



Smith Spectacular October 11, 2017



What a WONDERFUL day for Farm Day last Thursday. We can't thank the presenters enough for their dedication to educating our students. We met a newborn calf that was born on Wednesday, we learned how to shear sheep, recycle material, paint our own rock for RSU #22 rocks (be on the lookout around town for these) and more! The weather cooperated and the students were respectful and responsible. Thank you to all involved.

Grandparent Day is Thursday. We are looking forward to a great day. Grandparents are asked to enter through the Gym entrance this year. We will greet you in the gym with coffee and muffins. Parking is available at the Victoria Grant Center. A shuttle will take you from there.

The students in Mrs. Rounds' room are busy preparing the muffins for Grandparents Day. While preparing the muffins, the students are working on some much needed functional daily living activities from turning on the oven, reading directions, measuring the ingredients, using a mixer, pouring the mixture into muffin tins, to putting the muffins in the oven to bake. The two biggest lessons we are learning are to be patient while the muffins are cooking and not eat them all when they come out of the oven. Enjoy the muffins!

Can you believe it is mid-October! WOW! Where has the time gone? We have successfully completed our first of three NWEA's over the course of the year. Nice work everyone.

Civil Rights Team

We are excited to have our Civil Rights Team (CRT) in action again this year. The Smith School team will have their first meeting on Thursday October 12th after school. This team is made up of 18 3rd and 4th graders. There are currently over 175 active Civil Rights Teams in elementary, middle and high schools across the state. These teams are part of the Maine Civil Rights Team Project (CRPT) which originates from the office of the Attorney General. The unofficial mission statement of the Maine CRTP is: "We help schools think and talk about issues related to race and skin color, national origin and ancestry, religion, disabilities, gender (including gender identity and expression) and sexual orientation."

At the elementary level, the purpose of the CRT is to help make sure all students feel safe, welcome and respected in school regardless of differences. Our team works together to come up with creative activities and ways to help students feel accepted and create a more positive school climate. Keep a look out for more exciting announcements and school events by our own team throughout this year!



A slice of Pie!
(Partners in Education)
Join us for the
annual PIE

"Monster Mash" and Winterport Rec "Fall Festival" event on Saturday Oct. 21 from 12:00-2:00 at Smith School. Come in costume and be ready for an afternoon full of fun! The "Girl on the Run" food truck will be there with delicious lunch options for the whole family. PIE will have snacks for sale, Halloween-themed games in the gym, and trick-or-treating down the "Haunted Hallway". In the cafeteria, Winterport Rec will be offering many fun fall activities. Flyers with event details went home in backpacks and are available in the Smith School website's blue backpack.

PIE is happy to offer photos as part of Smith School's Grandparents' Day event again this year. If you purchase photos of students with their grandparents or special guests, they will be sent home within a few weeks of the event. We are offering digital copies this year as well as 5x7 prints. Digital copies will be emailed and prints will be sent home in backpacks. If siblings or cousins are in a photograph together, the prints will be sent home with the older student. We hope you enjoy this special event.

A reminder: Smith School
Merchandise orders will be placed on the last Friday of every month. These orders will take a few weeks to come in. Once received, items will be sent home with students unless otherwise specified.

An order form and full merchandise list can be found in the Smith School website's blue backpack.

If you are interested in volunteering with PIE or if you have any questions, please contact PIE President, Cathy Adamo, at:

adamo@roadrunner.com OR 223-1052. "Like" us on Facebook at "**PIE Partners in Education - Leroy H. Smith Elementary School.**"

Library Review:

With the help of her memories of the time she spent in Japan with her Ojii-chan (grandfather), a professional violinist, a young girl named Hana practices playing her violin for her school talent show. Determined to do her best, she surprises everyone with her own special way of playing the violin.

This wonderful story was read to all

students at our current
Habits of Mind
presentation-
Growth Mindset.



Upcoming events:

Thursday, Oct. 19 Student Showcase 5:30-6:30
(Please sign up for Parent/Teacher conferences during this time.)

Saturday Oct. 21 PIE Monster Mash & Fall
Festival 12:00 - 2:00 PM

Wednesday, Nov.8 –Conferences 2:30–7:00 PM

Thursday, Nov. 9-Early Dismissal 11:30 AM

Thursday, Nov. 9-Conferences 12:00 - 4:00 PM

Friday, November 10-No School Veterans Day

Wednesday, Nov. 15 - School Picture
Retake