



Smith Spectacular

April 10, 2018



Friday, April 13, 8:00 we will be having our Character Parade and Bikes for Books drawing. Students are invited to dress as their favorite character to represent a favorite book. Howard Lodge #69 will also be here to draw names for the Bikes for Books drawing to culminate our Read-a-thon. It will be an exciting day! Parents are welcome to join us for this event.

Growth Mindset - The Power of 'Not Yet'

The power of believing that you can improve is what every student should feel. If you were to get a failing grade, you may think, 'I'm never going to get this, so why try'. The word FAIL is extremely powerful; so definite ...over ...finito...done! However, if you get the grade 'Not Yet' you understand that you are still learning. This gives you a bright path into the future. 'Yet' conveys the promise of better things to come. 'Yet' is the future saying "Hey, you! I'm right up here. Come and get me!"

Instead of saying "This is too hard", encourage kids to say "This may take some time and effort." Or, "I made a mistake"....turn that into "Mistakes help me learn." Don't use "It's good enough." Instead try "Is this really my best work?" It may be tough at first, but, ultimately, it propels students to greater understanding.



Habits of Mind

For the month of April, students will be learning more about ways they can PERSEVERE. Spring is a busy time for everyone and students may start dreaming of the warm summer months to come. We will be encouraging students to think about ways they can keep working hard in order to make the most of their learning in the next few months!

At our first Habits of Mind assembly for the month of April, students had the chance to watch a few short video clips from the movie "Finding Nemo" that showed great examples of persistence and perseverance. Throughout the rest of the month, students will have an opportunity to see more videos and stories that show how much hard work can help them reach their goals. Here are a couple of songs and short videos you can share and discuss with your child! Mrs. Harrington in our school library always has great book titles to share about this topic as well!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pWp6kkz-pnQ>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iRQytOBTIN8>



A slice of Pie!(Partners in Education)

We hope everyone enjoyed some wonderful books during this year's **SMITH SCHOOL READ-A-THON!** PIE is busy counting up pledges. We will announce the total funds raised during the school-wide assembly on **Friday, April 13th**. Howard Lodge #69 will join us for the bike drawing during this event. As part of their "Bikes for Books" program, they will have a bike for one boy and one girl in every grade level, Kindergarten-4th! Remember, kids can come to school that day dressed as one of their favorite book characters. PIE will be giving every student at Smith School a brand new book to enjoy as a 'thank you' for all of their efforts in this year's Read-a-Thon. Thanks to everyone who participated in this fundraiser!

Acts have begun pouring in for this year's **Smith School Variety Show**. All permission slips must be in by the morning of April 26th. Students must attend the "Preview of Acts" on Thursday, April 26th to be a part of the show. Students can come anytime between 6:00pm and 8:00pm to sign up. Acts will perform on a 'first come-first served' basis. Performers must bring anything they will need for their act. Students are welcome to stay and watch the other acts when they are finished performing.

Notice to performers who have signed up to be in multiple acts: If more acts sign up than can fit in one show, we may have to ask students to choose only one act for the show. We will be able to determine the length of the show after the Preview of Acts on the 26th. We look forward to seeing all the fabulous talent Smith School has to offer!

PIE WOULD LIKE TO CELEBRATE THE TEACHERS AND STAFF OF SMITH SCHOOL DURING "**STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK**" ON MAY 7TH-11TH. BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR FLYERS GOING HOME IN BACKPACKS IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS WITH INFORMATION ON HOW YOU CAN HELP!

Thanks to everyone who is helping to raise money for Smith School by clipping and saving Box Tops, donating Coke product "Give" caps, and using Amazon Smile when shopping on Amazon. PIE appreciates you!

The next PIE meeting will be held on **Tuesday, April 10th at 6:30** in the library.

Upcoming events:

April 13: Bikes drawing; Character Parade;

No letter day

April 16-20: Vacation

April 30-May 4: BOGO book fair

May 3: HA Play 9:30-10:30 Entire school attends

May 7- June 1 NWEA window

May 8: 4th grade recorder concert Wagner

May 10: 1st and 3rd grade concert

May 11: 4th grade celebration (Parent run)

May 14-18: Children's Stage Adventures

May 18: Nighttime performance: Children's Stage Adventures

May 21: 4th grade to Bangor Symphony Orchestra - UMaine

May 25: Early Dismissal 11:30

May 28: NO School

May 31: East Coast Tour 8:00 @ Smith

June 1: Variety Show