

# 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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## **CPS Scholastic Book Fair This Week**

This Wednesday, November 8th and Thursday, November 9th our PTO is presenting the annual Scholastic Book Fair in the C.P. Smith Library. Students will preview the fair on Tuesday, they will visit with their class on either Wednesday or Thursday. The fair is also open this Thursday, November 9th for students to visit with their family. A portion of all sales benefit our school library, so please consider visiting our book fair. It's a great way to support our school and get a jump on your holiday shopping!



## **Place-Based Learning at C.P. Smith**

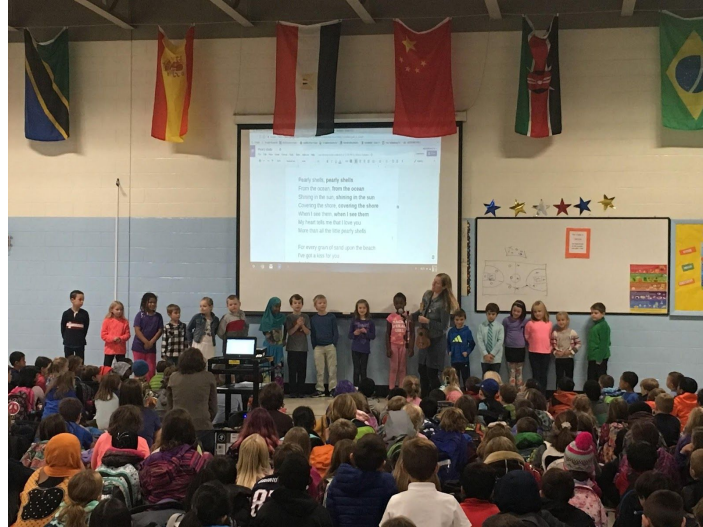
Our teachers and students continue their exciting place-based work, framing their learning through multi-disciplinary studies and research on varied and exciting places. Recent studies include Mrs. Kissel's second grade class study of seashells and the creatures that inhabit them, collaborative study of the nature-based artwork of Andy Goldsworthy undertaken collaboratively by Ms. Raudonat's 5th grade class and the first grade classes of Mrs. Erkson and Mrs. Young. Mrs. Weishaar's second graders also recently completed a study of BUGS which culminated in the students hosting a workshop to present their fantastic work and share their newly-acquired deep knowledge of insects.

## **A Note from our School Nurse**

Just a quick reminder to make it a weekly habit to check your child's head for head lice. We have had an increasing number of students with the unwelcome visitors. It's best to catch them early so routine checking by parents is a good strategy. If any parent or guardian needs help with knowing what to look for I am happy to teach parents! Thank you!

### **Parent/Guardian-Teacher Conferences**

Smith families are encouraged to sign up for Parent/Guardian-Teacher Conferences. Conferences may be arranged by visiting our C.P. Smith website and clicking on the "PTC Fast" link. This year's fall conferences will be held on Monday, November 20th and Tuesday, November 21st. Parents and guardians who need assistance in setting up a conference may call or visit our main office. Our telephone number is (802) 864-8479.



### **Mrs. Kissell's 2nd Grade Class Presents at Community Meeting**

On Friday, November 3rd Mrs. Kissell's second grade class presented their study of shells at our community meeting. The students presented a slide show sharing their learning acquired during their recent study of seashells and their aquatic inhabitants. The class closed out the community meeting by working with music teacher Ms. Schwerin to lead us in singing the song *Pearly Shells*.

### **Thanksgiving Food Drive Runs until November 16**

The C.P. Smith Thanksgiving Food Drive runs until November 16. Please consider donating food items if you are able to support members of our school community in need. Each grade is collecting different items so baskets may be assembled for families. More details on our food drive may be obtained by clicking [here](#). Thank you for helping out!

### **PTO Meeting on Monday, November 13th**

Please consider joining the fun and attending our next PTO meeting. They happen in our school library on the second Monday of each month from 5:30 until 7:00 P.M. This month's C.P. Smith PTO Meeting is on Monday, November 13th. We hope to see you there!

### **Extravaganza Donations Needed**

The C.P. Smith PTO is seeking donations for the Smith Extravaganza. Donations may be dropped off in the main office.

### **It's Square 1 Art Time**

Square 1 Art order forms have been sent home with students. Please send orders in in your child's blue home/school folders. Orders are due by November 17th