



# Smith Spectacular Express

May 1, 2026

It's hard to believe it is already May! If the saying is true that April showers bring May flowers, we should be in for a beautiful May! The end of the year is coming fast. Only 6 weeks left - how can that be. We have a lot of fun, educational experiences coming up. Please review our Upcoming Events to see all the activities on the docket.



Thank you to our entire school community, students, staff, and families, for your cooperation and composure during this week's lockdown. Your response to our safety protocols ensured everyone's wellbeing. We appreciate your trust and continued commitment to keeping Smith School safe.

## Smith School Climate Survey

We value your perspective and invite you to participate in the **Smith School Climate Survey**. This brief, anonymous survey asks about your student's learning, school safety, relationships, and your views on our school environment and community involvement. You may remember filling out the survey in the fall. We compare the surveys to help us see our growth as well as areas we need to improve.

Your feedback is essential to help us enhance student relationships, improve learning conditions, and create a positive school community.

If you have children at multiple RSU22 schools, please complete one survey per school. You may include all your children attending the same school in a single survey, as each school uses its own results to guide improvements.

Please submit your survey by **May 20, 2026**.

Thank you!

[Smith School Climate Survey](#)

*What's happening at Smith School*

## **Current Grade 3 & 4 students: Virtual Summer School Opportunity**

RSU 22 is very pleased to offer a wonderful summer learning opportunity to help in the fight against summer learning loss. Virtual Summer School (VSS) offers a simple, fun, and engaging way for any student in RSU 22 currently in grades 3-5 to continue their learning throughout the summer. Students earn points by completing their weekly assignments by the due date. By consistently working on assignments throughout VSS, students have the chance to win lots of great prizes! The program is virtual so students can complete all assignments from home, or anywhere with an Internet connection!

**DATES:** VSS runs for four weeks starting on Monday, July 6th and ending on Sunday, August 2nd. Weekly assignments will be posted on Google Classroom each Monday at 5:00AM and will be due by the following Sunday.

**PRIZES:** Students earn points for completing weekly assignments (up to 100 points each week). The more points they earn, the more prizes they are eligible for!

**REGISTRATION:** If you wish to register your child for Virtual Summer School, please fill out by June 1st. Registrations can still be taken after June 1st, but it is helpful to ensure that our team has everything prepared in time to complete the first week's assignments on time. A registration is needed for each child signing up for VSS.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfCfTeRvUy5yrwKWJCvkOFD76JDUs256LJoT6WdEc-7c\\_oVZw/viewform?usp=header](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfCfTeRvUy5yrwKWJCvkOFD76JDUs256LJoT6WdEc-7c_oVZw/viewform?usp=header)

(PreK - 2 students will receive Bingo packets for summer fun!)

*Wellness*



## BEYOND THE BANDAIDS

Ms. Dominique RN, BSN & Mrs. Sarborn-Gordy, HealthAid

### "Tick-Talk" from your School Nurse - Part 1

Ticks made their first appearance in the southern counties of Maine in the 1980s. 16 species of ticks have now been identified in Maine! Although ticks can be active anytime the temperature is above freezing, take extra precautions in May, June, and July. This is when ticks that transmit Lyme disease are most active. While you're enjoying the health benefits of being active, take the time to protect your health by preventing the spread of tick-borne diseases!

**Prevention of Lyme disease and other tick-borne illnesses begins with you!** When you are out, take these steps to prevent being bitten by ticks:

#### Avoid areas with a lot of ticks

o Ticks prefer wooded and bushy areas with high grass and a lot of leaf litter. If you do enter a tick area, walk in the center of the trail to avoid contact with overgrown grass, brush, and leaf litter.

#### Keep Ticks Off Your Skin

o Wear long pants, long sleeves, and long socks to keep ticks off your skin. Light-colored clothing will help you spot ticks more easily. Tucking pant legs into socks or boots and tucking shirts into pants help keep ticks on the outside of clothing. If you'll be outside for an extended period of time, tape the area where your pants and socks meet to prevent ticks from crawling under your clothes.  
o Speak to your provider regarding the best insect repellent for you and your family. Use repellents according to the instructions given on the product label.

#### Check your skin and clothes for ticks every day

o Check yourself, your children and your pets for ticks after coming inside. Pay particular attention to areas between the toes, back of the knees, groin, armpits, neck, along the hairline, and behind the ears. Deer ticks are small! Adult ticks are approximately the size of a sesame seed. If you have poor vision, use a magnifying glass.

o If you find a tick attached to your skin, don't panic. Use a pair of fine point tweezers to grip the tick as



close to the skin as possible and pull straight out with steady pressure.

DO NOT touch the tick with your bare hands.

DO NOT squeeze the body of the tick as this may increase your risk of infection.

DO NOT put alcohol, nail polish remover or Vaseline on the tick.

DO NOT put a hot match or cigarette on the tick

DO NOT use your fingers to remove the tick.

o Remove ticks from your clothes before going indoors. To kill ticks that you may have missed, wash your clothes with hot water and dry them using high heat for at least one hour.

o If a tick is attached to your skin for less than 24 hours, your chance of getting Lyme disease is extremely small. But just to be safe, monitor your health closely after a tick bite. Talk to your provider if you develop a rash where you were bitten or experience symptoms such as fever, headache, fatigue, or sore and aching muscles after a tick bite.

## Upcoming Events

May 8: First Grade Field Trip (am) -Witter Farm, 4th to Wagner 9:45-11:25

May 11: 4th grade to BSO

PIE meeting 5:30

May 13: NWEA 8:00

May 14:3rd grade to Penobscot Marine Museum (morning)

May 19: NWEA 8:00

May 20: Special Olympics (HA)

May 22: Bee Our Guest 1st grade 10:30

Early Dismissal 11:30

May 25: No School

May 27: Variety Show Dress Rehearsal

May 28: Variety Show School Performance 8:15am: Variety Show Family Performance 6pm

May 29: 4th grade to UMaine

May 29: Kindergarten to Moose Point

June 2: East Coast Tour 8:00 (Smith Gym)

June 4: Blackbird Beats - Interactive Musical Performance (Gym)

June 5: Field Day, 4th to Wagner 10:50-1:00

June 6: 4th Grade Celebration Party (put together by parents) 4-8 PM

June 9: 2nd Grade to Fort Knox

June 10: PIE in the Face and 4th Grade All School

June 11: Last Day of School; Early Dismissal 11:30; 4th Grade All School

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## *RSU 22 Budget Meeting Information*

### **RSU 22 FY27 Proposed Budget – Stay Informed & Get Involved!**

Join us for an in-depth look at the proposed FY27 budget, including a **review of all articles** and important financial insights that impact our community.

#### **Special Highlight:**

Hampden Town Council Member **Dr. Eric Jarvi** breaks down the **mill rate and tax calculations**—helping you better understand how the budget affects you.

**Watch the April 30, 2026, Budget Meeting** (including the mill rate presentation):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kbKxt6GBcXM>

**Access all meeting documents here:**

[https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1iXYDRA5hMOFiTs\\_tnHZHXrB6ZSzSk4tq](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1iXYDRA5hMOFiTs_tnHZHXrB6ZSzSk4tq)

Your voice matters—**stay informed, ask questions, and be part of the process!**

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### **Cyr Bus Note**

Please click to read a message from Cyr Bus regarding safety. Thank you.

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### **PIE**

Looking ahead, please note that our **next PIE meeting will be held on May 11, 2026**. We'd love to see you there and appreciate everyone's continued support and involvement.

### **Champions Fall Enrollment**

**CHAMPIONS.**

# WE'RE YOUR ONE-STOP SHOP FOR LEARNING AND FUN.

## FALL ENROLLMENT IS OPEN!

-  Safe and sound environments
-  Talented and nurturing teachers
-  STEM skills galore
-  Inside (and outside) play
-  Help with homework
-  Reliable year-round programs
-  Flexible scheduling

Extend your child's education through our research-based curriculum! We partner with them to master important skills like problem-solving, staying organized, and building friendships. The outcome? Brighter futures for your kiddo in school—and in life.

| [Program/Location] | [Days/Dates & Hours]             | [Rates]                                    |
|--------------------|----------------------------------|--|
| Leroy Smith School | Monday-Friday<br>2:00 PM-6:00 PM | 1-2 Days \$60, 3 Days \$90, 4-5 Days \$100 |
|                    |                                  |  |
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## FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE OPTIONS

Explore the many ways Champions® makes tuition more affordable by accepting financial aid and providing discounts such as employer, sibling, military, and more. Eligibility may vary; talk to your Site Director for more details.

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## Title 1

2025-2026 Parents' Right To Know Annual Letter

2025-2026 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.








*School Letter Days*



# May 2026

| Monday       | Tuesday     | Wednesday   | Thursday    | Friday             |
|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------------|
| 4 <b>F</b>   | 5 <b>A</b>  | 6 <b>B</b>  | 7 <b>C</b>  | 8 <b>D</b>         |
| 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 Early Dismissal |
| 25 No School | 26 <b>B</b> | 27 <b>C</b> | 28 <b>D</b> | 29 <b>E</b>        |
|              |             |             |             |                    |

*May Menu*

| School Meals with a Milk are offered at NO CHARGE<br>Milk for Home lunch \$0.55   |   | LEROY SMITH SCHOOL<br>May Lunch Menu  |  |  | Breakfast<br>Entrée or Cereal<br>Fruit, Juice, Milk                           |
|---|---|---|--|--|---|
| Monday  | Tuesday   | Wednesday   | Thursday   | Friday   |   |
| <b>RSU 22 Wins State Competition</b><br>The Farm to School Cook-Off is sponsored by the Maine Child Nutrition Program, and challenges school food service teams to create a hot lunch and breakfast item that meets nutritional standards and  |   |   |  | 1  | <b>Pizza</b><br><i>Chef's Choice Toppings</i><br>Pudding<br>Salad & Fruit Bar |
| 4   | 5   | 6   | 7  | 8  |   |
| <b>Chicken Nuggets</b><br>French Fries<br><br>Salad & Fruit Bar   | <b>Mac &amp; Cheese</b><br><i>with a Hot Dog</i><br>Garlic Breadstick<br><br>Salad & Fruit Bar | <b>Beef &amp; Gravy</b><br>with Egg Noodles<br>Dinner Roll<br><i>Pudding Cup</i><br>Salad & Fruit Bar | <b>Hamburger Cheeseburger</b><br>French Fries<br><br>Salad & Fruit Bar   | <b>Pizza</b><br><br><i>Chef's Choice Toppings</i><br>Salad & Fruit Bar |   |
| 11  | 12  | 13  | 14   | 15   |   |
| <b>Deli Day</b><br>Sandwiches featuring<br><i>Ham &amp; Turkey</i><br>Chips<br>Salad & Fruit Bar  | <b>McSmith Sandwich</b><br><i>Egg, Cheese, Ham on English Muffin</i><br>Hash Brown<br>Salad & Fruit Bar   | <b>Tacos</b><br>Seasoned Beef<br>Cheddar Cheese<br><i>Toppings</i><br>Salad & Fruit Bar               | <b>Cheesy Breadsticks</b><br><i>Marinara Dipping Sauce</i><br><br>Salad & Fruit Bar  | <b>Pizza</b><br><br><i>Chef's Choice Toppings</i><br>Salad & Fruit Bar |   |
| 18  | 19  | 20  | 21   | 22   |   |
| <b>Pasta &amp; Meat Sauce</b><br>Garlic Breadstick<br>Parmesan Cheese<br><br>Salad & Fruit Bar  | <b>Chicken Burger</b><br>French Fries<br><br>Salad & Fruit Bar  | <b>Waffles</b><br><i>Maple Syrup</i><br>Sausage<br>Blueberries<br>Salad & Fruit Bar                   | <b>Pizza</b><br><br><i>Chef's Choice Toppings</i><br>Salad & Fruit Bar   | <b>Early Dismissal</b><br>Snack Pack to go                             |   |
| 25  | 26  | 27  | 28   | 29   |   |
| <b>Memorial Day</b><br><i>No School</i><br>  | <b>French Toast Sticks</b><br>Sausage Patty<br>Maple Syrup<br><br>Salad & Fruit Bar   | <b>Hamburger Cheeseburger</b><br>French Fries<br><br>Salad & Fruit Bar                                | <b>Chicken Nuggets</b><br>French Fries<br><br>Salad & Fruit Bar  | <b>Pizza</b><br><br><i>Chef's Choice Toppings</i><br>Salad & Fruit Bar |   |
| <i>Alternate Menu Choices - Peanut Butter &amp; Jelly Meal and Daily Chef's Special</i>   |   |   |  |  |   |
| <b>Harvest of the Month</b><br><br><b>Blueberries</b><br><br>Maine is the worlds largest producer of wild blueberries   | <b>Fruit &amp; Salad Bar</b><br><b>Always Offered</b><br>                                     | <i>Menu Subject to Change</i><br><br>This institution is an equal opportunity provider                |  <b>Did You Know?</b> <br>Memorial Day originated after the Civil War, as a way to honor fallen soldiers. It was known as Decoration Day. It now serves as a reminder of the sacrifices made by all American service members and their families. |  |   |

## 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    |
|          |         |       |               |       | 29        | 30                    |      |       |      | 27                        | 28   | 29   | 30   | 31    |
|          |         |       |               |       |           |                       |      |       |      |                           |      |      |      |       |
| November |         |       |               |       | December  |                       |      |       |      | January                   |      |      |      |       |
| M        | T       | W     | Th            | F     | M         | T                     | W    | Th    | F    | M                         | T    | W    | Th   | F     |
| 3        | 4       | 5     | 6             | 7     | 1         | 2                     | 3    | 4     | 5    |                           |      |      | 1 H  | 2     |
| 10       | 11 H    | 12    | 13            | 14    | 8         | 9                     | 10   | 11    | 12   | 5                         | 6    | 7    | 8    | 9     |
| 17       | 18      | 19    | 20            | 21    | 15        | 16                    | 17   | 18    | 19   | 12                        | 13   | 14   | 15   | 16 I  |
| 24       | 25 ED   | 26 C  | 27 H          | 28 V  | 22        | 23 ED                 | 24 V | 25 H  | 26 V | 19 H                      | 20   | 21   | 22   | 23    |
|          |         |       |               |       | 29        | 30 V                  | 31 V |       |      | 26                        | 27   | 28   | 29   | 30    |
| February |         |       |               |       | March     |                       |      |       |      | April                     |      |      |      |       |
| M        | T       | W     | Th            | F     | M         | T                     | W    | Th    | F    | M                         | T    | W    | Th   | F     |
| 2        | 3       | 4     | 5             | 6     | 2         | 3                     | 4    | 5     | 6    |                           |      | 1    | 2    | 3     |
| 9        | 10      | 11    | 12            | 13 ED | 9         | 10                    | 11   | 12    | 13 I | 6                         | 7    | 8    | 9    | 10    |
| 16       | 17 H    | 18 V  | 19 V          | 20 V  | 16        | 17                    | 18   | 19    | 20   | 13                        | 14   | 15   | 16   | 17 ED |
| 23       | 24      | 25    | 26            | 27    | 23        | 24                    | 25   | 26    | 27   | 20                        | 21 H | 22 V | 23 V | 24 V  |
|          |         |       |               |       | 30        | 31                    |      |       |      | 27                        | 28   | 29   | 30   |       |
| 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      | 27    | 28            | 29    | 22        | 23                    | 24   | 25    | 26   | 4 Inservice Days          |      |      |      |       |
|          |         |       |               |       |           |                       |      |       |      | 1 Teacher Comp Day        |      |      |      |       |
|          |         |       |               |       |           |                       |      |       |      | (* 3 storm days included) |      |      |      |       |

**August**  
 August 18  
 August 19, 20, 21  
 August 21  
 August 22  
 August 25  
 August 26  
 August 27  
 August 28  
 September 2  
 November 26  
 11/25, 12/23, 2/13, 4/17, 5/22, 6/11  
 8/22, 9/25, 9/28, 10/10, 1/16, 3/13  
 June 7  
 June 11

**Fall Sports**  
 Teacher Orientation (8/19 Sped only)  
 Educational Technicians start date  
 Teacher Prep  
 Management Day  
 Staff Inservice day  
 Partial Attendance (Gr 1-9 students)  
 Full Attendance (Pre-K - K First Day)  
 UTC First Day  
 Teacher Comp Time (no school)  
 Early Dismissal  
 Inservice - No school  
 Hampden Academy Graduation  
 Last Student Day

**Quarters Q**  
 1 45 days  
 2 46 days  
 3 44 days  
 4 43 days

**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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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

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