



Smith Spectacular

January 9, 2026

January

It's hard to believe January is already here – and we even had a snow day! We have many exciting events coming up over the next few months.

- Beginning next week, we will participate in the WinterKids Play Along Track. Families who have joined us before know how much fun this is. If you're new, visit WinterKids.org to learn more. It's always an active, joyful time. On Monday we'll all wear red or pink to celebrate the WinterKids kickoff. The theme this year is HEART.
- Next week, Third Grade invites parents/caregivers to join Bee Our Guest for some classroom fun with your child. Information has been sent home. Please contact us with any questions.
- Reminders
 - No school Friday, January 16 (staff inservice)
 - No school Monday, January 19 (MLK Day)
- Winter MTYA/NWEA testing will take place on January 27 and January 29, beginning at 8:00 a.m. Please ensure your child arrives on time, well-rested, and ready to work. All grade levels participate.
- All School Share will be on January 28, an A day. We will keep it on that day regardless of a snow day or not.

Thank you – looking forward to a great month!

Get Ready for the 9th Annual WinterKids Winter Games!

January 12 – February 6, 2026



The WinterKids Winter Games is a four-week outdoor learning challenge that inspires thousands of Maine elementary students to move, learn, and explore during the **HEART** of winter.

Bring the joy of outdoor learning to your students this winter!

What's up at Smith School?

Library

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Just a reminder to help the kids bring their library book(s) back on time. When all students in a class bring their books back on time, they earn a point towards getting a bee buck to spend at the Bee Buck Booktique. When the whole class earns three points, they all get a bee buck to buy a brand new book to keep forever. If you have any questions about whether or not your child has a book out, please don't hesitate to email me at bmccrillis@rsu22.us to see if they do or do not have one checked out.



Art at Smith Elementary School!

Students at Smith School are always working towards understanding and including the elements of Art in their artworks. Recently, we also took some time to do a read (together) of Robert Frost's very famous poem "Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening". We read the book that Susan Jeffers created beautiful illustrations for the lines in Frost's poem. We talked about how illustrations (pictures in the book) can influence the meaning of the poem or story. Then each grade level included elements of art to create a snowy wooded illustration of their own (following directions). I will share the poem and a few Art examples from our students.





BEE-FIT News

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Students have been doing a great job during their BEE-Fit time! A big thank you to Ms. Rachel and Ms. Katie who are new BEE-Fit volunteers!



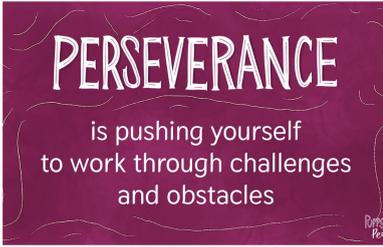
Did you know that students earn a point every time they participate in BEE FIT? Students who reach 5 on our new BEE-FIT chart will earn a special BEE-Fit sticker! They can then put their name in a bucket for a chance to have their name drawn to pick a fun prize! Students may earn extra chances to win by receiving extra BEE-Fit stickers for showing perseverance and great behavior during BEE-FIT. You never know when extra stickers will be awarded, so Mrs. Raymond hopes students keep trying their best and show great BEE-havior every time they come to BEE-FIT.

Be sure to arrive by 7:30 in order to participate in BEE-FIT and earn your points!



Character Strong

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This month our Character strong focus is PERSEVERANCE! Student will be learning lots of skill during LEAD classes to help them overcome challenging and keep doing their best even when something is difficult.

PERSEVERANCE

Family Newsletter

Perseverance Overview

This month is all about Perseverance. One way to think about Perseverance is "pushing yourself through challenges and obstacles." We all experience challenges in our lives. We all have moments when we feel like we can't do it or that we want to give up on a big task. It is important to develop tools that help us work through those challenges in order to grow in those moments instead of giving up. How might you practice Perseverance as a family this month?

Perseverance 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.

PurposeFull Pursuits

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

#1 Consistency is hard. Have each person in the family commit to 1 thing they will do each day this week. Maybe it is flossing, drinking a certain amount of water, getting to bed at a certain time, limiting screen time, or exercising. Create a place where each person can tally their progress and see who can keep their streak going the longest!

#2 Review Perseverance as a family! Remember that Perseverance is pushing yourself to work through challenges and obstacles. **Here's a fun challenge:** Can you fit your whole body through an index card? While it sounds impossible, with the correct folding and cutting technique, you can make it happen! Give each family member a 4x6 index card and a pair of scissors. Ready for the answer? You can find the directions and solution online by searching: "Fit Your Body Through an Index Card."

Conversation Starters

- Can you share or show what it means to have Perseverance?
- When working towards goals, how does Perseverance help us to reach them?

Wellness

Upcoming Events

Upcoming Events:

January 13: The Anxious Generation group discussion, Winterport Memorial Library, 5:30

January 15: Third Grade Bee Our Guest, 12:30-1:00

January 16: No School - staff inservice

January 19: No School (Holiday: Martin Luther King Jr. Day)

January 28: All School Share 8:00

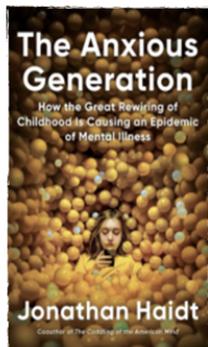
January 27 & January 29: MTYA/NWEA

February 11: PreK/Kindergarten Registration 12-4

March 5: NAPE (4th Grade)

Anxious Generation Discussion

JANUARY
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DO YOU ASK YOURSELF ANY OF THESE QUESTIONS?

- How are phones and screens affecting kids' emotions and well-being?
- What worries me most about the amount of screen time kids have?
- Are kids today getting enough time to play outdoors and explore freely?
- Which screen-time rules or routines actually work well in our home?
- How can families create a sense of calm, safety, and connection for kids?
- What can we do to help kids spend more time with friends in real-life settings?
- What do I want to learn about supporting kids and reducing their anxiety?

Winterport Memorial Library
5:30pm - 7pm

JOIN THE
GROUP DISCUSSION
**THE ANXIOUS
GENERATION**

Snacks will be provided

Hosted by: RSU 22, Leroy H. Smith School PIE, and Samuel L. Wagner Middle School
Pride Pack

PBIS Survey Results



Dear RSU 22 Families,

Thank you for participating in our Fall 2025 PBIS School Climate Survey! Your feedback is invaluable in helping us create the best possible learning environment for our students. We had strong participation across all our schools, and we are grateful for the time you took to share your thoughts and perspectives.

District-Wide Strengths

Our survey results show that families consistently recognize the strong commitment to safety across all our schools. Four of our six schools identified student safety traveling to and from school as a top strength, which reflects the hard work of our staff, bus drivers, and community members who help keep our students safe.

Families at our elementary schools particularly highlighted the clean and organized learning environments our teachers maintain, creating spaces where students can focus and thrive. We also see strong participation in parent-teacher conferences across our district, with families at three schools rating conference attendance as a top strength. These connections between home and school are essential to student success.

Areas for Growth

As we analyze the results, we see continued opportunities to strengthen family involvement in our schools. The survey question about "frequently volunteering to help on special projects" received lower ratings at five of our six schools. We recognize that the wording of this question—which is part of a national survey we cannot modify—may not capture the many ways families are already involved in supporting their students and our schools. Whether it's helping with homework, attending school events, communicating with teachers, or supporting learning at home, your involvement takes many forms and is deeply valued.

We are exploring clearer ways to communicate volunteer opportunities and would welcome your ideas about how families can best support our schools in ways that work for your schedules and strengths.

Your Voice Matters

We will conduct our next climate survey in Spring 2026, and we encourage you to participate again. Your feedback directly influences our improvement efforts and helps shape the future of our schools. Every response helps us better understand what's working well and where we can grow as a district.

Watch for the spring survey information in your email, in school newsletters, and on our district's social media channels. Together, we can continue to make our schools the best they can be for our students.

Thank you for your continued partnership in education,

Ms. Jennifer A. Nickerson
Director of Curriculum

Attendance

Title 1

2025 Parents Right To Know Annual Letter

2025 Annual Parent Assessment Letter

Title One Compact

Community Events

This website will provide you with 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.

Great Body Shop January

School Letter Days



January 2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
5 E	6 F	7 Snow Day	8 A	9 B
12 C	13 D	14 E	15 F	16 No school
19 No School	20 A	21 B	22 C	23 D
26 E	27 F	28 A	29 B	30 C

January Menu

School Meals with a Milk are offered at NO CHARGE Milk for Home lunch \$0.55		LEROY SMITH SCHOOL January Lunch Menu			Breakfast Entrée or Cereal Fruit, Juice, Milk
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
			1 HAPPY NEW YEAR! No School 	2 No School 	
5 Chicken Tenders Egg Noodles Buttered Carrots Salad & Fruit Bar	6 McSmith Sandwich Egg, Cheese, Ham on English Muffin Hash Brown Salad & Fruit Bar	7 Tacos Seasoned Chicken Cheddar Cheese Toppings Salad & Fruit Bar	8 Spaghetti & Meatsauce Garlic Breadstick  Salad & Fruit Bar	9 Pizza Chef's Choice Toppings Salad & Fruit Bar	
12 BBQ Chicken Smiley Potatoes Breadstick Salad & Fruit Bar	13 Mac & Cheese Garlic Breadstick  Salad & Fruit Bar	14 Pancakes Maine Blueberries Maple Syrup Sausage Patty Salad & Fruit Bar	15 Pizza Chef's Choice Toppings Salad & Fruit Bar	16 INSERVICE No School 	
19 No School  Martin Luther King Jr Day	20 Cheese Breadsticks Marinara Dipping Sauce  Salad & Fruit Bar	21 Hamburger Cheeseburger French Fries Salad & Fruit Bar	22 Teriyaki Chicken Lo Mein Egg Roll Fortune Cookie Salad & Fruit Bar	23 Pizza Chef's Choice Toppings Salad & Fruit Bar	
26 French Toast Sticks Sausage Patty Maple Syrup Salad & Fruit Bar	27 Chicken Sandwich with Chick Sauce Waffle Fries Salad & Fruit Bar	28 Chicken & Rice Soup Dinner Roll Sugar Cookie Salad & Fruit Bar	29 Hot Dog Crinkle Cut Fries  Salad & Fruit Bar	30 Pizza Chef's Choice Toppings Salad & Fruit Bar	
<i>Alternate Menu Choices - Peanut Butter & Jelly Meal and Daily Chef's Special</i>					
Menu Subject to Change This institution is an equal opportunity provider	Fruit & Salad Bar Always Offered 	Menu Subject to Change This institution is an equal opportunity provider			

2025-2026 School Calendar

RSU #22: 2025-26 School Calendar

August					September					October				
M	T	W	Th	F	M	T	W	Th	F	M	T	W	Th	F
4	5	6	7	8	1 H	2 (Pre-K + K 1st day)	3	4	5			1	2	3
11	12	13	14	15	8	9	10	11	12	6	7	8	9	10 I
18	19 Sped	20	21 Ed Techs	22 TP	15	16	17	18	19	13 H	14	15	16	17
25	26 M	27 NT	28 Gr 1-9 UTC	29	22	23	24	25	26	20	21	22	23	24
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November					December					January				
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24	25 V	26 C	27 H	28 V	22	23 ED	24 V	25 H	26 V	19 H	20	21	22	23
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February					March					April				
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16	17 H	18 V	19 V	20 V	16	17	18	19	20	13	14	15	16	17 ED
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May					June					School Year Summary				
M	T	W	Th	F	M	T	W	Th	F	School Year				
4	5	6	7	8	1	2	3	4	5	178* Student Days				
11	12	13	14	15	8	9	10	11 ED	12	1 Management Day				
18	19	20	21	22 ED	15	16	17	18	19 H	1 Teacher Preparation Day				
25	26 H	27	28	29	22	23	24	25	26	4 Inservice Days				
										1 Teacher Comp Day				
										(* 3 storm days included)				

August 18 Fall Sports
 August 19, 20, 21 Teacher Orientation (8/19 Sped only)
 August 21 Educational Technicians start date
 August 22 Teacher Prep
 August 25 Management Day
 August 26 Staff Inservice day
 August 27 Partial Attendance (Gr 1-9 students)
 August 28 Full Attendance (Pre-K - K First Day)
 September 2 UTC First Day
 November 26 Teacher Comp Time (no school)
 11/25, 12/23, 2/13, 4/17, 5/22, 6/11 In Teacher Inservice Day, No School
 8/22, 9/25, 9/28, 10/10, 1/16, 3/13 Inservice - No school
 June 7 Hampden Academy Graduation
 June 11 Last Student Day

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

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 H=Holiday, V=Vacation Day
 ED=Early Dismissal
 In Teacher Inservice Day, No School
 NT=New Teacher Training, No School
 TP=Teacher Prep Day, No School
 M=Management Day, No School, C=Teacher Comp Day, No School

Quarters Q
 Trimesters T
 8/27/25-11/21/25 59 days
 11/24/25-3/12/26 61 days
 3/16/26-6/11/26 58 days
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Dawn is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters