

# Smith Spectacular

November 17, 2023

## Happy Thanksgiving

Dear Smith School Families,

As we gather around the table with loved ones to give thanks, our hearts are filled with gratitude for the wonderful community we have here at Smith School. This Thanksgiving, we want to take a moment to express our heartfelt appreciation to you, our incredible parents/caregivers.

In the spirit of Thanksgiving, we are thankful for:

1. **Your Enthusiasm:** Your enthusiasm for your child's education is contagious. Your active participation in school events, parent-teacher conferences, and classroom activities creates a vibrant and engaging learning environment.
2. **Partnership:** Education is a collaborative effort, and we are grateful for the strong partnership we share with you. Together, we can nurture and guide your child toward a bright and successful future.
3. **Trust:** Thank you for entrusting us with the education and well-being of your precious little ones. We take this responsibility seriously and are committed to creating a safe, nurturing, and enriching environment for every child.
4. **Community Spirit:** The sense of community at Smith School is truly heartwarming. Your involvement in the school community fosters a supportive atmosphere that enhances the overall educational experience for all our students.

As we reflect on the past year, let us also look forward to the moments of opportunity that lie ahead. May this Thanksgiving be a time of warmth, love, and cherished memories for you and your family.

Wishing you a Happy Thanksgiving filled with laughter, love, and the joy of shared moments.

Just a reminder, we have school Monday and Tuesday but will be off Wednesday-Friday. Enjoy the time with your children.

With gratitude,  
Smith School

## Donations

If you are looking to donate to Smith School, we are always looking for Tissue "Kleenex" donations (any brand is fine!) The noses have started running! Thanks for always supporting Smith School!

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:smithoffice@rsu22.us) of any changes in afterschool plans, even if you have emailed their teacher. This will ensure that the changes are made.

## PBIS

What is PBIS?

PBIS stands for Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports. It's a way for schools to create a positive and effective learning environment for students. The main idea behind PBIS is to teach kids the behaviors that are expected of them, just like they learn subjects like math or science. Here at Smith School, we:

1. Teach Positive Behavior: PBIS focuses on teaching kids what behaviors are expected in different situations. This includes things like being respectful, responsible, and safe (our school wide expectations).
2. Reinforcing Positive Behavior: When students show the expected behaviors, they receive positive reinforcement. This can be praise, rewards, or other positive responses (most popular is the bee sticker). The idea is to encourage good behavior by recognizing and rewarding it.
3. Have Consistent Expectations: PBIS helps to establish clear and consistent expectations for behavior across the school. This way, students know what is expected of them in every part of the school, from the classroom to the cafeteria to the playground (see our matrix below).
4. Support Early Intervention: If a student is struggling with behavior, PBIS provides early intervention strategies. Instead of just punishing students for misbehavior, PBIS looks at why the behavior is happening and provides support to help the student make better choices.
5. Create a Positive School Climate: Ultimately, PBIS aims to create a positive and supportive school climate where both students and teachers can thrive. It's not just about managing behavior; it's about creating an environment where everyone feels safe, respected, and ready to learn.



# Smith School Expectations



★	Arrival & Dismissal	Hallway & Stairs	Playground	Cafeteria	Bus	Classroom	Assemblies	Bathroom
<b>S A F E</b>	I will walk safely into and out of the building.	I will walk. I will stay in my line. I will walk up and down one stair at a time. I will keep personal space.	I will use equipment appropriately. I will stay within boundaries. I will have a safe body.	I will eat only my food. I will have a calm body. I will stay in my seat.	I will stay seated until my stop. I will keep hands, feet, and things to myself.	I will use materials appropriately. I will keep personal space.	I will keep appropriate personal space.	I will use the bathroom appropriately. I will wash my hands and put my paper towel in the trash can.
<b>R E S P O N S I B L E</b>	I will come prepared with the tools I need. I will come ready to learn.	I will walk on the right side. I will go directly to where I need to be.	I will dress appropriately for the weather. I will be a problem solver. I will line up when the signal is given.	I will be a problem solver. I will clean up my space. I will follow adult directions.	I will follow directions. I will be a problem solver. I will report any problems to the bus driver.	I will follow directions and classroom routines. I will be a problem solver. I will try my best.	I will be ready to listen.	I will report problems to an adult. I will do my business and get back to my classroom. I will flush when finished.
<b>R E S P E C T F U L</b>	I will treat others respectfully.	I will acknowledge others when spoken to. I will keep my hands to myself.	I will use kind language. I will take turns. I will be a good sport. I will follow the rules. I will respect nature.	I will use good manners. I will raise my hand if I need help.	I will use kind language. I will use a quiet voice.	I will show kindness to others. I will listen carefully while others speak. I will be considerate and honest.	I will celebrate others. I will be a respectful audience member.	I will respect the privacy of others.

## 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.

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

## 4th Grade

4th grade math students in Mrs. Hay's room have been working hard at solving multi-step word problems using addition, subtraction, and multiplication. We have taken a deep dive to identify key words and phrases that help us decide what operation is needed to solve the problem. We are now moving into division!! There are lots of fun games to play with just a deck of cards, or logging into your students' IXL account. Keep practicing those multiplication basic facts!!!

## Second grade news:

In Social Studies, second graders have been learning about mapping. This included learning the name of their town, state, country, and continent. They are learning cardinal direction, and created their very own compass rose.

In Science, they finished a unit on properties of materials. They had the opportunity to work in a small group to plan and assemble a monster using various materials. The monster had to fit certain criteria. Here they are hard at work!





## First Grade:

In Social Studies, this month we have learned about veterans and the branches of the military. Also, students loved learning about United States symbols such as the flag and the bald eagle. We have discussed how to be a good citizen at school and within our community. Students had great ideas to share! We are currently learning about gratitude.

In Math, First Graders continue to learn lots about solving addition and subtraction equations! They are currently learning a variety of strategies for solving subtraction equations specifically, such as: counting on, making 10 to subtract, learning fact families, and using addition to subtract. In our next unit, we will continue to work with equations. They will learn to prove if equations are true or false, find unknown numbers in equations, and solve word problems with three addends! You can help with our learning by continuing to practice counting and solving simple word problems at home!

In Reading, First Graders are learning to retell fiction stories. They are listening to books like Chrysanthemum by Kevin Henkes and Fritz and the Beautiful Horses by Jan Brett to practice retelling the beginning, middle, and end with a partner. Students have a daily reading time where they practice choosing “Just Right” books and reading those books for enjoyment; this is called Individualized Daily Reading (IDR). In Writing, First Graders are working on How To informational books. They have learned to start by thinking of an idea, making a list of things you need, and then writing the steps. Students have learned to add arrows and labels to their pictures to make the steps clear for the reader.

## Kindergarten

Kindergarteners have been working on animal habitats. So far we have learned about frogs and salmon. We will also be working on owls and wolves soon. In math we've been focusing on numbers 0-10 and are getting ready to start addition. In literacy we are working on beginning sounds, rhyming and high frequency words. In writing we are focusing on things we are thankful for!

## Harvest of the Month (October)

Mrs. Layman read Applesauce Day to classes during lunch. The Harvest of the Month featured menu item for October was Apples. We served applesauce and gave out apple stickers.



## 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!**





**ISO: A Coordinator for Big Brothers Big Sisters  
at Leroy Smith School  
Come join the fun!**

If you are...

- Friendly, caring, and want to see ALL kids realize their full potential
- Committed, responsible, and ready to have FUN for 2 hours per week
- Over 18 and have transportation

...we want to talk to you!

**\*\*change the lives of kids and teens in your community  
in just 2 hours a week!\*\***

Scan to learn more!



## 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. 22- Nov. 24: NO SCHOOL: Happy Thanksgiving

Thursday, Nov. 30: All School Share 8:00

Friday, Dec. 1: 1st trimester ends





**Friday, Dec. 8: Early Release 11:30.** Progress Reports come home.

Friday, Dec. 8: Kindergarten and 3rd grade family event (more details to come)!

Tuesday, December 19: All School Share 8:00

Friday, Dec. 22: Smith School will travel to Wagner for Winter Wonderland (a.m.)

## November Lunch Menu

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

Menus Subject to Change

For Questions or Concerns contact Kathy Kiltridge [kkiltridge@rsu22.us](mailto:kkiltridge@rsu22.us), 207.862.3543

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## 2023-2024 School Year Calendar



RSU #22: 2023-24 School Calendar

August					September					October				
M	T	W	Th	F	M	T	W	Th	F	M	T	W	Th	F
7	8	9	10	11					1	2	3	4	5	6
14	15	16	17	18					1 1	9	10	11	12	13
21	22	23	24	25	4	5	6	7	8	16	17	18	19	20
28	29	30	31		11	12	13	14	15	23	24	25	26	27
					18	19	20	21	22	30	31			
					25	26	27	28	29					

November					December					January				
M	T	W	Th	F	M	T	W	Th	F	M	T	W	Th	F
		1	2	3					1	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	4	5	6	7	8	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	11	12	13	14	15	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	18	19	20	21	22	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30		25	26	27	28	29	29	30	31		

February					March					April				
M	T	W	Th	F	M	T	W	Th	F	M	T	W	Th	F
			1	2					1	1	2	3	4	5
5	6	7	8	9	4	5	6	7	8	8	9	10	11	12
12	13	14	15	16	11	12	13	14	15	15	16	17	18	19
19	20	21	22	23	18	19	20	21	22	22	23	24	25	26
26	27	28	29		25	26	27	28	29	29	30			

May					June				
M	T	W	Th	F	M	T	W	Th	F
		1	2	3	3	4	5	6	7
6	7	8	9	10	10	11	12	13	14
13	14	15	16	17	17	18	19	20	21
20	21	22	23	24	24	25	26	27	28
27	28	29	30	31					

**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

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.

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

**November**

December				
M	T	W	Th	F
				1 <b>F</b>
4 <b>A</b>	5 <b>B</b>	6 <b>C</b>	7 <b>D</b>	8 Ear. Dis.
11 <b>E</b>	12 <b>F</b>	13 <b>A</b>	14 <b>B</b>	15 <b>C</b>
18 <b>D</b>	19 <b>E</b>	20 <b>F</b>	21 <b>A</b>	22 <b>B</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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