



Smith Spectacular November 7, 2017



What an interesting few weeks! Last Monday was an adventure most students found “fun”. A day in school without the lights! They will have a great story starter for upcoming writing. It was an adventure for the staff as well. We did learn a few things we’d like to share: When there is no power, we cannot access the landline phone. Although you can call in and leave a message, we cannot access the messages until we get electricity back. We also need to make sure all phone numbers for parents are updated. If you have a new number, please let us know. Thank you. If there is ever a question if we have school or not, automated alerts will **only** be sent out if there are any changes from the regular schedule. We will not send an alert out that there is school, only if there is **not**. Thank you.

Parent / teacher conferences are scheduled for Wednesday, November 8 from 2:00-7:00 PM and Thursday, November 9 from 12:00-4:00 PM. If you do not have a conference scheduled and would like one, please contact the office.

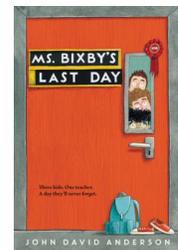
Picture Retake Day

Lifetouch will return to Smith School on Wednesday, November 15th for picture retakes. They will begin at 8:00 AM. Retakes usually last for one hour, so please make sure your student arrives to school on time. If you missed the original picture day, a picture envelope and payment need to be completed ahead of

time to give to the photographers at the time the picture is taken. Students that are having their picture retaken need to bring the original picture package with them in order to have a retake done.

Library

Ms. Bixby unexpectedly announces that she is very sick and won't be able to finish the school year. Three of her students, Topher, Brand and Steve come up with a plan to tell her how much she means to them. On what is supposed to be Ms. Bixby's last day, she doesn't make it, and the three boys find a way to skip school, overcome obstacles, and trek across town to give her the best “last day” of her life. Great read-aloud.



Growth Mindset Praise

Thank you for joining Smith School Teachers on our growth mindset journey. Together we can build confidence in our children so they will be willing to take risks in their learning. We are learning that the best way to praise students is to use growth mindset praise. Here are phrases we are trying at school. We invite you to try a few at home as well!

STOP SAYING "You are so smart" AND START SAYING..

1. You tried really hard on that.
2. You never gave up, even when it was hard.
3. You have such a positive attitude.
4. You have really improved on _____.
5. What a creative solution to that problem!
6. You work very well with your classmates.
7. What a great friend you are!
8. I love how you took ownership of that!
9. That was a very responsible thing you did.
10. I like the way you are doing _____.
11. I admire the way you _____.
12. You really handled that situation well because _____.
13. It was brave of you to _____.
14. I love that you are always prepared for class.
15. You did a great job of helping _____ with her assignment.
16. You have taken great care of your desk/locker/book.
17. You remembered to bring _____ to class! Great job!
18. I know I can trust you because _____.
19. I can tell you studied very hard!
20. I appreciate how helpful you were when you _____.
21. You did a great job of participating today!
22. I could tell you worked well with your group because _____.
23. It is so nice that you value other people's opinions.
24. I can tell you tried your very best because _____.
25. You really encouraged your classmates today when you _____.
26. What a creative way to solve that problem!
27. You are not afraid of a challenge! I like that!
28. You thought of that all by yourself!
29. You remembered to _____ (specific skill)! Great thinking!
30. I am so proud that you made that choice.



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A slice of Pie!
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THE ANNUAL SMITH SCHOOL COIN DRIVE is in full swing! Let's keep digging up some coins for a great cause! Students can bring in change for their classroom's jar until **Nov. 21st**. Classes have been enjoying weighing their coins at weekly school assemblies and are trying hard to meet a school-wide total of 250 pounds of coins. Every coin counts! Thank you for your participation and for supporting Smith School!

Just a reminder about 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. If you plan to do any holiday shopping on Amazon, you can support Smith School at the same time!

Due to equipment replacement and the recent power outage, our printing company for Smith School merchandise has experienced a delay in completing orders. To any members of the community who are waiting on a Smith School merchandise order, we have been informed that they are expected by the end of the week. We will get orders home to families as soon as possible! Thank you for your order and for your patience! Just a reminder to anyone who is interested, Smith School merchandise orders are submitted on the last Friday of every month.

Next PIE meeting date: **Tuesday, Nov. 14th at 6:30** in the library.

Upcoming Events:

Wednesday, Nov. 8: Parent /Teacher Conferences 2:15-7:00

Thursday, Nov. 9: Early Dismissal: 11:30
Parent/ Teacher Conferences 12-4

Friday, Nov. 10: No School

Tuesday, Nov. 14: PIE meeting at 6:30

Weds., Nov. 15: Picture Retakes 8 a.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 22- Friday, Nov. 24: No School