

SMITH TIMES

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Valentine's Day Dance and Family Fun Night

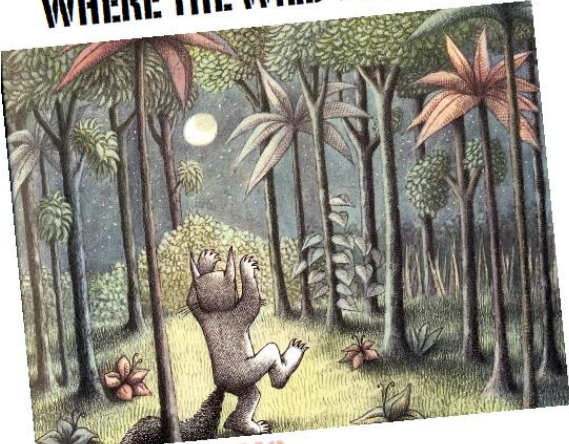


Looking for a fun way to celebrate Valentine's Day with your family? Come to the **Valentine's Day Dance and Family Fun Night** on Friday, February 10th from 6:00-8:00. A great time will be had by all. Donations at the door.

CHANGE in PTO MEETING – to February 15

Due to the scheduling of public meetings regarding education funding, we need to change the date of the next PTO meeting, from Monday, February 13 to **Wednesday, February 15. Same time – 5:30-7:00** – and pizza and child are provided.

C.P. SMITH ELEMENTARY PRESENTS
WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE



FREE SHOWS
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16 @ 1PM* & 7PM
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17 @ 7PM

*STUDENT PERFORMANCE

HUNT MIDDLE SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
A VERY MERRY THEATRE PRODUCTION

Where the Wild Things Are

C.P. Smith's musical production of *Where the Wild Things Are* is fast approaching. **All are welcome!** The performances are as follows:

- Thursday, February 16 at 1:00 p.m. at Hunt
- Thursday, February 16 at 7:00 p.m. at Hunt
- Friday, February 17 at 7:00 p.m. at Hunt.

Thanks to the **Very Merry Theatre** for their work with our students. Thank you as well to **Hunt Middle School** for hosting our performances.

Fourth Grade Explores Energy

Last week the 4th grade explored how electricity is made here in Burlington at the **McNeil Generating Station** and **Winooski One**. The group was lucky enough to see a truck unloading wood chips at McNeil. Thank you to the **Burlington Electric Department** and our other learning partners for their presentations: the **Community Sailing Center** and **VEEP (Vermont Energy Efficiency Program)**.





C.P. Smith V Visits C.P. Smith School!

We had a special visitor at Friday's Community Meeting – **C.P. Smith!** In 1958 our school was built and named after **Charles Plimpton Smith II**, a prominent community leader, owner of the first car dealership in Vermont in the 1920's, state legislator, and education advocate. His son **C.P. Smith III** died in World War II. Younger cousin **C.P. Smith IV**, and his son **C.P. Smith V**, live in Burlington and are involved businesses including SAP!, a natural straight-from-the-tree maple soda.

Chas (C.P. Smith V) told students about his family's history and encouraged them to **study hard and be good citizens** in their school and community. An interesting fact is that Ms. Mellencamp is related to C.P. (Charlie) Smith IV (husband) and C.P. (Chas) Smith V (son).

Community Meeting on Educational Funding

All are invited to a **community meeting on education funding** in Vermont this **Saturday, February 11th** from **9-11 a.m.** at Edmunds Middle School Cafeteria. "Our local legislators and the Burlington School District have organized this town hall style meeting to answer questions and engage people in small group discussions." Find more information on this meeting on the next page.

Box Tops Update

We are chugging along toward our Box Tops goal, and we've got some winners to announce. The winner for January's prize drawing was **Adler in Mrs. Kissell's class**. And **Mrs. Bahrenburg's class** won the Box Tops Traveling Trophy by bringing in the most Box Tops in January. Congratulations! Our next prize drawing will be at the Community Meeting on **March 10th**. All your child has to do to get their name entered is to turn in Box Tops anytime during the month of February. The winner of the drawing gets to pick a prize from the prize box.

Box Tops can be turned in to the Main Office in bags or envelopes. 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! 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

Burlington School District Community Discussion on Education Funding in Vermont

We invite legislators, School Board and community members to attend a conversation surrounding education funding in Vermont. The event will include a panel discussion with members of the local legislature and the School Board to share the current state of our education system and ideas for how to move forward.

Saturday, February 11th

9AM - 11AM
Edmunds Middle School Cafeteria
275 Main St.



Community Discussion will Follow:

- What questions do you have regarding education funding?
- What can we do together as a community to address this challenge?
- What are our actionable next steps?

Please join us for this important discussion.



Understanding How Electricity Works

Mr. Deyo's Kindergarten class and Mr. Safran's 3rd grade class collaborated this week on hands-on projects to explain how electricity works. Using **Little Bits circuitry kits**, purchased through grants and support of the PTO, kindergarteners showed the older students how to create electrical circuits with batteries. The third graders in turn helped the kindergarten students to attach fans and wheels to make more extensive circuits. Students were able to explain how electricity works by constructing a variety of models. Very cool stuff!



C. P. SMITH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 2/10 **Valentine's Dance/Family Fun** 6:00-8:00
- 2/13 PTO Meeting, **February 15** 5:30-7:00
- 2/16 **School Play 1:00 AND 7:00 p.m.** at Hunt
- 2/17 **School Play 7:00** at Hunt
- 2/24 2nd Trimester Report Cards Go Home
- 2/27 February Vacation Begins
- 3/7 Inservice Day – No School – Vote!
- 3/8 School Resumes
- 3/16 Science & Engineering Fair 6-8 p.m.