

SMITH TIMES

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The Principal's Corner

Our school rules and expectations are based on our values of respect, responsibility, and safety. Each week, we highlight a different Focus Point to help students know specifically what these expectations look and sound like. (You will find attached a copy of these Focus Points, which you may wish to review with your children.) We



write and mail postcards home to parents and guardians when their children have demonstrated mastery of one or more of these values. We also send

emails and make telephone calls about these, as well, so that we reinforce the positive behaviors we wish to see throughout the school day.

Thanks to the work of our School Climate Committee (in particular, Mrs. Stephanie Marcotte, our Student Support Coach), you will soon see posters mounted in various locations around the school about our rules and expectations. This will also help clarify them for students.

Our parking lot is a very hectic place during the morning arrival and afternoon dismissal times. (With that statement, I am sure I am not telling you something you don't already know.) We are in the process of clarifying what is a fire lane (where there can be no parking) and a student drop-off area (where cars can stop temporarily to let out children.) To ease the traffic crunch as much as possible, we encourage parents/guardians to drop off their children in the designated zone and have them escorted into the building by the school employee who will now be stationed there. This will save a number of people from having to find a parking spot and then walk their children across a busy parking lot into the building. (Obviously, if you have an

errand to run, you will still need a parking spot, and that's fine. We're just trying to ease the parking and traffic crunch as much as we can and make the morning drop-off as smooth as possible for all concerned.) If you do walk your children into the building, please bring them to the gym, where they will wait in a supervised setting and then be escorted to class. If you arrive after the children have been escorted from the gym (8:10 a.m.), please deliver them to the front lobby, where there will be personnel to monitor their safe arrival to their classrooms. If you wish to speak with a teacher or leave a message for her/him, please stop at the front office and speak with Mrs. Tina Desautels, our Administrative Assistant. You can also sign in there and pick up a Visitor's Pass if you need to go to your child's classroom.

As part of the policies and procedures of the Burlington School District, we contact parents/guardians whenever their children are 5, 10, 15, 20, or more days tardy to or absent from school. This process helps us stay in close communication with families so that we can work together to ensure excellent school attendance on the part of all our students. We understand that illnesses and family trips will sometimes impact students' attendance. Our goal of contacting and meeting with parents/guardians about issues related to tardiness and absenteeism is to work together to remove barriers that may be preventing excellent attendance.

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

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



10/13: PTO Halloween Costume Drop and Shop Event (10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.) -- School Gym

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.)

From Ms.Souliere:

October 3rd is International Walk to School Day. Students from all around the world will be walking or biking to schools. We are hoping for a dry day for this event. Look for several 5th graders wearing bright orange Safe Routes to School vests during the walk. They will be walking from the following streets; Ethan Allen parkway, Goss Court, Heinberg Road, and James Avenue. Join in with them.

Also, if your child needs a bike helmet I can get all sizes for you for \$5 through the VT Safe Kids Program. I would like to place one order by October 12. Please sign up in the office.



PTO Halloween Costume Drop and Shop



There is now a box in the lobby of CP Smith for costume donations for the costume sale, so take a look through your closets, basement and drawers for any gently used Halloween costumes and accessories that you are ready to part with. You can drop off costume donations any weekday between 7:30-5:30 up until Friday, October 12. Then come to the sale on **Saturday, October 13th between 10-12** to shop for costumes! All proceeds will benefit the CP Smith PTO. Contact Amy Livingston 802-355-4514 or amyliv22@gmail.com for more information.



INNISBROOK Giftwrap Fundraiser

The CP Smith PTO Innisbrook gift wrap fundraiser will run from September 24th through October 9th, all proceeds from this fundraiser will go to support the CP Smith PTO and the school community. Information regarding the fundraiser as well as a permission slip will be sent home to families this week. In order for your child to participate in the fundraiser the signed permission slip will need to be sent back to the school. Once we have received the permission slip a fundraiser packet will go home with your child. This is always a fun fundraiser for our school and we hope that you will participate. If you have any questions please contact me at jlecuyer7@gmail.com or 660-9669. Thank you for your support.

Jennifer L'Ecuyer
C.P. Smith PTO

C.P. Smith School Focus Points

(Respect, Responsibility, and Safety)

1. Greet others with a warm smile and a friendly voice, and if you are greeted by someone else, respond with a warm smile and a friendly voice.
2. Do your classroom work as carefully and well as you can.
3. Walk on the right side of the hallways so everyone can move around safely.
4. Say “please” when you ask for something.
5. Follow directions politely and right away.
6. Use playground equipment carefully and in the way it is supposed to be used.
7. Say “thank you” when someone gives you something and “no, thank you” when someone offers you something you do not want.
8. Show up for school on time, 8:10 a.m. in the building and 8:20 a.m. in your classroom.
9. Keep your hands and feet to yourself.
10. If you see someone being bullied, find a way to help them.
11. Do your homework as carefully and as well as you can.
12. Walk carefully and at a safe pace, especially in the hallways.
13. Take your hat off when you enter the building, except on “Hat Days.”
14. Bring things to school when you need them and library books back on time.
15. Leave sticks, stones, rocks, and snow on the ground.
16. Hold the door open for someone else if you are near another person at the door.
17. Use school equipment carefully so it doesn't break or get damaged.
18. Walk in a silent line to leave and re-enter the building when we evacuate it and listen carefully to directions.
19. Say “excuse me” if you need to interrupt someone or when walking in front of someone who is nearby.
20. Use the bathroom neatly and quietly.
21. Stay in your seat on the bus and keep hands and feet inside the bus.
22. Listen carefully when someone is speaking to you.
23. Politely ask questions if someone is telling you something you don't understand.
24. Watch carefully in all directions when walking in the parking lot or before crossing the street.
25. Clap politely at assemblies when someone finishes performing. (Refrain from shouting or booing.)
26. Place items where they need to go: trash can, recycle bin, or compost bucket.
27. Wear a helmet whenever you ride a bicycle.
28. Pay someone a compliment as a way of making them feel good.
29. Be willing to try new things, even if they appear hard at first.
30. Walk your bicycle from the sidewalk to the bicycle rack so no one will get hurt.
31. Show respect for others' feelings and property.
32. Be persistent in solving problems and completing work.
33. Report something unsafe or dangerous to a responsible adult who can help.
34. Treat other people in the same way you would want them to treat you.
35. Volunteer to help others when they need it.
36. Take care of your health by getting enough rest, exercise, and good food to eat.