

# SMITH TIMES

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## The Principal's Corner

Greetings! We welcome your family to the 2012-13 school year at C.P. Smith School!

Our doors opened on Wednesday morning to 315 students, an increase of 56 over last year, due to the addition of a Pre-K classroom, a third Kindergarten classroom, and the enrollment of several children from other area schools. It's nice to hear the voices of children in the building again!

We have several new teachers joining us for this new school year: Ms. Kerrin Flanagan, Kindergarten; Mr. Joshua Safran, Grades 4-5; Ms. Sarah Minkler, Grade 5; Mr. Chase Rosenberg, Spanish; Ms. Erin Webster, Spanish; Ms. Colleen Springer, Library/Media Specialist; Ms. Alexandra McHenry, Building Substitute; and Ms. Whitney Kittredge, Ms. Kim O'Brien, Ms. Bailey Osborne, and Ms. Denise Schomody, para-educators. We are fortunate to have such talented people joining our school community.



We take this opportunity to thank our fantastic PTO for the soccer goals which it purchased for our school. These goals were installed this week . . . just in time for

several weeks of good soccer playing. Speaking of our PTO, it will have its first meeting of the year on Monday, September 10, 2012 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the Ellie B. McNamara Memorial Library of the school. The library is named after the dedicated woman who served as principal from 1981-98.

On the first day of school, the PTO also hosted our annual morning reception for parents and guardians. It was good to see such a large turnout for this event.

Our school's goals for the new school year are: 1). student achievement; 2). school climate; and 3). family-community engagement. These are based on the goals of the Burlington School District. We will be seeking input from all members of our school community about how to carry out these goals. I see our PTO and Family-School Partnership Team (FSPT) as valuable participants in this process.

Family-community engagement will continue to be a major goal of ours as we strive to do our best work with your children. The New Family Orientation Night held last week was well-attended, and I thank Mrs. Sally Hayes for filling in for me at the meeting, due to a death in my family. I heard from a number of people that they found it to be an informative session, and thanks are also in order for Mrs. Tina Desautels, our Administrative Assistant, and Mrs. Jennifer L'Ecuyer, PTO President, for their very helpful assistance.

***Upcoming events include our annual Ice-Cream Social on Thursday, September 6<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-7:00 p.m. on the school grounds if the weather is nice and in the gym if it is not. This event helps all members of our school community get to know each other better. On Thursday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, we will host a Curriculum Night for parents and guardians. This is an opportunity for teachers to discuss their academic programs and classroom procedures.***



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

Thank you for all you do to make our school a community of respectful, responsible, and safe learners.

## Calendar of Events

**9/3:** Labor Day Holiday  
(No School)



**9/6:** Ice-Cream Social  
(6:00 – 7:00 p.m.) – School Grounds

**9/10:** PTO Meeting (6:30-8:00 p.m.)  
Ellie B. McNamara Memorial Library

**9/19:** School Picture Day

**9/20:** Curriculum Night (6:00 – 6:30 p.m./  
Grades K-2 and 6:35 – 7:05 p.m./Grades 3-5)

**10/17 – 10/18:** Parent-Teacher Conferences  
(School will be dismissed at 11:30 a.m. on  
10/17)

**10/19:** No School

**10/19 – 10/26:** Book Fair

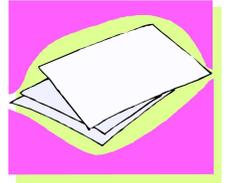
## A Number of Things

Our school has a wonderful math coach named Karyn Vogel. Ms. Vogel also works with Flynn School. She helps teachers plan great math activities and is a key organizer of Math Night, too. Ms. Vogel has started a blog called, “A Number of Things,” and we’ll have more information in next week’s newsletter about the great Math work she’s helping us with.



## Information Packets

We sent home with students on Wednesday packets of information for parents/guardians. If you did not receive this information, please call the school at 864-8479, and we will send you another packet.



## Fletcher Free Library

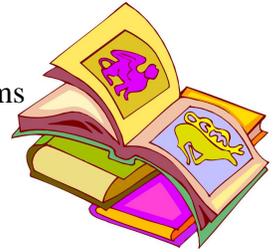
September 2012 Youth Programs

### Creative Tuesdays

3pm – 5pm

September 4, 11, and 18

Join us and use your imagination to be creative with recycled materials. Free. All ages, *but 10 and under with an adult helper, please.* No preregistration needed.



## Burlington Book Festival

Friday, September 21 – Sunday, September 23

The 8<sup>th</sup> annual Burlington Book Festival will take place throughout the weekend at various locations in downtown Burlington, including the Fletcher Free Library.

Award-winning children’s book author Paul Fleischman is this year’s keynote speaker. Check the website for events specifically for young people and their families.

[www.burlingtonbookfestival.com](http://www.burlingtonbookfestival.com)

**Please note: All groups to must** receive special permission to attend **any** program from Rebecca Goldberg. **Please call 865-7216**

# Welcome back, Students!