



Smith Spectacular September 19, 2017



Our first official All School Share will be September 26, 8:00 a.m. (B day). All School Share will always be the last B Day of the month. (Oct. 24, Nov. 21 and Dec. 21). All other B Day mornings we will have Habits of Mind. Our webstie has the updated letter day if you ever are in question.

NWEA's

MAP tests (NWEA's) are a unique assessment in that they are adaptive tests students take on a computer. That means that the test becomes more difficult the more questions your child answers correctly. When your child incorrectly answers a question, the test becomes easier. Therefore, your child takes a test specifically created for his or her learning level. In addition, your child will have had the opportunity to learn the information presented on the test since the tests are aligned with the RSU #22's curriculum. We take the NWEA's three times a year to track growth. Please feel free to check out their parent toolkit to get a better understanding of the assessment:

<https://www.nwea.org/parent-toolkit/>

Tales from Third Grade

Things are off to a great start in Third Grade. Students have been learning procedures, exploring new ideas, and growing their independence. We can't wait to see all that they will achieve this year!

We have successfully begun switching for math. Our first unit this year is

multiplication and we are hoping you can help your students memorize the multiplication facts with daily practice at home. Fact fluency is important as students work with challenging aspects of multiplication in many forms such as words problems, larger number multiplication, and more! We love the opportunity to work with all of the students.

Our reading switch will begin in a few weeks. We are looking forward to that! Students have been learning to pick "just right fit" books, how to share their thoughts about books, and how to write about what is read.

Just a reminder, every student at Smith School has a lunch account under MySchoolBucks.com. You can add \$ at anytime to your child's account as well as check on when they purchase lunches. Please give the school a call if you need any help, or want your child's lunch ID. We have also been running into a misunderstanding with home lunches. Unfortunately, we are not able to heat home lunches up for students. We appreciate your understanding.

What's Happening in Guidance Class?: Students have been off to a great start in Guidance! Students have been practicing some skills to help them be better learners such as listening and focusing attention. Students will be learning more about self-talk and being assertive in the upcoming weeks. Kindergarten and First Grade have been practicing "The Learner Song" while Second Graders are learning to sing the "Be a Learner" song. Our third and fourth graders will be learning how to apply some of the skills to some everyday situations, as well as learning

to take more ownership in their own behavior and learning. Great job so far everyone!



Adventures of Steve

And where has Steve been traveling?? So far Steve has visited Pre-K B, Miss Boss, Mrs. Kocik, and Mrs. H. Patterson's classes! Good work being responsible in Guidance Class! Super start to the year!

Be on the lookout; Maine State Test results from 2016-17 will be coming home Weds. Sept. 27 in folders (fourth graders only).

Metamorphosis in Mrs. Patterson's Kindergarten class.

We have been so lucky to have been given some Monarch caterpillars to study through their life cycle in our very own classroom. The kids have been so excited watching the caterpillars eat lots of milkweed and grow bigger and bigger. We now have many chrysalis hanging and becoming butterflies!



A SLICE OF PIE!
(Partners in Education)

Mark your calendars! The annual PIE "Monster Mash" and Winterport Rec "Fall Festival" event is scheduled for Saturday Oct. 21 from 12:00-2:00 at Smith School. More information to come!

Remember these four easy (and free!) ways to help PIE support Smith School! The "**Coke Give**" program (send in caps from any Coca-cola product with a code under the cap),

Box Tops for Education, "Hannaford Helps Schools" receipts, and using smile.amazon.com whenever you shop with Amazon. Thanks for your participation!

"Bee" on the lookout for some awesome new Smith School merchandise! Order forms coming out this week!

We look forward to starting the 2017-18 school year with some new members! If you are interested in being a "Slice of the 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.**"

October PIE meeting date: **Tuesday, Oct. 10th at 6:30** in the library.

Upcoming Events:

September 18-29 NWEA's
September 26, Tuesday, All School Share 8 a.m.
October 4, Wednesday, School Pictures
October 5, Thursday, Farm Day
October 6, Friday, No School for students
October 9, Monday, No School
October 10, Tuesday, PIE meeting
October 12, Thursday, Grandparent's Day