

# SMITH TIMES

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Dear C.P. Smith Families,

We want to thank Dorsey Hogg and the PTO for putting on the concert with Folksinger Mark Pekar on Friday evening. Folks who attended had a lovely time. On Monday we celebrated Arbor Day and planted a tree in honor of Sue Thompson. You'll recall that Sue was our lunch coordinator who passed away unexpectedly in February. Her family came and we had a wonderful ceremony with poetry and singing and then the family helped plant the tree. The tree is right out in front of the school and is a Sienna Glen Maple. Thank you, as always to Warren Spinner, the Burlington City Arborist who brings us these beautiful trees every spring. Warren told us that he has planted more trees at Smith through the years than at any other school. He has helped us plant 25 beautiful trees on our property!

This week we also had a great performance by the Burlington High School Jazz Band on Wednesday. This is our third annual performance by the band and it's a wonderful way for our students to get excited about music and to see the possibilities ahead for them. Thank you to Marty McRae for bringing the group to us again!

We also want to thank Dr. Barb Frankowski for her informative presentation at the PTO meeting on Tuesday. Barb described the curriculum here at Smith for fourth and fifth graders on sexuality, puberty and reproduction. She fielded many questions and offered advice and suggestions for parents about how to successfully maneuver through early adolescence and puberty with your children.

I wanted parents to know that due to a drop in enrollment at Smith over the past few years we have been reduced for next school year to thirteen classroom teachers instead of fourteen. You'll recall that Christine Harvey took a leave of absence this year and she has decided not to return. Liza Russell who filled the one year position will unfortunately not be returning. Our class configurations will be:

- 2 Kindergartens
- 2 First grades
- 3 Second grades
- 2 Third grades
- 2 Fourth grades
- 2 Fifth grades

All teachers will stay in their current teaching assignments. We predict our class size in the primary wing will be 18 and in the intermediate wing will be 22. Please call me with any questions. Thank you.

Lorie Carruth

## IMPORTANT DATES

May 20	Early Release Day 11:30 dismissal
May 25	Memorial Day – No School
June 5	Field Day
June 11	Last Day of School



## Used Books Needed!!

Time to clean out your bookshelves! CP Smith will be having a used book fair at the end of May. We're looking for donations of used books of all types. Childrens', preschool and up; young adult; adult fiction and nonfiction, cookbooks, arts & crafts, how-to, reference. Please help us make this book sale a success! Book donations will be accepted at the school office until Mon. May 25, or contact Jennifer L'Ecuyer at 660-9669 to have books picked up.



**Burlington City Marathon** The KeyBank Vermont City Marathon is Sunday May 24<sup>th</sup> and CP Smith volunteers are needed again to work at the Leddy Park water station on the bikepath at mile 23.7. We'd love to have about 25 people to cheer on thousands of runners, and to help them stay hydrated! Families who are interested in participating please call Sara Barsotti at 860-1893 or email at [barso@myfairpoint.net](mailto:barso@myfairpoint.net).

*Thanks!*

**Thank you Chuck and Lakshmi Courcy and Girl Scout Troop 844 for helping clean up our gardens and for planting fruits and vegetables.**

