-up form in the office or from Mrs. DeVita