

SMITH TIMES

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The Principal's Corner

It was great to see such a good turnout for our annual Ice-Cream Social last week. I am sorry that the weather brought us all inside, but it seemed like everyone had a good time, anyway. Many thanks to our PTO for sponsoring this event. Speaking of our PTO, we had a good first meeting of it on Monday evening. A good discussion took place about increasing family engagement, especially prior to the start of the school year. Many activities for students and families are planned for this year, so please be sure to read our weekly newsletters and check out our website (smith.bsdt.org) for more information. We're also on FaceBook!

On Thursday, September 20th, we will host a Curriculum Night for parents and guardians. This is an opportunity for teachers to discuss their academic programs and classroom procedures. Since the classroom presentations are for parents and guardians, we request that children remain at home or be brought to the small gym (the end closest to the front door) where childcare will be provided. Teachers of Grades K-2 will present from 6:00 – 6:30 p.m. and teachers of Grades 3-5 will present from 6:35 – 7:05 p.m. All teachers will be in their classrooms, and staff members will be on hand to direct you to them, if you wish. Specialist teachers (those teaching Physical Education, Library, Spanish, Guidance, Art, and Music) will be present in the main lobby to also speak with you about their programs. We're pleased that a representative of the Fletcher Free Library will be there to talk about what our city library has to offer for children and families, and they will be issuing free library cards to those who want them, too.

We're always pleased to pass on to you news from the Fletcher Free Library and our city's Parks and Recreation Department, which also offers an excellent variety of programs for children and families. We often place this information in the newsletter, as well as on the information stand in the main lobby.

Our usual assembly block time is Wednesday from 2:10-2:40 p.m. We won't have a school assembly every week, but when we do, it will likely be at that time. Last week's assembly was to introduce our teachers and talk about our school rules of respect, responsibility, and safety. This week's assembly was the annual welcome of Kindergarten students by those in Grade 5. It was a moving and inspiring experience! We've been very pleased with how our Grades 4 and 5 students have been such good helpers and role models to Kindergarten students at lunch, too.

The Burlington School District's Coordinated School Health Team is looking for community members interested in being a part of the decision-making process about how our Wellness Policy is implemented. The team meets on the first Wednesday of each month from 4:00-5:00 p.m. at Edmunds Middle School. For more information, please contact Ginger Farineau, BSD Wellness Coordinator, at gfarinea@bsdt.org.

Please consult the Calendar of Events for other important activities related to our school community. You will notice on the calendar that no school will be held on Yom Kippur, which is Wednesday, September 26th. As is the case with Eid and Christmas--other holy days celebrated by many in our area and throughout the world--our district closes school on days we know will be impacted by lower attendance because many students will be absent on those days.



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

Calendar of Events



9/19: School Picture Day

9/19: Four Winds Meeting
Ellie B. McNamara Library 6:00 –8:00 p.m.

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

9/26: Yom Kippur (No School)

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

10/18: Parent-Teacher Conferences
(No School)

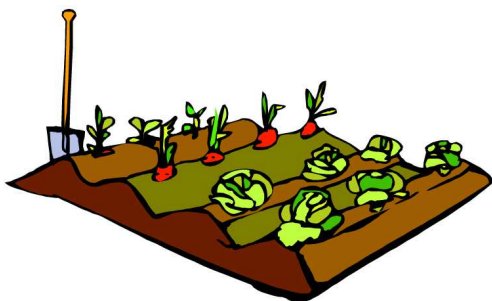
10/19: No School

10/19 – 10/26: Book Fair

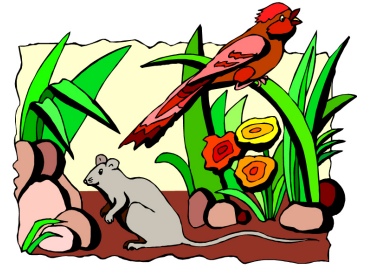
11/6: Early Release Day for Teacher Inservice
(School will be dismissed at 11:30 a.m.)

Awesome Blossom

The Awesome Blossom garden was true to its name and blossomed beautifully and bountifully thanks to the tender loving care given to it by Mr. and Mrs. Hamlin, Friends of Burlington Garden and Mrs. Stephen. We have been able to share our harvest and look forward to more growing successes as C.P. Smith focuses on a Whole School Garden Theme this year. Again thanks to our school community for all the resources donated to make our garden a success.



Join the Four Winds Nature Program



The Nature Program is a workshop run by the Four Winds Nature Institute (fwni.org) to encourage curious kids to explore the natural world.

Four times during the 2012-2013 school year (roughly once every other month), a Four Winds naturalist-educator will come to C.P. Smith to lead a two-hour informational presentation for parent volunteers. We, the parents, then team-teach the lesson in our children's classrooms.

You don't need a science degree or teaching certificate to be an effective Four Winds volunteer, just an enthusiastic interest in learning and sharing. All the necessary background information and learning activities are explained at the training workshops, and include all the resources necessary to present an informative and engaging classroom unit.

For anyone interested in participating in 4 winds this year, our first volunteer training session will be Wednesday, September 19, at the CP Smith library, from 6-8pm.

Cub Scouts

Burlington Cub Scout Pack 651 is hosting sign-ups on Thursday, September 13, 2012 from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. in the CP Smith Gymnasium.

Cub Scouting is open to boys in grades 1 through 5. It does not matter what school you attend. Come find out about the fun things we do in scouting!

If anyone is interested but unable to attend on Thursday, please contact Nancy Bean at 862-5394 or beankid@comcast.net

School Safety Tips



Admitting

We strive to create a school environment that is as respectful, responsible, and safe as possible. We ask all parents/guardians and visitors to the building to sign in upon arrival and sign out upon departure and to wear our Visitor Passes in visible places while in the building. We also ask parents/guardians to drop their children off in the gym each morning before 8:10 a.m. or in the main lobby after that time, as school personnel are present to see that they safely arrive at their classrooms.

Outdoor Safety

If your children ride bicycles to and from school, please also remind them to walk (not ride) their bicycles on school property. Thank you for all you do to help our school building and grounds be as safe as possible.



Great Way To Raise Money---Best of All, It's Easy!



Boxtops for Education and *Labels for Education* are great ways for busy families to help raise funds for CP Smith. This is a great job for kids to help with. They can keep an eye out for the boxtop/label and clip when they finish that box of cereal or can of soup! It is a super way to have grandparents, caregivers, and neighbors involved as well. **BOXTOPS: PLEASE KEEP AN EYE ON THE EXPIRATION DATE--at this point most tops that are dated for 2012 have expired, so collect tops that are 2013 or later.** For folks who shop at Shaw's, keep an eye out for extra **BOXTOP** points that you may get on your receipt/coupon printouts from the register. They say that it is necessary to post them online. Drop the receipt/coupons at the school and I will post them to our account. I believe that Price Chopper and Hannaford have similar fundraising offers with Boxtops for Education.

See attached sheet for Boxtop Participating Brands!



Labels for Education Participating Product Brands(there will also be a booklet with this listing going home in a couple of weeks so keep an eye out for it!):
BIC® Ball Pens BIC® Dry Erase Markers BIC® Ecolutions™ BIC® Gel BIC® Highlighters
BIC® Mechanical Pencils BIC® Permanent Markers BIC® Roller BIC® Wite-Out® Brand
Correction Tape BIC™ Mailing Labels Campbell's® Chunky™ Campbell's® Soup
Campbell's® Soup & Recipe Mix Campbell's® Tomato Juices Campbell's® Select
Harvest® Campbell's® Soup at Hand® Campbell's® Healthy Request® Campbell's® Beans Campbell's®
Gravies DANNON® Kids Yogurts Emerald® Nuts Foodservice Franco-American® GLAD® Food Storage
Pace® Pepperidge Farm® Pop Secret® 6-Count Pop Secret® 100 Calorie 4 Count Pop Secret® 10-Count Pop
Secret® 10-Count Snack Size Pop Secret® 3-Count Post® Cereals & Treats Prego® SpaghettiOs
SpaghettiOs® Swanson® Time Inc.® Magazines V8 Splash® V8 V-Fusion® V8® Beverages V8® Soup
Wolfgang Puck®. Labels for Education has three categories from which schools can purchase supplies
(academic, arts, athletics) using their points. This is a great way to get art supplies or athletic equipment!

If you have any questions or need more boxtop collection sheets please contact:
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