

The Smith Times

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Engaging students in learning through project-based learning, outdoor experiences, and connections to the community.

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Pumpkin Raffle

We will be running our annual C.P. Smith Pumpkin Raffle during the week of October 23rd-27th. Staff members will decorate pumpkins that students may purchase raffle tickets for a chance to win. The raffle tickets cost 25 cents each and may be purchased at school on the mornings of October 23rd - 27th.

Teacher In-Service Friday, October 20th-No School

On Friday, October 20th there is no school for C.P. Smith students as our teachers have an in-service day of professional development



October Family Fun Night 10/27

We will hold our October Family Fun Night on Friday evening October 27th from 6:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M. in the C.P. Smith Elementary School Gym. Students are encouraged to dress up in costumes.



Scholastic Book Fair 11/8 & 9 with Family Night 11/9

On Wednesday, November 8th and Thursday, November 9th we will be holding our annual Scholastic Book Fair here in the C.P. Smith library. Students will visit the book fair with their class during the school day on either Wednesday or Thursday and the fair will be open for family night on the evening Thursday, November 9th. More information will be sent home soon.

Fall Parent-Teacher Conferences November 20th & 21st

Our Fall Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on Monday, November 20th and Tuesday, November 21st. We will be opening sign ups for families on November 1st on our website.

Place-Based Learning at C.P. Smith

At C.P. Smith we are fostering a growing focus among our faculty, staff and students in Place-Based Learning. Place-based learning is defined as educational experiences that are “rooted in what is local—the unique history, environment, culture, economy, literature, and art of a particular place—that is, in students' own “place” or immediate schoolyard, neighborhood, town or community.” We are committed to fostering learning experiences for C.P. Smith students that take advantage of our beautiful area of the world and its rich culture and history. We will be updating you on our place-based learning adventures throughout the year.



Follow Us On Twitter

A growing number of C.P. Smith faculty post information and pictures to Twitter. Check out the #CPSmith hashtag or follow me on Twitter @lenphelan to be informed of some of the great things happening at our wonderful school. For district news be sure to see the #bsdvt hashtag or follow the BSD @btvschools

Lost and Found

We have a growing collection of unclaimed clothes that have been lost and found we keep at our front door. Please check it out to see if your child has lost an article of clothing that has been found. Also, please consider writing your child's name on a tag inside their outerwear so if they lose a coat or sweatshirt we may quickly get it back to them.

Community Meetings

Each Friday morning we hold our weekly C.P. Smith Community Meeting. This week's meeting was themed around the importance of giving others a positive greeting and expressing gratitude when someone does something nice. Family members are welcome to join us any Friday morning at our community meetings which begin each Friday at 8:10 and generally run from 20 to 30 minutes. We hope to see you at an upcoming meeting!



A Note From Our School Nurse

It's flu season, and school is a place where germs are shared generously among students, teachers and school staff. The single best way to protect your entire family against flu is for all people aged six months and older to get an influenza vaccine each year. Young children are among those at higher risk of flu complications.

Children, parents and school staff should be vaccinated in the Fall, preferably by the end of October because it takes about two weeks after vaccination for antibodies to develop in the body that protect against flu.

It is especially important for household contacts and caregivers of those with a higher risk for flu-related complications (children <5 years and adults ≥ 50 years) to be vaccinated. In addition to the flu shot, you can encourage the following precautions to help stop the spread of germs:

- **Keep kids home when they're sick.** And try to avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- **Cover your nose and mouth** with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue away after use and wash your hands. If a tissue is not available, cover your mouth and nose with your sleeve, not your hands.
- **Wash your hands with soap and water often**, especially after you cough or sneeze. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand rub.
- **Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth.** Germs spread this way.

Both children and adults can get vaccinated at their health care providers' office. Adults can also be vaccinated at public clinics or at pharmacies around the state.

CP Smith Art Club

Art teacher Ms. Stagner has started an Art Club for students who have an appreciation of art and would like additional opportunities to make art. The club meets at lunchtime on select days and interested students are asked to let their classroom teacher or Ms. Stagner know they would like to join

Liesel The Therapy Dog Visits With Smith Students

CP Smith's School Librarian Mrs. Lane brought a special guest in to visit with our students yesterday. Liesel, her certified therapy dog, kindly allowed our students to read to her throughout the day on Thursday. Liesel is a big fan of all literary genres and loves to have the students read to her.

