Smith Spectacular

NOVEMBER 2, 2023

NOVEMBER

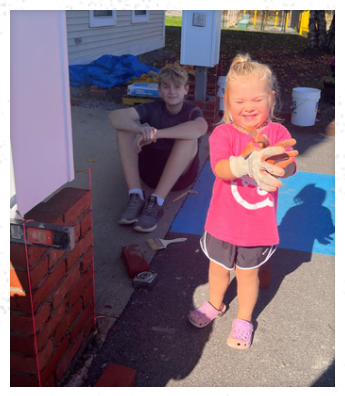
Welcome November! The change in weather is letting us know November is here!

Please note, that Thursday, November 9 is an early dismissal for students. A bagged lunch will be provided for take-home for all students. There is no school, Friday, November 10.

THANK YOU!

Greg Corey Masonry and the Corey Family ROCK!

Who do you call when you need help? Family of course...and the Corey family stepped up to the plate in a big way. **Greg Corey Masonry** donated materials for the base of the entrance posts AND donated their time to "do what they do" to the front pillars at Smith School. What a fantastic job the entire family did; from Dillan on the mixer and Emma handing bricks, this family knows how to work together! Thank you all so much! Smith School is so fortunate to have a local business support us. Thank you Mr. and Mrs. Corey, Dillan, and Emma!



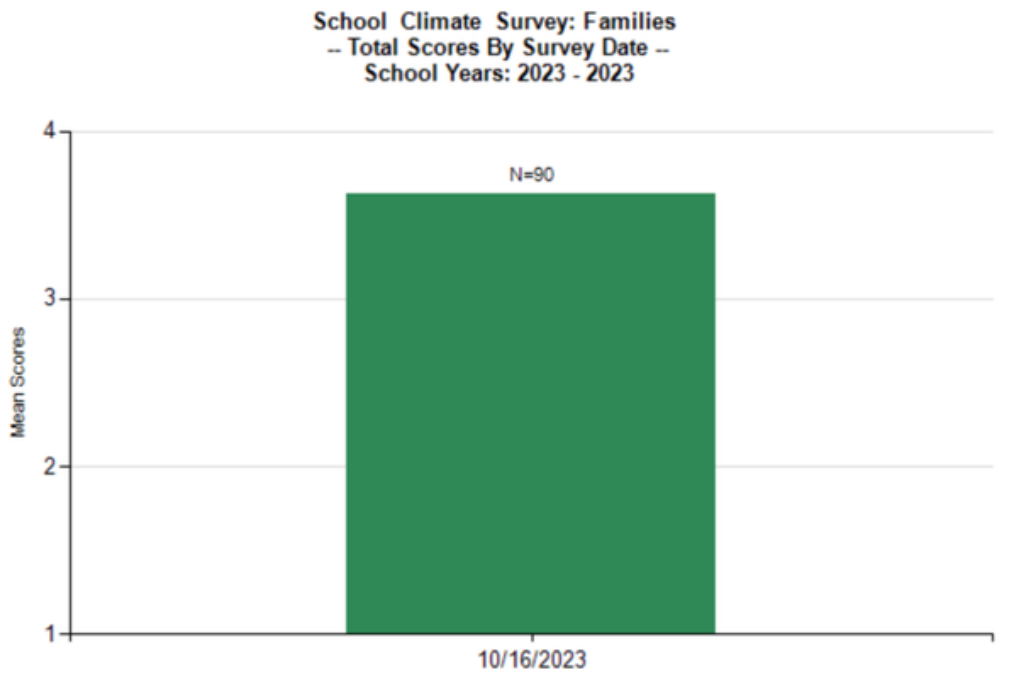
SMITH SCHOOL CLIMATE SURVEY RESULTS

Thank you to all who participated in our Smith School climate survey. We are so pleased with the results and will work hard to improve areas in need as well as continue to make Smith

School the safe, inviting, caring school it is.

Leroy H Smith School

Winterport, Maine



Survey Date	Number of Respondents	Total Average
10/16/2023	N=90	3.62

CHANGES IN DISMISSAL PLAN REMINDER

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. The following information should be included in your email/text message:

-Child's full name
-Name of the person they are going to
-Street address of the destination

Please notify smithoffice@rsu22.us of any changes in afterschool plans, even if you have emailed their teacher. This will ensure that the changes are made.

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Teachers have sent home Parent/Teacher conference sign-ups for the week of Nov. 6. If you have not received one, please contact your child's teacher.

5-POINT SCALE

Students have been learning about controlling and understanding their emotions. School wide we use a 5-point scale to communicate how we are feeling. Students are working hard to self-regulate and understand what to do when they are at a 3, 4, or 5.

What level are you at?

	Looks Like	Feels Like	Looks & Sounds Like
5		Super Mad	Screaming Yelling Throwing things
4		Frustrated	Face is hot Say mean things Do things without thinking
3		Upset / Over Excited	Bothered Annoyed I don't want to talk about it
2		Ok	I will try I will listen I will feel good about it when I'm done!
1		Good to Go!	Interested I can do this Calm Happy

BOOK FAIR TIME!

Dear Parents and Families:
Get ready! The Scholastic Book Fair is coming our way (YAY!). Choosing their own books empowers kids and inspires them on their journey to becoming lifelong readers. AND—as always—every purchase at the Fair benefits our school.

Here's what you need to know about the big event, which will take place in the **Library**:
November 6th & 7th: During Library and 2:00-3:30 p.m.
November 8th: During Library and 2:30-7:00 p.m.
November 9th: 11:30-5:30 p.m.

- Our Book Fair offers a cash-free payment option called eWallet. It's a convenient digital account that your child can use for shopping at our Fair. Grandparents, friends, and others can contribute, too!
- If you can't make it to the Fair, then shop online at our school's Virtual Book Fair. All orders ship directly to your home, and shipping is free for book orders over $25. Your online orders will also benefit our school.
  Visit our Book Fair homepage to learn more and get started with eWallet and online shopping:

https://www.scholastic.com/bf/leroyhsmithschool1
We're excited to celebrate our love of books together at the Book Fair. We look forward to seeing your child there!

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If you would like to browse the collection of items in the library, here is the link to our card catalog! 4th graders know how to navigate it and there are some fun extracurricular activities on the links tab. You will find that on the upper left of the website.
If there is a book you'd love for your child to checkout for the week that you find on the catalog, please email me at bmccrillis@rsu22.us and I will save the item for them on library day.

Happy reading!

Mrs. McCrillis

Happy reading,
Mrs. McCrillis
Librarian

TECHNOLOGY

In technology class, we focus on encouraging students to see themselves as **good digital citizens**/users. Students start by learning how to use a core set of tools. The iPad is a special type of tool: we can program the iPad to function as many different kinds of tools simply by downloading different apps. Grades K-3 learn to use the Draw and Tell and Pages app to draw and practice with the touch screen technique, GarageBand to make music, and ScratchJr. to program/code interactive stories. K-3 students shared their digital pumpkins by creating a DIGITAL PUMPKIN PATCH for the last all school meeting and it proved to be fantastic:) Good job Smith School Bees!
Grade 4 students have transitioned from iPads to Chromebooks this year, which is a very different tool. Chromebooks are internet machines, so we start with internet safety lessons! We have done some coding with the http://code.org site and will be continuing to learn more
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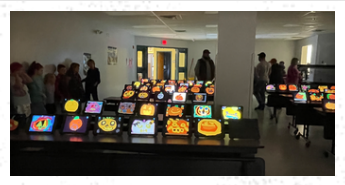
with that. While continuing to practice good digital citizenship, students are learning all things Google, through Google Classroom we are working with Google Docs/Slides/Sheets/Draw.



PE

For the past few weeks in PE class we have been working on our catching and throwing skills. I always find this unit to be one of my favorites because of the games and activities we are able to play while we practice. Obviously, at each grade level we are looking for different amounts of skill level and understanding of the skills we are practicing. I look forward to wrapping up our first Trimester, and heading into the winter months.

Mr. B-

NOVEMBER GREAT BODY SHOP - HEALTH

Click to view the topics students will be learning about in Health in November

LEAD

For the month of November, students will be learning more about the word RESPONSIBILITY. Students will have the opportunity to participate in interactive activities and games, learn a new Responsibility song and will brainstorm ways that they can be responsible at home and at school.

Responsibility

Family Newsletter

PurposeFull People

Responsibility Overview

This month we are talking about Responsibility. One way to define Responsibility is "taking action and understanding the impact of our choices." Taking action can mean doing the right thing or completing the tasks you have been assigned. Understanding the impact of our choices means that our actions matter. Positive and responsible actions can help people and irresponsible actions can hurt others.

Responsibility is 1 of 3 traits we will focus on throughout the year that helps students **Be Strong**.

Across grade levels students will be developing skills like focusing, organizing, and goal-setting.

Conversation Starters

- Can you share or show what it means to be Responsible?
- How can we help each other practice being more Responsible?

PurposeFull Pursuits

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

#1 As a family, think of ways in which you might make someone's life a little easier by helping a neighbor or family friend with 1 of their Responsibilities. Could you bring the garbage to the chute or out to the curb? Could you carry things in from the grocery store? Could you invite someone over for a meal or a show?

#2 *Review Responsibility as a family! Responsibility is taking action and understanding the impact of our choices.*
Choose 1 household chore (or more!) that requires multiple steps. Then have each member of the family select 1 step to complete to help get the job done! Maybe it's washing the dishes, doing laundry, cleaning the living room, or unloading the groceries – whatever it is, see who can be the quickest or most effective at their task!

MENTORING PROGRAM AT SMITH SCHOOL

Smith School has been very fortunate to be able to offer a school-based Mentor Program since 2008. The program was just awarded a grant through the Saxifrage Fund and the Maine Community Foundation to ensure that this program will be available to more students for this school year. Mentoring students look forward to the visits with their mentors each week. Some of the activities the mentors and students may participate in include crafts, building models, playing games, reading, and eating lunch together. The program requires the mentor to spend approximately one-half hour to an hour with your assigned students each week during school hours. If you are interested in becoming a mentor, please contact Debbie Smith at 223-4282.

BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS

Our School-based Big Brothers Big Sisters program is looking for more coordinators! The position involves helping to supervise elementary students and their Bigs(High School students) one day per week after school. Here is some information about how you can get involved if you are interested! The more volunteers

we have, the more students can participate in this amazing program!

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.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

This website will provide you with all sorts of information about events, sign-ups for clubs, etc. available to your children. Please check often. We will be putting flyers, etc. directly into this folder.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov. 9: Early Dismissal. 11:30 (bagged lunches will go home with students)

Nov. 10: NO School: Veteran's Day

Nov. 15 Picture Re-take day

Nov. 22- Nov. 24: NO SCHOOL

NOVEMBER LUNCH MENU

Help Wanted: Food Service Subs

November Menu

Breakfast - Daily entree or Cereal, fruit, juice, milk

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
30	31	1	2	3
All Time Favorite All Beef Hot Dogs Baked Beans Salad & Fruit Bar	**Happy Halloween** Chicken Feet (nuggets) Pig Tails (curly Fries) Witch's Finger (breadstick)	**Dilly of a Deli Day** Turkey & Cheese on Bun Assorted Topping on Salad Bar Salad & Fruit Bar	**Mexican** Chicken Quesadilla Salad & Fruit Bar	**Pizza Day** Cheese or Pepperoni Salad & Fruit Bar
6	7	8	9	10
All Time Favorite Chicken Patty on Bun Fries Salad & Fruit Bar	**Back by Popular Demand** Three Cheese Pasta bake Breadstick Salad & Fruit Bar	**Pizza Day** Cheese or Pepperoni Salad & Fruit Bar	**Early Dismissal** To Go Bag Lunch Bagel,Cream Cheese, Yogurt, Fruit, Veg, Milk	
13	14	15	16	17
Chicken & Waffles Crispy Chicken & Waffles Salad & Fruit Bar	**Dilly of a Deli Day** Ham & Cheese on Bun Salad & Fruit Bar	**Taco Wednesday** Beef & Cheese Nachos Assorted Topping on Salad Bar Salad & Fruit Bar	**Thanksgiving Dinner** Turkey, Mashed Potatoes Homemade Gravy, Peas, Roll Apple Crisp Salad & Fruit Bar	**Pizza Day** Cheese or Pepperoni Salad & Fruit Bar
20	21	22	23	24
Caf Classic Hamburgers/Cheeseburger Fries Salad & Fruit Bar	**Breakfast for Lunch** Blueberry Pancake Square Maine Maple Yogurt Salad & Fruit Bar			
27	28	29	30	1
All Time Favorite Chicken Nuggets, Fries Crackers Salad & Fruit Bar	**Homemade** Turkey Noodle Soup Crunchy Crackers Salad & Fruit Bar	**Fish n Chips** Homemade Fish Tots Chips Salad & Fruit Bar	**Yum** Meatballs and Sauce Breadsticks Salad & Fruit Bar	**Pizza Day** Cheese or Pepperoni Salad & Fruit Bar

Harvest of the Month
Maine Brassicas

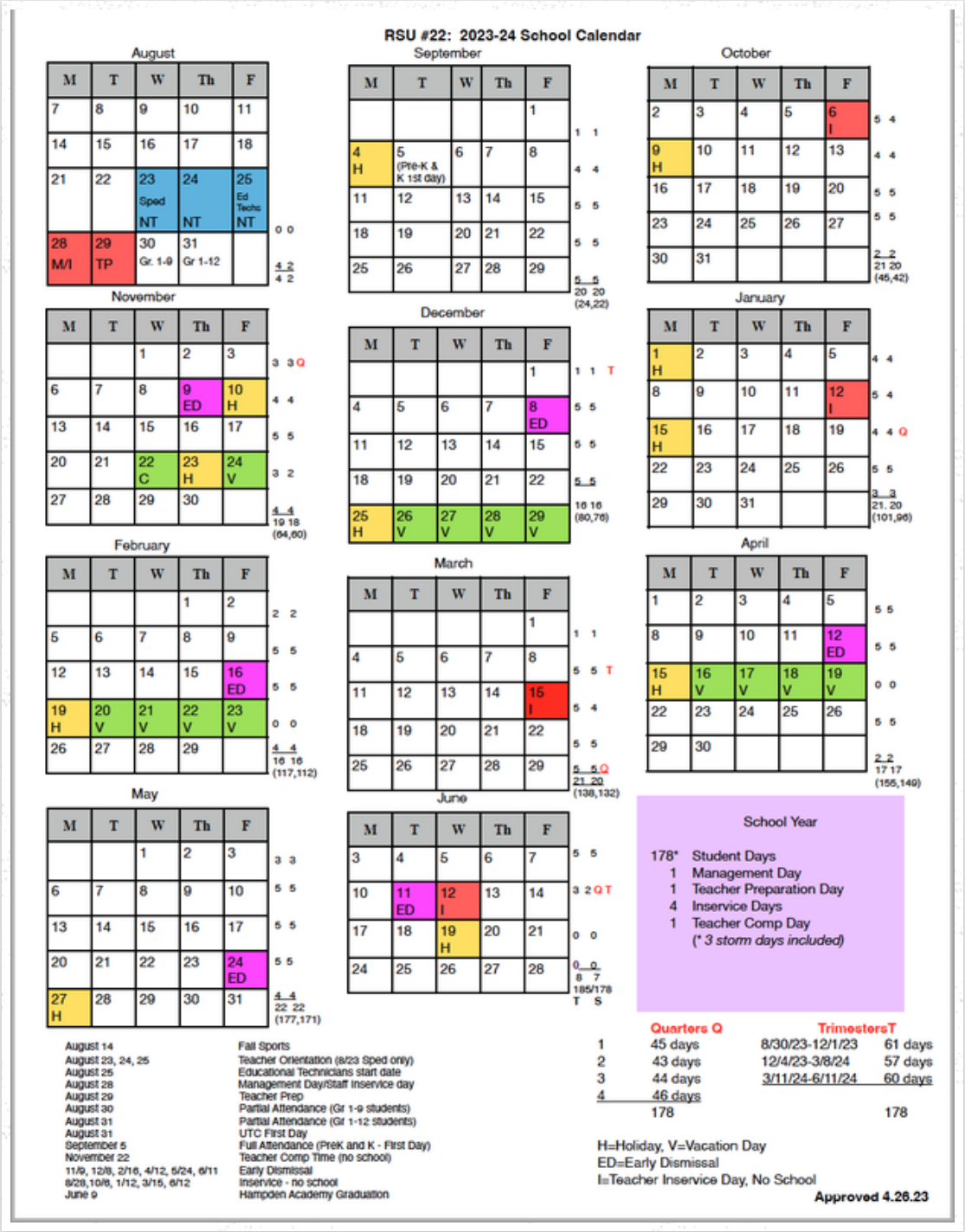
Alternate Menu Choices - PBJ Meal

Menus Subject to Change

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

For Questions or Concerns contact Kathy Kittridge kkittridge@rsu22.us, 207.862.3543

2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR



RSU #22: 2023-24 School Calendar

August

M	T	W	Th	F	
7	8	9	10	11	
14	15	16	17	18	
21	22	23 Sped NT	24 NT	25 Ed Techs NT	0 0
28 M/I	29 TP	30 Gr. 1-9	31 Gr 1-12		4 2 4 2

September

M	T	W	Th	F	
				1	1 1
4 H	5 (Pre-K & K 1st day)	6	7	8	4 4
11	12	13	14	15	5 5
18	19	20	21	22	5 5
25	26	27	28	29	5 5 20 20 (24,22)

October

M	T	W	Th	F	
2	3	4	5	6 I	5 4
9 H	10	11	12	13	4 4
16	17	18	19	20	5 5
23	24	25	26	27	5 5
30	31				2 2 21 20 (45,42)

November

M	T	W	Th	F	
		1	2	3	3 3 Q
6	7	8	9 ED	10 H	4 4
13	14	15	16	17	5 5
20	21	22 C	23 H	24 V	3 2
27	28	29	30		4 4 19 18 (64,60)

December

M	T	W	Th	F	
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4	5	6	7	8 ED	5 5
11	12	13	14	15	5 5
18	19	20	21	22	5 5
25 H	26 V	27 V	28 V	29 V	16 16 (80,76)

January

M	T	W	Th	F	
1 H	2	3	4	5	4 4
8	9	10	11	12 I	5 4
15 H	16	17	18	19	4 4 Q
22	23	24	25	26	5 5
29	30	31			3 3 21 20 (101,96)

February

M	T	W	Th	F	
			1	2	2 2
5	6	7	8	9	5 5
12	13	14	15	16 ED	5 5
19 H	20 V	21 V	22 V	23 V	0 0
26	27	28	29		4 4 16 16 (117,112)

March

M	T	W	Th	F	
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11	12	13	14	15 I	5 4
18	19	20	21	22	5 5
25	26	27	28	29	5 5 Q 21 20 (138,132)

April

M	T	W	Th	F	
1	2	3	4	5	5 5
8	9	10	11	12 ED	5 5
15 H	16 V	17 V	18 V	19 V	0 0
22	23	24	25	26	5 5
29	30				2 2 17 17 (155,149)

May

M	T	W	Th	F	
		1	2	3	3 3
6	7	8	9	10	5 5
13	14	15	16	17	5 5
20	21	22	23	24 ED	5 5
27 H	28	29	30	31	4 4 22 22 (177,171)

June

M	T	W	Th	F	
3	4	5	6	7	5 5
10	11 ED	12 I	13	14	3 2 Q T
17	18	19 H	20	21	0 0
24	25	26	27	28	0 0 8 7 185/178 T S

School Year

178* Student Days
1 Management Day
1 Teacher Preparation Day
4 Inservice Days
1 Teacher Comp Day
(* 3 storm days included)

	Quarters Q		Trimesters T	
1	45 days		8/30/23-12/1/23	61 days
2	43 days		12/4/23-3/8/24	57 days
3	44 days		3/11/24-6/11/24	60 days
4	46 days			
	178			178

August 14 — Fall Sports
August 23, 24, 25 — Teacher Orientation (8/23 Sped only)
August 25 — Educational Technicians start date
August 28 — Management Day/Staff Inservice day
August 29 — Teacher Prep
August 30 — Partial Attendance (Gr 1-9 students)
August 31 — Partial Attendance (Gr 1-12 students)
August 31 — UTC First Day
September 5 — Full Attendance (PreK and K - First Day)
November 22 — Teacher Comp Time (no school)
11/9, 12/8, 2/16, 4/12, 5/24, 6/11 — Early Dismissal
8/28,10/6, 1/12, 3/15, 6/12 — Inservice - no school
June 9 — Hampden Academy Graduation

H=Holiday, V=Vacation Day
ED=Early Dismissal
I=Teacher Inservice Day, No School

Approved 4.26.23

SMITH SCHOOL LETTER DAY CALENDAR

Click here for the whole year. The calendar will be adjusted if there are snow days.

November				
M	T	W	Th	F
		1 A	2 B	3 C
6 D	7 E	8 F	9 PTC Ear. Dis.	10 Holiday
13 A	14 B	15 C	16 D	17 E
20 F	21 A	22 **Comp	23 Holiday	24 Vacation
27 B	28 C	29 D	30 E	

NOVEMBER

December				
M	T	W	Th	F
				1 F
4 A	5 B	6 C	7 D	8 Ear. Dis.
11 E	12 F	13 A	14 B	15 C
18 D	19 E	20 F	2 A	22 B
25 Holiday	26 Vacation	27 Vacation	28 Vacation	29 Vacation

DECEMBER

PRE-PLANNED ABSENCE FORM

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

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