

# Smith Spectacular

OCTOBER 5, 2023

## REMINDER

No School; Monday, October 9 : Indigenous Peoples Day

## SCHOOL CLIMATE SURVEY

This is the same survey we sent out via paper last week. If you already completed one, thank you. If you have not, please complete the link below.

We want to hear about your experience with your student's education. We invite you to participate in completing the School Climate Survey. This survey includes questions about your student's learning, school safety, and interpersonal relationships as well as your attitudes about the institutional environment and your involvement in school. Your responses will be very helpful in improving student relationships, learning conditions, and the overall school environment.

The survey is **completely anonymous** and brief.

We appreciate your time to provide us with this valuable information to make Smith School the best it can be! Thank you!

<https://www.pbisassessment.org/Anon/pWy102j4Y80>



## CHANGES TO TITLE I SUPPORT:

This year at Smith School, we have moved from targeted Title I support to whole-school support. This means that more of our students will have the opportunity to work with our literacy specialists and Title I ed. techs both in and out of the classroom. Some teachers will be pulling small groups to work on targeted skills and others will be going into classrooms to support students by teaching reading lessons or running a small group learning station that is designed to help students reach grade-level expectations in either reading or math. These

groups will be flexible and change often to meet the needs of all of our students.

## 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.



## LITERACY UPDATE:

We have adopted a new reading program in grades K-2 this year. Being a Reader by Collaborative Classroom is a dynamic program that combines foundational reading skills, reading comprehension, and rich literature experiences to foster student's reading growth. As part of this program, students are receiving robust whole-group reading and vocabulary instruction and will be taking part in small-group teaching that is tailored to their individual needs. These small group lessons begin with text that supports the development of foundational skills and progress to more complicated text that encourages deeper comprehension. We are excited about this new program and all that it offers our students! Next year we will also be adopting this program for grades 3 through 5.



## 4TH GRADE

Fourth grade writers worked hard on their personal narratives in September! They worked to add sensory details and help their readers visualize their story. They had a chance to share their writing with their classmates and received kind, specific feedback. Way to go, fourth graders!

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN LEAD?

In LEAD classes, the year began with a focus on KINDNESS with our Kindness Kick-off! As we move into October, students will be focusing on RESPECT. Below is a family newsletter about this month's topic! If you are interested in learning more about our new Character Strong program, here's a link to the [Family Strong](#) website!

# RESPECT

## Family Newsletter

PurposeFULL  
People

### Respect Overview

This month's focus is Respect. One way to think about Respect is "seeing value in all people and things & treating them with care." Many people feel Respected in different ways. We hope this month inspires discussions with your family about what Respect means to you and how you can practice it together!

Respect 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.

### Conversation Starters



- Can you share or show what Respect means?
- What is 1 way you have practiced Respect lately?

### PurposeFull Pursuits

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

#1

A fun way to remind students to show Respect to others is to create a non-verbal cue. As a family, come up with a non-verbal way to cue your student to remember to show Respect to others. An example of this would be anytime you raise the "Respect Rooster" on your hand by closing the middle 2 fingers and bringing your pointer finger and pinky finger up, your student would be reminded to practice living out Respect.



#2

Review Respect as a family! In our lessons we are teaching that Respect means to see value in people and things and treat them with care. Agree as a family to set aside a certain time each day this week to unplug from devices and plug into family time. It shows Respect to practice being present in the moment without the distractions that can come from technology. Debrief and discuss this challenge afterward. Consider to embracing this practice at least 1 day each week!

## 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!



**Big Brothers Big Sisters.**  
OF MID-MAINE

## GREAT BODY SHOP - HEALTH

Please click on the button, then on your child's grade level to see what they will be learning about in The Great Body Shop this month.

# National School Lunch Week

## October 9-13

### SCHOOL LUNCH

VERSUS

### BAG LUNCH

NUTRITION & ECONOMICS

created by Jeannie Reilly, NDTR, SNS

#### National School Lunch Week

The National School Lunch Program (NSLP) serves nearly 30 million children every school day. President John F. Kennedy created National School Lunch Week (NSLW) in 1962 to promote the importance of a healthy school lunch in a child's life and the impact it has inside and outside of the classroom.



#### Fresh Fruit and Veggie Program



Two times a week we provide a fresh fruit or veggie snack to all the students in the classroom.

If you are interested in helping out we have a part time 2-4 hour a week job vacancy for this position. Contact the Superintendent's office to apply

 <p><b>Time Saving</b> 0 minutes of prep time at home... less stress in the morning</p>	 <p><b>One More Thing To Do Each Morning</b> Spending just 10 - 15 minutes prepping lunches = 30 - 40 hours per school year</p>
<p><b>School Meals</b> are required to meet high nutrition standards featuring whole grains, fruits &amp; vegetables &amp; milk</p>	<p><b>Studies Show Lunches</b> packed at home contained more sweetened beverages, snack chips, desserts, and refined grains</p> <p><small>Journal Nutrition &amp; Genetics - 11/2016</small></p>
<p><b>Provides:</b> More Protein More Calcium More Vitamin A More Fruits More Vegetable</p> <p><small>Journal of Nutrition Education &amp; Behavior Nov/Dec 2014</small></p>	<p><b>Provides:</b> More Calories More Fat More Saturated Fat More Sugar More Salty Snacks</p> <p><small>Journal of Nutrition Education &amp; Behavior Nov/Dec 2014</small></p>
<p><b>Average Price</b> Sliced Turkey &amp; Cheese Sandwich on whole grain bread, veggies &amp; dip, milk, fruit <b>\$0.00</b></p> <p><small>School Meals are currently available to all students at no cost.</small></p>	<p><b>Average Price</b> Comparable Menu including sandwich on whole grain bread, veggies &amp; dip, milk, fruit <b>\$3.46 - \$4.26</b></p> <p><small>Prices based on local grocery prices</small></p>



Menus can be found on the school website under the [resources](#) section, school nutrition

## 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.

Smith School Swag- place your order by October 16th

[https://leroysmithschool.itemorder.com/shop/home/?fbclid=IwAR20XqIytwYkHbHHu-06NFj1Hvsw4Pfp5CGTesVBUzN1DezLUgyLh\\_LV0aE](https://leroysmithschool.itemorder.com/shop/home/?fbclid=IwAR20XqIytwYkHbHHu-06NFj1Hvsw4Pfp5CGTesVBUzN1DezLUgyLh_LV0aE)

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

Currently - October 15: School Climate Survey open

<https://www.pbisassessment.org/Anon/pWy102j4Y80>

Sept. 25- October 13: Early Bird Screening (K&1)

October 2- October 27: NWEA all grades

October 6: No School (staff in-service)

October 9: No School: Indigenous Peoples' Day

## OCTOBER LUNCH MENU

## October Menu

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

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

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# 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 Ed Tech NT	25
28 M/I	29 TP	30 Gr. 1-9	31 Gr 1-12	

September

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

October

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

November

M	T	W	Th	F
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9 ED	10 H
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22 C	23 H	24 V
27	28	29	30	

December

M	T	W	Th	F
				1
4	5	6	7	8 ED
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25 H	26 V	27 V	28 V	29 V

January

M	T	W	Th	F
1 H	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12 I
15 H	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30	31		

February

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

March

M	T	W	Th	F
				1
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15 I
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

April

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

May

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

June

M	T	W	Th	F
3	4	5	6	7
10	11 ED	12 I	13	14
17	18	19 H	20	21
24	25	26	27	28

School Year

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

- 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)
- September 5 UTC First Day
- September 22 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
- 8/29, 10/8, 1/12, 3/15, 6/12 Inservice - no school
- June 9 Hampton Academy Graduation

- 1 45 days
- 2 43 days
- 3 44 days
- 4 46 days
- 178

- 8/30/23-12/1/23 61 days
  - 12/4/23-3/8/24 57 days
  - 3/11/24-6/11/24 60 days
  - 178
- 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.

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

## PRE-PLANNED ABSENCE FORM

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




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