

Smith Spectacular

January 25, 2024

From the School Nurse

This is the time of year when we tend to see more illness in our school community. If your child has a fever over 100 degrees Fahrenheit, is vomiting or has diarrhea, or has low energy and is not eating, your child should stay home from school. Your child should be fever free for 24 hours without medication before returning to school. If you are in doubt, call the school and speak with the school nurse. If your child sees a doctor for illness, please let the school nurse know. If your child tests positive for COVID-19, they are required to be out of school for 5 days and be masked for 5 days after that. Contact the school nurse to determine when your child may return to school and how long they will need to wear a mask.

Below is a link for free COVID-19 test kits. The kits take several weeks to arrive so it is wise to plan ahead.

<https://www.covid.gov/tools-and-resources/resources/tests>

Don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns about your child.

Laura Norris, RN lnorris@rsu22.us (207)223-4282

Updated Dismissal Protocol

If your child is going to a destination other than their usual routine, we will need to have the information in writing to smithoffice@rsu22.us by 1:00 PM. We do not accept changes over the phone. It is preferred that the changes be **emailed**, not sent via text message. We have had some incidents where the text messages have not been received. Text messaging does not allow for the parent to receive an acknowledgement of their message, whereas email messages do receive a confirmation.



Leroy H. Smith School in Winterport will hold kindergarten registration on Tuesday, February 13, 2024. Registration will be held from 12:00 - 4:00 PM. Due to limited spacing, children do not need to be present for registration. Students must be five years old on or before October 15, 2024 to attend Kindergarten or and four years old on or before October 15, 2024 to attend Pre-K and be a legal resident of Winterport or Frankfort. Please bring the student's certificate of vital record (hospital birth certificate is no longer acceptable), 2 proofs of residency, immunization records, and a recent photograph with you to registration. You may contact Debbie at the Smith School at 223-4282 with any questions that you may have.

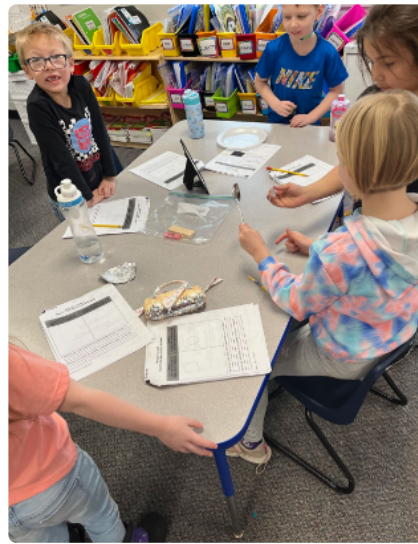
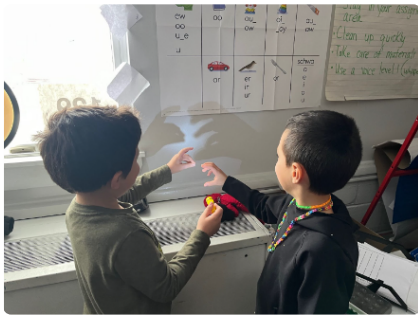
Friday Feb 2nd
National Wear Red Day



For American Heart ASSociation


Fun in First Grade

First Graders are working on a Behavior of Light unit. They are learning all about reflections, shadows, and how we see light. They are doing several fun explorations as part of the unit. Below, students explore reflections using common objects and record their observations. Students also did an exploration of shadows!





L.E.A.D.

In the month of January, students have been learning all about EMPATHY! It's amazing to hear discussions in class as students talk about ways to see things from others' perspectives and treat others with kindness. Take a look at the Empathy Newsletter for information about reinforcing this topic at home as well.



EMPATHY

Family Newsletter

Empathy Overview

This month's focus is Empathy. One way to think about Empathy is "understanding and connecting with other people's feelings." Empathy is a practice that can help us grow strong relationships.

Empathy is 1 of 3 traits we will focus on throughout the year that helps students **Be Kind**. Across grade levels, students will be developing skills like perspective-taking, conflict resolution, and leadership.

PurposeFull Pursuits

Have some fun connecting as a family this month while practicing Empathy. Here are 2 "PurposeFull Pursuits" you can complete together!

#1 Empathy is understanding and connecting with other people's feelings. Schedule a family movie night so that you can specifically watch for feelings and emotions. Let everyone know that you'd like them to point out how the characters in the show are feeling and that you will pause periodically to discuss Empathy. As emotions are identified, invite one another to Empathize by sharing about a time they felt that way or imagining how they might be feeling in that moment.

#2 Review the definition of Empathy as a family! Remember that Empathy is understanding and connecting with other people's feelings. Find a time to sit in a circle together and celebrate all the ways you have seen each other practice Empathy. Take turns sharing responses to the following prompts or make up your own! Remember to practice Empathy as you listen to each other.

- What is 1 way a family member has shown you Empathy lately?
- Share about a time when you felt like someone really listened to you.

Conversation Starters

- What does Empathy look like to you?
- Is it hard for you to share how you feel with others? Why or why not?

Upcoming Events

January 22 - February 9 - Early Bird Assessment: (K and 1 only)

Monday, January 29 - All School Share 8:00

Friday, February 2 - Wear RED for Heart Health

February 5 - February 9 - Carnation Flower Fundraiser (sponsored by PIE)

Monday, February 5 - PIE meeting (Smith School) 6:00

February 6: NAEP (4th grade)

February 9 - Fancy Family Dance 6:30-8:00 (sponsored by PIE)

February 13 - 2024-2025 Pre-K and Kindergarten Registration 12:00-4:00 @ Smith School

February 15 - 3rd grade to Challenger Learning Center

February 16 - Early Dismissal 11:30

February 16 - Bee Our Guest grades 1&4

February 19 - February 23 - No School: Winter break

Mark your calendars:



The poster for the Smith School Spring Concert features a dark purple background with a geometric pattern of yellow and orange hexagons. On the left, three hexagons contain images: yellow daffodils, a student playing a recorder, and musical notes. The text 'SMITH SCHOOL' is in white, and 'SPRING CONCERT' is in yellow. A yellow oval contains the date and time: 'Thursday, March 7th, at 6:00pm'. Below the main title, it says 'Join us at the Hampden Academy PAC for a fun evening, featuring performances by the K-4 students of Smith School!'.

SMITH SCHOOL
SPRING CONCERT

Thursday, March 7th,
at 6:00pm

Join us at the
Hampden Academy PAC
for a fun evening,
featuring performances by
the K-4 students of Smith School!

Get ready for:

- Dance moves!
- Harmonies!
- Cuteness!
- Talent!

More details to come!

Email Mrs. Belka with questions:
cbelka@rsu22.us

February Great Body Shop - Health

[Click to view the topics students will be learning about in Health in January](#)



PIE

Box tops- Download the app to help our school.

Rainbow cart- We are looking for volunteers to help show our staff that we appreciate them!

Follow us on Facebook and message us for details. [PIE Leroy H. Smith Elementary School](#).





Partners in Education (PIE) Presents:



FLOWER FUNDRAISER

FEB. 5 - 9



\$2 FOR A SINGLE FLOWER * \$10 FOR 6 FLOWERS * \$20 FOR A DOZEN

It's time to show our Smith School teachers and staff some love!

MAKE SURE TO FILL OUT ONE OF THE ATTACHED TAGS FOR EACH TEACHER YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEND YOUR FLOWER(S) TO BEFORE MAKING YOUR PURCHASE. (WITH THE EXCEPTION OF

VENMO ORDERS - THESE WILL BE FILLED OUT FOR YOU)

- Sales will be open from 7:20-8:00 am each morning the week before Valentine's Day.
- OR
- Online orders accepted with Venmo (please see the back for details)
- All orders must be paid no later than Fri., Feb. 9th



Carnations will be delivered by PIE on Valentine's Day!



Partners in Education (PIE) Presents:



If paying with Venmo, please send the following in the comments:

- Amount of flowers- write the amount of flowers please
(\$2 for a single flower, \$10 for 6 flowers, \$20 for a dozen)
- Teacher sending To
- Who This is From
- Message: _____example: Happy Valentine's Day!_____

Then, send away.



Partners in Education
@Smith_School_PIE



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Fancy Family Dance



Friday, February 9th

6:30 - 8:00 pm

Leroy H. Smith School

A fun dance for the whole family!

Fancy Attire or Feeling Your Best

Admission: \$5 per family

50/50 Raffle: \$1 each or 6 for \$5

MUSIC by DJ Jazzy Jay!

Professional Photo Booth by

Memory Maker Photography: \$3 per photo

Concessions: popcorn, water, and other bake sale treats!

If you would be willing to volunteer at this event, look for a sign up genius on our PIE Facebook page!

Without volunteers we will not be able to have these events. PLEASE VOLUNTEER!

NOTE: All children must always be accompanied and supervised by an adult at all PIE events.

Annual notice

Smith School

Dear Parent/Guardian,

As part of the requirements under the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), I am writing to inform you of your right to request information regarding the professional qualifications of your child's classroom teachers and paraprofessionals.

Since you have a child who attends either the Leroy H. Smith School and/or the Samuel L. Wagner Middle School and those schools receive Title IA federal funds to supplement their educational programming, we must provide this annual notice about teacher qualifications. As a parent/guardian, you have the right to request the following information, which we will provide to you in a timely manner:

- Whether the teacher has met Maine's qualification and licensing criteria for the grade level(s) and subject area(s) they teach;
- Whether Maine has waived any part of the state's qualification and licensing criteria for the teacher under special circumstances;
- The teacher's college major and any advanced degrees they hold, along with the corresponding subject areas;
- Whether paraprofessionals provide instructional support services to your child and, if so, their qualifications.

If you would like to request any of the above information, please send a written request to my office or to your school principal. We aim to promptly provide qualifications data to families upon request.


Our teachers and paraprofessionals are committed to advancing each student's academic knowledge and critical thinking abilities. I encourage you to support your child's learning by communicating regularly with your child's teachers. By partnering together, families and school staff can ensure a high-quality education tailored to each student's needs.

Please reach out with any other questions. I am happy to assist families in accessing information related to their child's education in our Title IA schools.

Sincerely,

Jennifer A. Nickerson
ESSA Coordinator
RSU 22

February Lunch Menu

Smith Lunch Menu-February					Breakfast - Daily entree or Cereal, fruit, juice, milk
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
			1	2	
			Breakfast for Lunch Tater Tot Breakfast Bowl Muffin Salad & Fruit Bar	Pizza Day Cheese or Pepperoni Salad & Fruit Bar	
5	6	7	8	9	
Caf Classic Chicken Patty Sandwich Fries Salad & Fruit Bar	Homemade Blueberry Pancake Square Sausage Salad & Fruit Bar	Back by Popular Demand Chicken Noodle Soup - smith Dinner Roll Salad & Fruit Bar	Mexican Beef and Cheese Quesadilla Spanish Rice Salad & Fruit Bar	Pizza Day Cheese or Pepperoni Salad & Fruit Bar	
12	13	14	15	16	
Caf Classic Hamburgers/Cheeseburgers Fries Salad & Fruit Bar	Deli Day Turkey & Cheese Flatbread Crunchy Crackers Salad & Fruit Bar	Happy Valentines Day ♥ Cheesey Breadsticks Marinara Dipping Sauce Valentines Day Sugar Cookie Salad & Fruit Bar	Breakfast for Lunch McSmith Pancake Sandwich Egg Patty, Cheese, between Two Pancakes Salad & Fruit Bar	Inservic Day Bag Lunch to Go Cereal, Yogurt, Cheesestick Fruit, Carrot, Milk	
19	20	21	22	23	
School Vacation Week		Have Fun!			
26	27	28	29	1	
All Time Favorite Chicken Nuggets Fries, Crackers Salad & Fruit Bar	Italian Pasta with Meat Sauce Garlic Breadstick Salad & Fruit Bar	New! Homemade Maine Chicken Burger with Cheddar Cheese Potato Wedges Salad & Fruit Bar	Leap Day Leap Day Yogurt Parfait Toppings on Salad Bar Cereal Salad & Fruit Bar	Pizza Day Cheese or Pepperoni Salad & Fruit Bar	
 Harvest of the Month Maine Root Veggies - Carrots, Beets and more...check out the salad bar					<i>Alternate Menu Choices - PBJ Meal or Chef's Choice</i>

Menus Subject to Change

For Questions or Concerns contact Kathy Kiltridge kkiltridge@rsu22.us, 207.862.3543

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

A-F Letter Day Calendar

January				
M	T	W	Th	F
1 Holiday	2 A	3 B	4 C	5 D
8 E	9 F	10	11 A	12 Inservice
15 Holiday	16 B	17 C	18 D	19 E
22 F	23 A	24 B	25 C	26 D
29 E	30 F	31 A		

January

February				
M	T	W	Th	F
			1 B	2 C
5 D	6 E	7 F	8 A	9 B
12 C	13 D	14 E	15 F	16 Ear. Dis.
19 Holiday	20 Vacation	21 Vacation	22 Vacation	23 Vacation
26 A	27 B	28 C	29 D	

February

March				
M	T	W	Th	F
				1 E
4 F	5 A	6 B	7 C	8 D
11 E	12 F	13 A	14 B	15 Inservice
18 C	19 D	20 E	21 F	22 A
25 B	26 C	27 D	28 E	29 F

March

Pre-planned Absence Form

Please fill out if you plan on begin absent for 4 or more days.



Leroy H. Smith School

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Dawn Moore

Dawn is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters