



SMITH SPECTACULAR

October 2, 2026

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SMITH SCHOOL

Third Grade

Third graders have been working hard to settle into new routines! In math, we have started the year strong by focusing on multiplication. Third graders have practiced a variety of multiplication strategies, such as skip counting, using arrays, noticing patterns, and drawing pictures to solve multiplication problems. We have also worked on strategies for solving word problems.

In reading and writing, we are working on building a classroom community, reading a variety of genres, learning to pick good-fit books, and noticing our thinking as we read. We have been building strong listening skills and showing appreciation for our classmates and their work. We are off to a great start!

Building a Reader At Home

Explore Books!

Give your child an opportunity to explore books. Visiting a library or bookstore gives your child a chance to find books that interest them.

Read, read, read!

Make sure to read for at least 20 minutes per day! Students can read independently, aloud to an adult, or back and forth with a partner.

Ask Questions!

- Predictions
- Characters
- Main Idea
- Problem/Solution
- Moral
- Retell Story
- Genre

Pick Good Fit Books

A book that is a good match for your child should meet the following requirements:

(1) Purpose for reading (2) Interest (3) Can they understand what they are reading? Can they retell the story? (4) Do they know most of the words?

For Beginning Readers:

- Point out and read words in natural settings- stories, streets, etc.
 - Memorize sight words
 - Visualize the story in your head
 - Ask questions before, during, and after
- Don't immediately tell an unknown word to your student. Instead, ask them to:
- Sound out the word
 - Break the word into chunks
 - Try a different vowel sound (long/short)
 - Use illustrations for clues
 - Skip the word, re-read sentence, and go back- what word would make sense?

For Advanced Readers:

- Notice interesting, new vocabulary words, and make it a challenge to use them in conversation
- Read with expression
- Explore non-fiction books and their text features (diagrams, table of content, etc.) along with other genres as well
- Compare and contrast books
 - Discuss connections
- Explore multiple books from the same author



PIE

Our parent organization (PIE: Partners In Education) will hold its monthly meetings on the second Monday of each month (the only exception is October; it will be the first Monday). PIE is always looking for more members. Meetings take place in the Smith School teachers' lounge from 5:00-6:00. We hope to see you there! October's Meeting: Monday, October 5, 5:00 in the Smith School Teachers' Lounge.



Smith School Gear

[Click here to see what you can purchase](#)

ATTENDANCE

Smith School Attendance Update:

Last year at Smith School, 18% of students were considered chronically absent. (Missing 10% or more of school days during the year). This year, our goal is to reduce this number to 15% or less!

Even missing a couple of days each month can add up fast.

Bee On Time.....

Are You Our Next Morning Worker Bee? 🐝

Help Your Child Bee Here, Bee On Time, & Bee Ready to Learn!

Dear Parents and Guardians,

At Smith School, our students thrive when they are part of the school hive every single day! We know that getting kids up, dressed, and out the door on time takes monumental effort.

To celebrate your hard work, we are launching our Parent Attendance Awards!

✴️ How to Earn Your Wings (The Criteria)

Your family can be entered into a drawing each Month by meeting one of these goals:

- The Perfect Hive: 100% on-time attendance with zero unexcused absences or tardies.
- The High-Flying Bee: 95% or higher attendance (missing one day or less).

The Sweet Rewards

Winning parents will be randomly drawn from our qualifying pool to receive some fun prizes! Names will be drawn at each All School Share starting in October!

Thank you for being our ultimate partners in learning. Let's keep our school hive buzzing together!



Every Day Counts!!

Showing up to school every day is critical for children's well-being, engagement and learning.

Make sure to send children to school if they are:

- Generally healthy and well.
- Participating in usual day-to-day activities.
- Children can even go to school if they:
 - Have a mild cold, which may include a runny nose and/or cough.
 - Have eye drainage without fever, eye pain or eyelid redness.
 - Have a mild stomachache.
 - Have a mild rash with no other symptoms.
 - Have head lice. Though they are annoying and should be treated, lice are not a reason to exclude a child from school.
- Haven't had a fever in 24 hours and they have not taken fever-reducing medicine during that time.

Avoid keeping children at home unless they are too sick to participate. Please see the back of this handout for details. Note that in most situations, a health-care provider's note is not needed to return.

Children may also avoid school due to anxiety (symptoms may include decreased appetite, feeling tired, stomachache, headache etc). If you are worried that your child may be suffering from anxiety, talk with your teacher, the school nurse, social worker or other school staff to discuss the challenge and identify what can help your child stay in school.

If your child has a compromised immune system or is at high risk for complications from common illnesses, please talk to your school (school nurse if available) about developing a plan with you and your child's health-care provider to keep your child healthy and safe while attending school.

Please note: This document is not meant to take the place of local health department/school district guidance including about contagious illnesses such as Covid-19 and the flu.

What is my symptom?	When should I stay home and when to seek medical care?	When can I return to school?
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Fever	I have a fever of 100.4°F (38°C) or higher. Seek medical care if I have fever and any of the following: ear pain, sore throat, rash, stomachache, headache or tooth pain.	If I have not had a fever for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication and I am feeling better.
Vomiting and/or diarrhea	If I have vomited 2 or more times in the last 24 hours. If my stool is watery and I may not make it to the toilet in time. Seek medical care if I have stomach cramping and fever, I have bloody or black stool, or I am showing signs of dehydration (tired and sleepy, dry mouth and not urinating at least once in the last 8 hours).	If I did not vomit overnight and I am able to drink liquids without throwing up. If my diarrhea has improved.
Persistent cough or trouble breathing	Seek medical care if I have a persistent cough, difficulty breathing or trouble catching my breath or if I develop a fever with the cough. These symptoms may be signs of Covid-19 or flu and should be evaluated by a health-care provider.	Once I am feeling better and I have been cleared for return by my health-care provider. If my symptoms were due to asthma, please make sure that I have permission to use breathing medication at school.
Rash	Seek medical care if the rash has blisters, is draining, is painful, looks like bruises and/or if I develop a fever.	Rash has healed or I have been cleared for return by my health-care provider.
Eye irritation	Seek medical care if I have eye swelling, eye pain, trouble seeing or an eye injury.	Once I am feeling better.
Sore throat	Seek medical care if I have drooling, trouble swallowing or a fever and/or rash.	Once I am feeling better. If I was prescribed an antibiotic by my health-care provider, then I can return 12 hours after the first dose, if I am without fever and I am feeling better.

If you don't know whether to send your child to school or have specific concerns regarding your child's health, contact your child's health-care provider, a local urgent care or the school nurse.

Plan Ahead 2026-2027



RSU 22 greatly values instructional time, and our students benefit from consistent attendance. When looking ahead to the 26-27 school year, please consider these dates when planning holidays, appointments, and vacations.

HOLIDAYS & IN-SERVICE DAYS

LABOR DAY

NO SCHOOL
MONDAY, 9/7/26

INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S DAY

EARLY DISMISSAL
FRIDAY, 10/9/26

NO SCHOOL
MONDAY, 10/12/26

VETERANS' DAY

NO SCHOOL
WEDNESDAY, 11/11/26

MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY

NO SCHOOL
MONDAY, 1/18/27

IN-SERVICE DAY - NO SCHOOL
FRIDAY, 3/12/26

MEMORIAL DAY

EARLY DISMISSAL
FRIDAY, 5/28/27

NO SCHOOL
MONDAY, 5/31/27

VACATIONS

THANKSGIVING

EARLY DISMISSAL
TUESDAY, 11/24/26

NO SCHOOL
11/25 - 11/27/26

WINTER BREAK

NO SCHOOL
12/23/26 - 1/1/27

FEBRUARY BREAK

EARLY DISMISSAL
FRIDAY, 2/12/27

NO SCHOOL
2/15-2/19/27

APRIL BREAK

EARLY DISMISSAL
FRIDAY, 4/16/27

NO SCHOOL
4/19-4/23/27

EARLY DISMISSAL & TENTATIVE
LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
FRIDAY, 6/11/27

Parent notification of Planned Absence

This must be filled out and turned in to the office for planned absences of 3 or more days. Thank you.

Great Body Shop: October 2026

[Click here for the GBS family newsletter](#)

WELLNESS

Fire Prevention Week, October 4-10, 2026

Tips for Fire Safety

- ★ Install smoke alarms on every level of your home, inside bedrooms and outside sleeping areas.
- ★ Test smoke alarms every month. If they're not working, change the batteries.
- ★ Replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old or stop responding when tested.
- ★ Talk with all family members about a fire escape plan and practice the plan twice a year.
- ★ If a fire occurs in your home, GET OUT, STAY OUT and CALL FOR HELP.

Resource for families with children of all ages:

<https://sparkyschoolhouse.org/for-families/>

Link to the National Fire Protection Association:

<https://www.nfpa.org/events/fire-prevention-week>

RSU 22 FAMILY RESOURCE NIGHT

Open Doors

Support for your family today, pathways for your student beyond the school doors.



THURSDAY

**October
22**

TIME

**4–6
PM**

LOCATION

**Hampden
Academy**

89 Western Avenue, Hampden, ME 04444

Two Featured Presentations

Attend one, both, or just gather resources!

4:15–4:45 PM

Behavioral Health Home Case Management

Resources to support your whole family

PRESENTED BY
PENQUIS



5:00–5:45 PM

Transition to Adulthood

Services available for students beyond high school

PRESENTED BY UCP OF
MAINE



Visit Agency Resource Tables

Agencies from Penobscot & Waldo County will have tables open all evening, even during the presentations. Stop by to ask questions and take home helpful information and materials on:

 Behavioral Health Professionals

 Mental Health Providers

 Case Management

 Guardianship

 Vocational Rehabilitation

 Adult Services

FREE All families & students welcome!

Questions? Contact the
Office of Special Services • 862-2774

Note from the Nurse

If you have questions about any dental health programs we offer, please reach out to me, and I can help you!

Kassandra Dominique BSN, RN, NBCSN

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Subject: Important Update Regarding Unsolicited Food at RSU #22

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The health, safety, and well-being of our students is our top priority. We are writing to inform you that, according to the RSU #22 Wellness Regulation, we will "Not allow unsolicited food for children in the schools during the school day".

In order to maintain a safe environment for students with severe food allergies and to ensure equitable practices during celebrations we will be adhering to this "no outside food" rule for all classrooms and school events.

Going forward, please adhere to the following guidelines:

- No Outside Food: Only snacks and home lunches for your student are permissible.
- No Homemade Treats: Homemade cakes, cupcakes, or baked goods are no longer permitted to be brought in and shared with the class.
- Celebrations and Birthdays: If you would like to celebrate your child's birthday or a special milestone, please consider non-food alternatives such as donating a book to the classroom library, handing out stickers, or bringing in pencils.

Please note that this policy helps us protect children with life-threatening allergies and ensures that all students are included equally in classroom activities.

If your child has specific dietary restrictions, medical conditions, or requires accommodations, please contact the school nurse or main office so we can make the necessary arrangements.

Thank you for your understanding, cooperation, and partnership in keeping our school a safe and healthy place to learn.

Incredible 5-Point Scale

At Smith School, we use the Incredible 5-Point Scale to help your child understand and express their emotions. This simple tool teaches students to recognize how they're feeling and gives them strategies to manage their emotions in healthy ways. By learning to identify their feelings, students can make better choices about how to respond and stay calm throughout their day.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, October 5: PIE meeting 5:00-6:00

10/4-10/10: Fire Prevention Week

Friday, October 9: Early Release, 11:30

Wednesday, October 14: Apple Crunch Day (Everyone will crunch an apple at 12:00)

Monday, October 12: No School, Indigenous Peoples' Day

Friday, October 23: Boo Bingo, 5:30-7:00 PM

Volunteer

We are always looking for volunteers to help with photocopying and laminating. If you are interested, please fill out a volunteer form, and we'll be in touch. [Volunteer Form](#)

Lunch and Tardies

If your child arrives after 10:00 AM, we will only be able to offer a choice lunch - PB&J (rather than the main hot meal) because of the additional prep time needed for the main entree. Please note the only difference is the entree — all students will still have access to the salad bar. Thank you.

Dismissal Reminder/Change of plans

If your child will have a change in their after-school plans, the office must be notified no later than 1:00 PM. This will ensure that your child's updated schedule reaches their classroom teacher on time. Thank you for your cooperation. Please send all changes to afternoon plans to:

Smithoffice@rsu22.us.

"Bell to Bell Law"

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.

Parent Handbook

[View the Parent Handbook](#)

SCHOOL LETTER DAYS



October



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1 E	2 F
5 A	6 B	7 C	8 D	9 Early Dismissal
12 Holiday	13 E	14 F	15 A	16 B
19 C	20 D	21 E	22 F	23 A
26 B	27 C	28 D	29 E	30 F

OCTOBER MENU

OCTOBER		LEROY SMITH SCHOOL		2026	
BREAKFAST					
Includes Juice, Milk, Cereal, Fruit, Grains, & More. Each day of the week has a feature that rotates monthly.					
Banana Bread	Mini Pancakes	Egg Sandwich	Muffins	Warm Donuts	
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
LUNCH					
Includes Milk, Fruit, and Salad Bar each day. Check the cafeteria menu board for Chef's Specials and Peanut Butter & Jelly Meal.					
SALAD & FRUIT BAR Offered at Lunch Every Day 		1 DELI SANDWICHES choice of Ham, Turkey, Cheese & Veggie toppings Pickled Red Onions Chips		2 Pizza Cheese, Pepperoni, & Special 	
5 Chicken Sandwich Crispy chicken on a whole grain bun with choice of sauces and toppings. Smiley Fries	6 Emoji Waffles Whole Grain waffles with syrup Sausage Strawberries	7 Hot Dog Steamed frankfurter in a toasted bun Baked Beans Potato Salad	8 Marinara Meatballs Italian meatballs in tomato marinara sauce Mozzarella Cheese Garlic Knot	9 SNACK PACK TO GO early dismissal	
12 INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY  NO SCHOOL	13 Sloppy Joe Sandwich USDA Ground beef with zesty sauce on a whole wheat bun French Fries	APPLE CRUNCH DAY Popcorn Chicken Crispy white chicken baked golden brown with choice of sauces Italian Veggie Pasta Salad		16 Pizza Cheese, Pepperoni, & Special 	
19 Pasta & Meat Sauce Our spaghetti sauce is made in house with herbs, spices, and ground beef Dinner Roll	20 Chicken BLT Pasta Salad All white chicken tossed with Ranch sauce, bacon, tomato spinach, & whole grain pasta Roll	21 Walking Tacos Served with seasoned beef, cheese, salsa, and toppings Mexican Street Corn	22 DELI SANDWICHES choice of Ham, Chicken Salad Cheese, & Veggie toppings Chips	23 Pizza Cheese, Pepperoni, & Special 	
26 BBQ Chicken Tender pieces of chicken roasted with tangy BBQ sauce Smiley Fries Breadcrumb	27 French Toast Sticks Baked whole grain french toast served with syrup, Maine Blueberries, Sausage & Hashbrown	28 Chicken Nuggets with Dipping Sauces Italian Veggie Pasta Salad	29 Mac & Cheese Baked Pasta with a creamy cheese sauce Garlic Knot	30 Pizza Cheese, Pepperoni, & Special Halloween Cookie	
Menu Subject to Change. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.					

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