

# Smith Spectacular

March 14, 2024

**Reminder: No School Tomorrow, March 15. Have a great weekend!**

## **Concert Success**

Dear Parents and Families,

What an incredible evening at our first K-4 Music Concert! We are so proud of all our young musicians and their hard work to put on such a delightful performance.

Thank you to everyone who came out to support our students. Seeing all the bright, smiling faces in the audience made the night even more special for our children. Your encouragement and enthusiasm meant the world to them and to the Smith School staff.

We also want to express our sincere gratitude to all the teachers, staff, and volunteers who dedicated countless hours to preparing for this event. Their passion and commitment to nurturing our students' love of music is truly inspiring.

Finally, a huge thank you to our amazing K-4 musicians! You showed incredible teamwork, courage, and talent on stage. We are so fortunate to witness your musical growth and celebrate this milestone together.

This successful concert would not have been possible without each and every one of you (and with Mrs. Belka). Thank you for making our first K-4 Music Concert a night to remember!

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**From the Health Office:**

[RSU 22 COVID Health and Safety Protocol–March 5, 2024](#)

# March Madness



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 Smith School Spirit Day Wear your Smith School gear or black and yellow!	2
3	4	5	6	7	8 Sports Day Wear something for your favorite sports team!	9
10	11 Decades Day Come dressed as your favorite decade!	12 Sunglasses Day Wear your favorite sunglasses!	13 Dress Like A Teacher Day Wear what you would wear if you were a teacher!	14 Wear Green To celebrate St. Patrick's day this weekend!	15 INSERVICE DAY NO SCHOOL	16
17	18	19	20	21	22 Comfy/Pajama Day Wear something comfy or your pajamas!	23
24	25	26	27	28	29 Colorful Day Wear the same color as your classmates! **See below**	30
31	Kindergarten <b>Black</b>	1st grade <b>Red</b>	2nd grade <b>Purple</b>	3rd grade <b>Yellow</b>	4th grade <b>Blue</b>	

## Kindergarten News

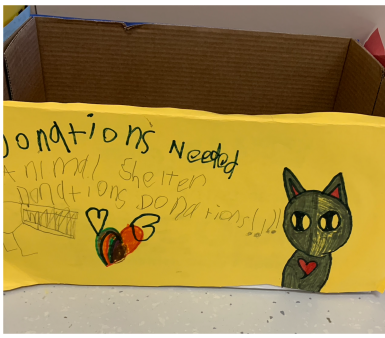
Kindergarten has been working on a unit about construction in K for ME. Students have enjoyed learning about the building process, have been designing and building their own constructions, and have been learning about building stable foundations. We have also been discussing where people get ideas for the things that they design and create.



In writing we have been working on procedural books teaching others how to do things such as build a snowman, make a pizza, or make a peanut butter and jelly sandwich.

## Second Grade Service Project Update

Thank you all for your generous donations so far! We are happy to share that we have received cleaning supplies, cat and dog food, blankets, and even a dog bed! But, it's not too late... Please help the second graders support a local Animal Rescue. What's One More Animal Rescue is a non-profit organization serving Waldo and Hancock County. Any donations of the following would be greatly appreciated:

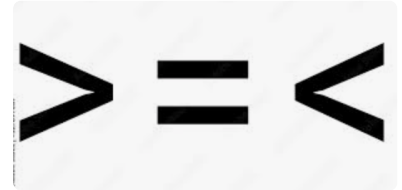


Cat toys; Dog toys; Cleaning supplies; Wet cat food; Purina kitten chow; Cat bed; Dog beds; Towels; Blankets

We will continue to collect donations until March 22. Thank you for all your help!

## First Graders

First Graders have been reading nonfiction books about community helpers. We have read about doctors, trash collectors, and construction workers. We have practiced asking and answering questions about books. We are now reading nonfiction books about animal changes and life cycles!



First Graders are becoming poets! Students are learning to write various types of poetry: acrostic, free verse, shape poems, rebus poems, and "What Am I?" poems. They have learned that using the five senses helps to add details to poetry. We will practice independently, writing with partners, and writing poems as whole classes. A collection of poetry will be shared at the end of our unit!

In Math, First Graders have learned about comparing 2-digit numbers, and using symbols to show greater than, less than and equal to ( $>$ ,  $<$ ,  $=$ ). They have learned to show tens and ones using base ten blocks, and have learned to find and compare numbers on a number line and hundred chart. In our current math unit, we are building on this learning by using models and various strategies to add tens and ones to solve addition equations. Wow! That's a lot of learning!

## What's Happening in LEAD?

This month our Character Strong focus is HONESTY. Throughout the month of March students have been talking about ways we show honesty through our words and actions. Ask your child about the Honesty song! Check out the Honesty newsletter for ways to reinforce this trait at home.

# HONESTY

Family Newsletter

PurposeFULL  
People

## Honesty Overview

This month's focus is Honesty. One way to think about Honesty is "being truthful in what you say and do." Practicing Honesty helps strengthen our relationships and even reduces stress.

Honesty is 1 of 3 traits we will focus on throughout the year that helps students **Be Well**. Across grade levels, students will be developing skills like emotion regulation, positive self-talk, and stress-management.

## Conversation Starters



- Can you share or show what it means to practice Honesty?
- What is 1 way you can be more Honest with others?

## PurposeFull Pursuits

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

#1

Review Honesty as a family! Honesty is being truthful in what you say and do. Discuss the importance of being Honest and work together to create a family Honesty pledge. Create and decorate a sign together that explains what Honesty means in your family. Have each family member sign the pledge and choose a spot to display it. Refer back to the pledge as a reminder to be Honest and to celebrate when Honesty is practiced!



#2

Set aside some time to gather as a family and check in with each other. Ask each family member, "How are you feeling today?" Practice Honesty when responding and listen carefully as each family member shares. Use the emotion check-in questions to learn more. Challenge yourselves to check in with each other on a regular basis!

### Emotion Check-In Questions:

- Tell me more about that feeling.
- Why do you think you are feeling that emotion?
- What do you need right now?

## Believe in BEE-longing Week

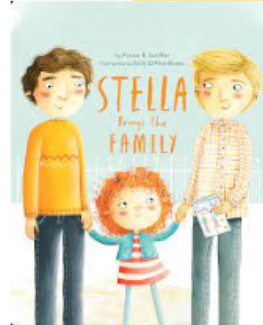
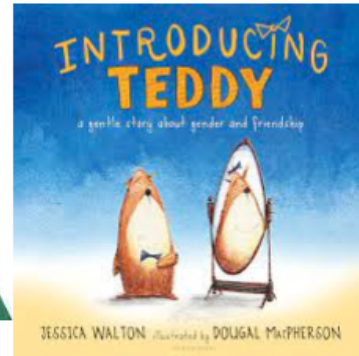
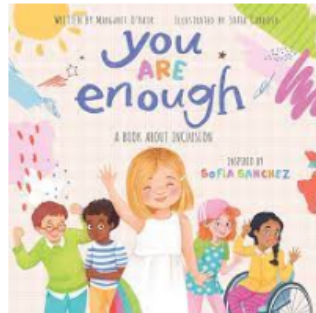
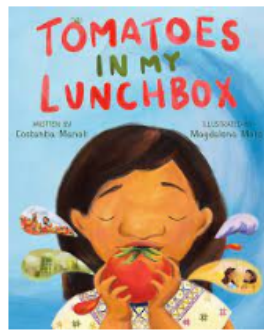
\*\*Believe in BEE-longing Week \*\* April 1st-5th

Brought to you by the Smith School Civil Rights Team

Smith School is excited about an upcoming week happening at Smith School. Believe in BEE-longing week is a week to celebrate all the amazing people in our Smith School family. Our 3rd and 4th grade students on our Civil Rights Team have been working hard planning fun Read Alouds and activities throughout the week. Here are some of that activities planned:

Civil Rights Team members will be guest readers in classrooms. They chose some great books that show the importance of making everyone feel welcome regardless of differences.

Books include:

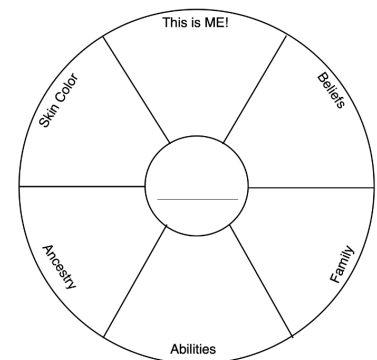


Fun Theme Days! (keep an eye out for more information coming soon about these days)

Classroom activity- Each student will have the opportunity to decorate a wheel that is all about them. They can share about things that are special about their families, add their favorite colors, share about beliefs that are important to them and talk about things they are good at.

The civil rights team was excited to create an activity that gave kids an opportunity to talk and learn about all the amazing things that make us who we are. At Smith we believe that differences help make us who we are and it's great to celebrate all the ways we are the same and different. At Smith School we welcome everyone: all races and skin colors, all religions, all genders, all national origins and ancestries, all abilities and all families.

Believe in BEE-longing Week



## March Great Body Shop - Health

[Click to view the topics students will be learning about in Health during the month of March](#)

**Upcoming Events**

Friday, March 15: NO SCHOOL Inservice Day

March 18- April 5: Readathon (More info coming soon!)

Friday, March 22: PIE Movie Night 6:15 - 8:15

Thursday, March 28: All School Share 8:00

Tuesday, April 9 between 5:00-6:00. Student Showcase K-4; drop in anytime between 5:00 and 6:00 to see the great work you child has done this year!

Friday, April 12: Early Release: Readathon/Bikes for Books celebration; Book Character Day

Monday - Friday, April 15-19: No School : School Vacation

## 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.](#)



## March Lunch Menu

Smith Lunch Menu-March					Breakfast - Daily entree or Cereal, fruit, juice, milk
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
					1
				<b>Pizza Day</b> Cheese or Pepperoni Salad & Fruit Bar	
4	5	6	7	8	
<b>Caf Classic</b> Chicken Patty on Bun Oven Fries Salad & Fruit Bar	<b>Deli day</b> Ham and Cheese Roll Up Crunchy Crackers Salad & Fruit Bar	<b>Breakfast for Lunch</b> Egg & Cheese on Croissant Salad & Fruit Bar	<b>Taco Thursday</b> Beef and Cheese Nachos Salad & Fruit Bar	<b>Pizza Day</b> Cheese or Pepperoni Salad & Fruit Bar	
11	12	13	14	15	
<b>Eat your noodles day</b> Chicken Ramen Soup Dinner Roll Salad & Fruit Bar	<b>Smith School Favorite</b> Turkey & Gravy Mashed Potatoes, Roll Salad & Fruit Bar	<b>Caf Classic</b> Pasta and Meat Sauce Breadstick Salad & Fruit Bar	<b>Pizza Day</b> Cheese or Pepperoni Salad & Fruit Bar	<b>In Service No School</b>	
18	19	20	21	22	
<b>Caf Classic</b> Toasted Cheese Tomato Soup Salad & Fruit Bar	<b>Delish</b> Crunchy Chicken Drumstick Whole Grain Super Pretzel Salad & Fruit Bar	<b>Harvest of the Month</b> Local Roast Beef & Cheddar on a bun yum! yum! Salad & Fruit Bar	<b>Yummy!</b> Chicken Alfredo Broccoli Salad & Fruit Bar	<b>Pizza Day</b> Cheese or Pepperoni Salad & Fruit Bar	
26	27	28	29	1	
<b>Caf Classic</b> Chicken Nuggets Oven Fries, Crackers Salad & Fruit Bar	<b>Breakfast for Lunch</b> Maine Yogurt Smoothies French Toast Sticks Salad & Fruit Bar	<b>Back by Popular Demand</b> Meatballs & Sauce Breadstick Salad & Fruit Bar	<b>Try it!</b> Sesame Ginger Noodles and Chicken Salad & Fruit Bar	<b>Pizza Day</b> Cheese or Pepperoni Salad & Fruit Bar	
<b>Harvest of the Month</b> <b>Maine Protein</b>					Alternate Menu Choices - PBJ Meal or Chef's Choice

Menus Subject to Change  
For Questions or Concerns contact Kathy Kittridge kkittridge@rsu22.us, 207.862.3543

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## Community Events



## Pre-planned Absence Form

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



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