Smith Spectacular

OCTOBER 20, 2023

OCTOBER ASSESSMENTS

NWEAs are winding down. Students have done a great job working hard and persevering through them.
Early Bird Assessments for grades K and 1 have been completed. Teachers are using the data to help inform their instruction.
Students are completing IXL diagnostics to help inform math instruction.

Students have worked hard this month!! Kudos Smith School students!

OCTOBER 31ST : PJ DAY

October 31st is a busy day for our students, so in an effort to make it comfortable and calm, we will be having a whole school PJ day! Wear your comfy PJ's!

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.

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.

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!
Happy reading,
Mrs. McCrillis
Librarian

MUSIC

Hello Smith School Families!
I've had a wonderful time so far working with your children in music class. They are sweet, fun, and eager to learn. My big hope is for students to be thinking about music in the world around them not only in music class but outside of my classroom as well. Home is a great place for an emphasis on music, and connecting as a family through music is enriching for the whole household. See the excerpt from kidslox.com below for some suggestions!
If you'd like to connect with me, I am available by email (cbelka@rsu22.us) and will be in my classroom for Parent Teacher Conferences on Thursday afternoon, November 9th, from 11 am-2:30 pm.
All my best,
Cassie Belka
Smith School Music Teacher

From https://kidslox.com/guide-to/music-apps-kids/
How Parents and Kids Can Connect Over Music
If you're looking for a way to connect with your kids, music is a great option! Music has been a way for families to connect for generations – and today's streaming music services make it

easier than ever to find and share the perfect tunes.

Here are a few tips for connecting with your kids over music:

1. **Create a family playlist:** Add some of your favorite songs and your kids' favorites to a shared playlist that everyone can listen to. This can be a great way to discover new music that everyone enjoys.
2. **Listen to music from different cultures:** Listening to music from other cultures can be a great way to learn about new people and places. It can also be a bonding experience for families.
3. **Start a dance party:** Whether you're in the living room or the kitchen, put on some music and have a dance party! Just let loose, have some fun, and bond as a family.
4. **Introduce your kids to music from your childhood:** If you have some favorite songs from when you were a kid, share them with your kids! This way, you can introduce them to new genres of music and help them understand where you're coming from.
5. **Talk about the lyrics:** As you're listening to music together, take some time to talk about the lyrics. This allows you to discuss important topics like bullying, body image, and more.

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!

EVERY DAY COUNTS!

We want to partner with every family so each child in our school can succeed!

School success and attendance go hand in hand.

Contact

Principal
Principal Email

School Address

Phone

Every Day Counts

Increasing student attendance through data-driven strategies so that every child is an engaged, successful learner.

www.countmeinmaine.org

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

1 in 4 Maine students missed more than 10% of the school year last year—a**bout 18 days** -- two days every month. *Even when absences are excused, they still add up to lost time in the classroom.*

DID YOU KNOW?

- Missing school can make it harder to learn to read and do math, even in kindergarten
- Students can fall behind if they miss just one or two days every few weeks
- Students who attended school every day in kindergarten and first grade had significantly higher third grade scores on assessments than other students
- A pattern of being late to school may lead to poor attendance
- Absences can affect the whole classroom if the teacher has to slow down learning to help children catch up who have not been in school

Children who attend school regularly are more likely to:

- Build lasting friendships
- Feel like part of the school community
- Pass math assessments
- Read at grade level

WHAT YOU CAN DO!

- Set regular bedtime and morning routines
- Lay out clothes and backpacks the night before
- Introduce yourself to your child's teachers
- Avoid family trips when school is in session
- Schedule medical appointments outside the school day. If an appointment has to be during school, arrange for your child to be in school before and after the appointment
- Come up with backup plans with family, neighbors or other parents to get children to school
- If you see a pattern of your child avoiding school, contact their teacher, principal, or school counselor so we can all work together to make learning a positive experience

PIE

TRUNK OR TREAT
Monster Mash & Oogie Boogie Bash!
Saturday, October 28th
3:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Leroy H. Smith School Playground
Trunk or Treat Admission: $5 per family

There will also be:
*DJ JAZZY JAY * Face Painting * Playground fun*
*50/50 Tickets *Popcorn* Hot Dogs*

If you would be willing to decorate a trunk please sign up on our sign-up genius HERE:

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0944ABA62BA4F9C25-44543028-pietrunk

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

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

October 2nd- October 27th: NWEA all grades

October 28th: PIE Monster Mash 3:00-5:00

October 30th: All School Share 8:00

October 31st: Whole School PJ day! Wear your PJs!!!!

NUTRITION

As part of a cooperative agreement to develop and implement the USDA's Healthy Meals Incentives Initiative, Action for Healthy Kids is excited to announce that we are awarding nearly $30 million in subgrants to 264 school districts across 44 states and the District of Columbia, reaching students in some of our nation's highest need schools. Find our map featuring the grantees atwww.healthymealsincentives.org/grantee

We have been trying new recipes including the new homemade blueberry pancake square. Other new menu items include Orange Chicken, Lo mein, Three Cheese Pasta Bake, Homemade Hamburger helper, and Cheesy bread with fresh made marinara.

OCTOBER LUNCH MENU

Help Wanted: Food Service Subs

October Menu

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2	3	4	5	Teacher Inservice 6
All Time Favorite Chicken Nuggets Fries, Crackers Salad & Fruit Bar	**BBQ** BBQ Pork Cornbread, Baked Beans Salad & Fruit Bar	**Breakfast for Lunch** Maple Cinnamon Pancakes Yogurt Cup Salad & Fruit Bar	**Pizza Day** Cheese or Pepperoni Salad & Fruit Bar	
9	10	11	12	13
Indigenous People's Day 	**Breakfast for Lunch** French Toast Sticks Sausage Salad & Fruit Bar	**Yum!** Orange Chicken Pineapple Rice Salad & Fruit Bar	**Caf Classic** Hamburgers/Cheeseburgers Oven Fries Salad & Fruit Bar	**Pizza Day** Cheese or Pepperoni Salad & Fruit Bar
16	17	18	19	20
Build your Yogurt Parfait Maine Yogurt Blueberries, Apple slices Cereal Salad & Fruit Bar	**All Time Favorite** Chicken Tenders Smile Fries Crunchy Crackers Salad & Fruit Bar	**Pasta Day** Three Cheese Pasta Bake Breadstick Salad & Fruit Bar	**Yum!** Warm Ham and Cheese on a Croissant Crunchy Crackers Salad & Fruit Bar	**Cheesy Bread** Homemade Cheese Bread *The Good Crust from Maine Grains* with Marinara Sauce Salad & Fruit Bar
23	24	25	26	27
Caf Classic Hamburgers/Cheeseburgers Oven Fries Salad & Fruit Bar	**Breakfast for Lunch** Potato Tot & Egg Breakfast Bowl Salad & Fruit Bar	**Caf Classic** Creamy Mac and Cheese Salad & Fruit Bar	**Mexican** Chicken Walking Taco Chicken, Cheese, Toppings, Doritos Salad & Fruit Bar	**Pizza Day** Cheese or Pepperoni Salad & Fruit Bar
30	31			
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) Cookie, Salad Bar	**Local this Month** Apples - Rowe's Orchards, Newport, MSAD 1 Educational Farm Presque Isle Veggies as available for the Salad Bar Cheesey Bread/Personal Pan Pizza - Good Crust made from Maine Grains, Skowhegan		

Harvest of the Month
Maine Apples

Alternate Menu Choices - PBJ Meal

Menus Subject to Change

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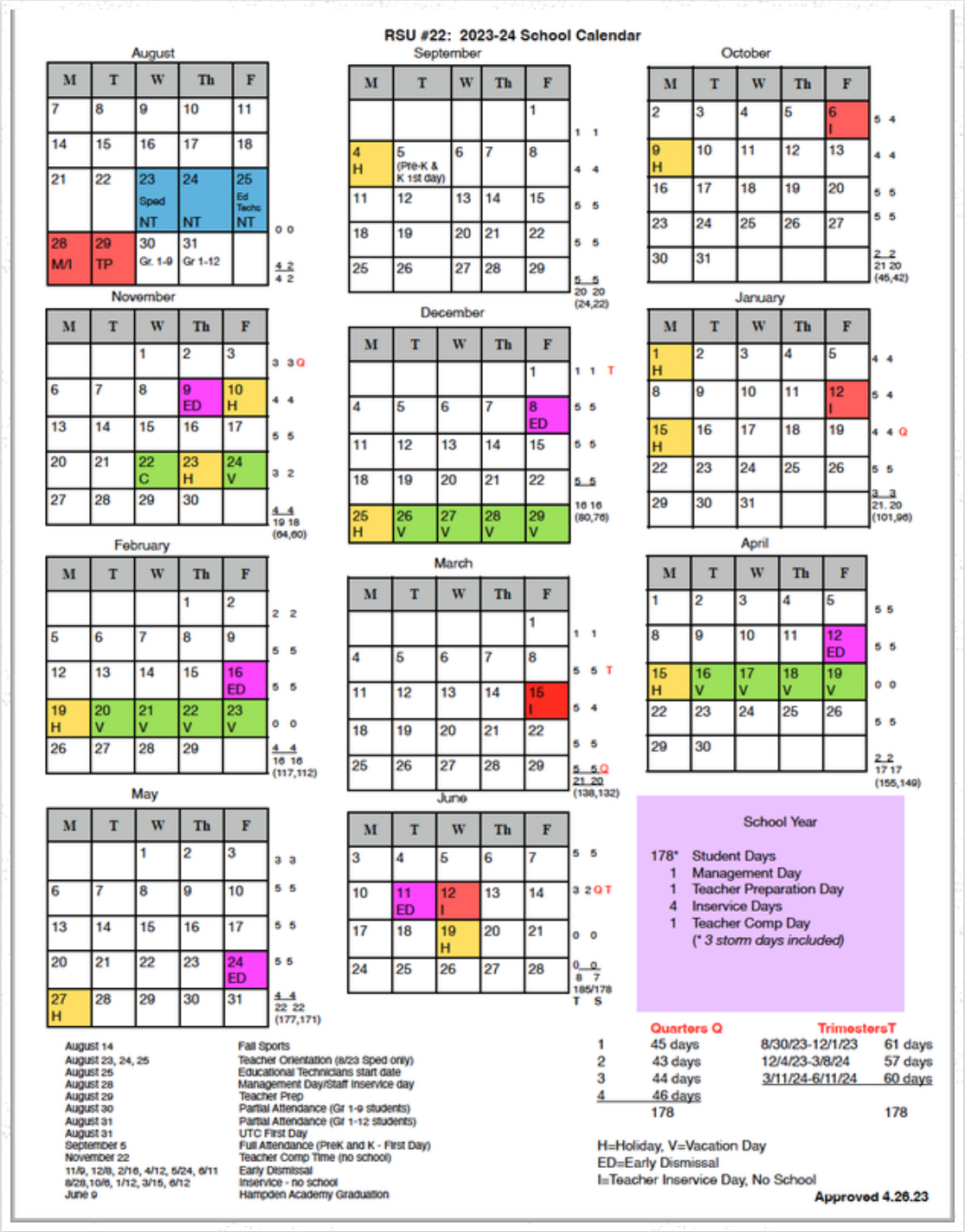
For Questions or Concerns contact Kathy Kittridge kkittridge@rsu22.us, 207.862.3543

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	
				1	1 1
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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

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SMITH SCHOOL LETTER DAY CALENDAR

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

October				
M	T	W	Th	F
2 E	3 F	4 A	5 B	6 Inservice
9 Holiday	10 C	11 D	12 E	13 F
16 A	17 B	18 C	19 D	20 E
23 F	24 A	25 B	26 C	27 D
30 E	31 F			

OCTOBER

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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