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The Extravaganza

Thanks to the **many parents and community members** who made the shopping Extravaganza such a success!



Kids on the Ball

C.P. Smith students had the opportunity to learn tennis this with one of Vermont's legends, **Jake Aga**. Thanks to PE teacher **Chris Souliere**, the **Kids on the Ball Program** is now in our school and introducing students to tennis.

Jake teaches tennis through the **King Street Center** and **Downhill Edge** and is now working to bring tennis to the youth of **Cuba**. We are honored to have him encouraging our students to learn the joys of the game of tennis!



Friday's Community Meeting

This Friday C.P. Smith is celebrating a special discovery that **Ms. Spinner's and Mr. Deyo's classes** made in the nearby Ethan Allen Woods. Here is some information from Ms. Spinner:

"Every Wednesday, my class heads to the woods across the street from our school, and that's where we spend the morning, rain or shine, from September thru June. Here we have completely open-ended, unstructured play and learning that is completely driven by the students' interests and observations.

It was during one of these "Wednesday in the Woods" sessions that one of my students found an unusually large burr that we were fascinated by, but could not come close to identifying. After much research, we were stunned to discover that this was an **American Chestnut tree**, a tree that had been utterly devastated by the chestnut blight years ago. Warren Spinner, the city arborist, confirmed its identity and was quite excited about our find.

We entered this tree in the **Branch Out Burlington** contest, and **we won first place!** We will be receiving this honor at our whole school assembly on Friday morning."

*Congratulations to both classes, and look for the coverage of this story on **WCAX on Friday evening!***

PTO Meeting

All are invited to **the next PTO Meeting** from **5:30-7:30 p.m. on Monday, December 12.** Pizza and child care will be provided.



Chorus Begins on Monday

Practice for a **C.P. Smith Chorus** for 4th and 5th graders begins **this Monday from 2:50-3:30 in the**

Music/Art Room. This first Monday is a "test it out" day, and the students that return the next Monday (the 19th) are making the commitment to join. Thank you to **Ms. Hurley** for making the chorus happen this year!

Box Tops Update

We are over **25% of the way** to our goal of 10,000 Box Tops. We're making great progress!

The winner for November's prize drawing was **Quinn in Ms. Brockway's class.** The class that brought in the most Box Tops during November was **Ms. Brockway's class**, so they will host the Traveling Trophy this month. Congratulations to all of you! Our next prize drawing will be held on **January 6th**, the first Friday after break. All your child has to do to get their name entered is to turn in Box Tops anytime during the month of December. The student who wins the drawing will get to choose a prize from the prize box.



Box Tops can be turned in to the **Main Office** using the bags provided, in an envelope, or on a collection sheet (visit the PTO blog to snag one.) Whichever way you choose to turn them in, make sure your child's name is on there so they are entered into the prize drawing and the Box Tops are counted toward their class total! If you have any questions about the program, or would like to donate a prize or help with promotion, please contact Shy Lalumiere at shylmrl@hotmail.com.

Holiday Season Donations


The PTO and C.P. Smith Staff are helping to make the holiday season a little brighter for families and friends through a **Donation and Gift Collection** or the **Toys for Tot Program.**



Please consider making a donation to the C.P. Smith PTO for purchasing some essentials and gifts to give to those of us who could use a hand. Or donate a new book or a board or a card game. Please give all donations to the C.P. Smith Main Office by **December 16.**

Yearbooks for Sale

Yearbooks are on sale now through **April 1st.** Reserve your copy now for \$17 (\$20 after February 1) by check to the C.P. Smith PTO in the Main Office.



C. P. SMITH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

12/12 **PTO Meeting – 5:30-7:00 p.m.**

12/22 **Holiday Sing-Along – 2:15 p.m.**

12/23-1/2 **Winter Break**

1/3 **School Resumes**