

SMITH SPECTACULAR

November 13, 2026

Parent/Teacher conferences

PTCs have been scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 19, Monday, Nov. 23, and Tuesday, Nov. 24. If you are unsure of your scheduled time, please contact your child's teacher. We are looking forward to seeing you. Child care will be available in the library.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SMITH SCHOOL

Kindergarten

Kindergarten has been working hard and learning so many things! In literacy, we have been working on letters and their sounds, high-frequency words, and rhyming. We have also been listening to and talking about a variety of books. In math, we have worked on reading, writing, and counting numbers to 10. We have also been comparing numbers in order to figure out if groups are greater than, less than, or equal. This week we have been sorting and categorizing objects. We have also been counting the groups that we have sorted and deciding which groups have more and which groups have less. In writing, we are working on non-fiction pieces about colors, shapes, and foods. In science, we have been learning about habitats and the things that plants and animals need that they get from their habitats. In social studies, we are learning about history, especially about the traditions that we have as a family and as a country.

First Grade

In Reading, First Graders are learning to retell stories read to them and stories they read independently. They practiced retelling The Stray Dog by Marc Simont as a whole class, and worked with a partner to retell An Extraordinary Egg by Leo Lionni. They are learning to use the illustrations and speak with their own words to tell the events of the story. They recently learned to clap syllables in words! Ask them to clap the syllables in their name for you at home!

In Writing, First Graders are doing an excellent job learning to write complete sentences. They have learned to check for 3 things in each sentence they write: a capital letter to begin the sentence, finger space between words, and punctuation at the end. They are currently writing stories about

experiences with their families and times they've had a strong feeling like sad or mad. They have also been learning about nouns, verbs, and pronouns and how these are used in writing. First Graders have been working so hard!

In Math, First Graders are continuing to learn lots about solving addition and subtraction equations! They are currently learning a variety of strategies for solving addition facts to 20. Some of these strategies include: counting on to add, using an open number line, using doubles facts, and making 10 to add. In our next topic, students will learn a variety of strategies for solving subtraction facts to 20. Some of these strategies will include: making 10 and using fact families, and using addition to subtract. That's a lot of learning! You can support our learning by continuing to practice counting and solving simple word problems at home!

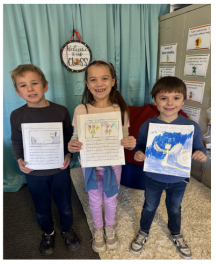
In Social Studies, First Graders have learned about the 4 R's throughout our Fall Wabanaki Studies lessons. Students learned about Responsibility, Reciprocity, Respect, and Relationships with living and nonliving things.

Second Grade

Second graders have been learning about mapping, landforms, and cardinal and intermediate directions. They will explore these topics through activities such as reading maps, building landforms, and creating maps of their own. In the "Barefoot Island" project, students will design a map with a key and compass and include landforms and special features. They are also doing a great job learning about their continent, country, state, town, and home address.
Students are also learning about the stages of the writing process: selecting a rough draft, editing, revising, and publishing. Keep up the great work, second graders!







Volunteers Needed for the Smith School Mentoring Program

The Smith School has been fortunate to offer a school-based Mentor Program since 2008.
This program is made possible by grant money received from the Maine Community Foundation.

Mentoring students meet with their mentor during the school day, usually for 45 minutes each week. Some of the activities that the students and mentors may do during this time are:
craft projects, building models, playing games, reading and eating lunch together.

If you are interested, or know someone who might be interested in becoming a mentor, please contact Debbie Smith at dsmith@rsu22.us.

Our parent organization (PIE: Partners In Education) will hold its monthly meetings on the second Monday of each month. PIE is always looking for more members. Meetings take place in the Smith School teachers' lounge from 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM. We hope to see you there! December's Meeting: Monday, December 14, 5:00 in the Smith School Teachers' Lounge.



ATTENDANCE

November Challenge

This month, each grade level can earn a turkey when it has 2 or fewer students absent that day. The top is the date (e.g., Nov. 2, 3, etc.); the side is the grade level. If you see a turkey in the square, that grade level had great attendance that day! Make sure to take a peek if you come into the school.



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Every day counts

Dear Families,

Thank you for your commitment to your child's regular school attendance as the winter breaks approach. Consistent routines are so important for learning and well-being. We appreciate your effort to get your child to school ready to learn.

Please maintain your child's attendance throughout the winter season. Coming to school helps your child **build relationships, learn, and feel safe.**

Reminder: key dates

NOV 25–27	**November break** Nov. 24 is an early dismissal at 11:30
DEC 23 – JAN 3	**December break** Last day of school before break is Dec. 22
JAN 4	**Students return** Monday, January 4, 2027

See the full 2026–2027 school calendar at the link in this post. If there are barriers to regular attendance, please let us know how we can help support you and your child!

We wish you a happy, healthy winter season.



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.

WELLNESS

Safety

Please note that if you need to enter the school building, we ask you to do so through the main doors. This supports our safety protocols and procedures. Thank you.

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
kdominique@rsu22.us

Sign up for school text alerts: text Y to 67587

SCHOOLMESSENGER®

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Parents and Guardians

You can take advantage of our Text Messaging Service

Our school utilizes the SchoolMessenger system to deliver text messages, straight to your mobile phone with important information about events, school closings, safety alerts and more.

You can participate in this free service* just by sending a text message of "Y" or "Yes" to our school's short code number, **67587**.

You can also opt out of these messages at any time by simply replying to one of our messages with "**Stop**".

We recommend saving this short code and Caller ID to the contacts on your phone. This will help prevent any 3rd party call blocking systems from interfering with your receipt of important messages sent by the school or district.



SchoolMessenger is compliant with the Student Privacy Pledge™, so you can rest assured that your information is safe and will never be given or sold to anyone.

Opt-In from your mobile phone now!

Just send "Y" or "Yes" to 67587

Information on SMS text messaging and Short Codes:

Our notification provider, SchoolMessenger, uses a true SMS protocol developed by the telecommunications industry specifically for mass text messaging, referred to as "short code" texting. This method is fast, secure and highly reliable because it is strictly regulated by the wireless carriers and only allows access to approved providers. If you've ever sent a text vote for a TV show to a number like 46999, you have used short code texting.

*Terms and Conditions – Message frequency varies. Standard message and data rates may apply. Reply HELP for help. Text STOP to cancel. Mobile carriers are not liable for delayed or undelivered messages. Alerts sent over the wireless Public Alerting system are to take precedence over any notifications sent via the short code. See www.schoolmessenger.com/tm for more info.

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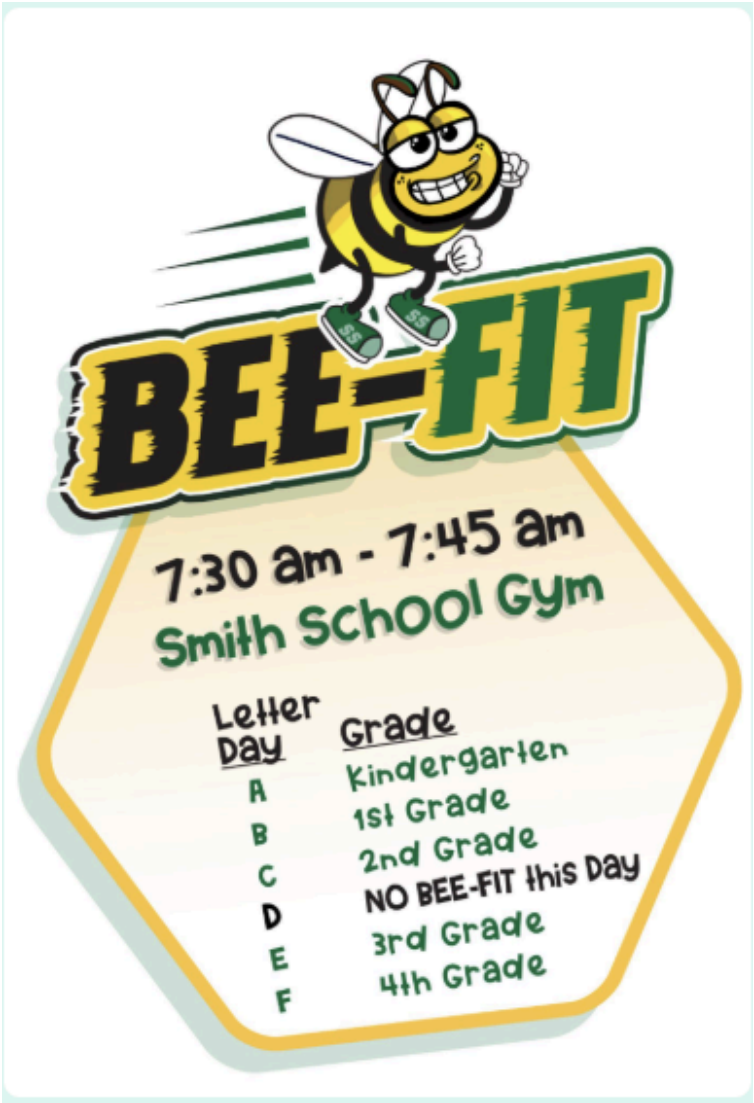
Great Body Shop: November 2026

Click here for the GBS family newsletter

UPCOMING EVENTS

Upcoming Events

Monday, November 16: All-School Share 8:00 AM
Thursday, November 19: Parent/Teacher conferences after school hours (2:15-4:45)
Monday, November 23: Parent/Teacher conferences after school hours (2:15-6:45)
Tuesday, November 24: **Early dismissal at 11:30 AM**; Parent/Teacher conferences (PM) (12:00-2:15)
Nov 25–27: No School – Thanksgiving Break.
Monday, November 30: School resumes
Friday, December 4: Report Cards go home
Friday, December 11: PIE movie night - 6:00 PM
December 23- January 3: No School; Vacation
Monday, January 4: School resumes



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.

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

"Bell to Bell Law"

Technology use in schools

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



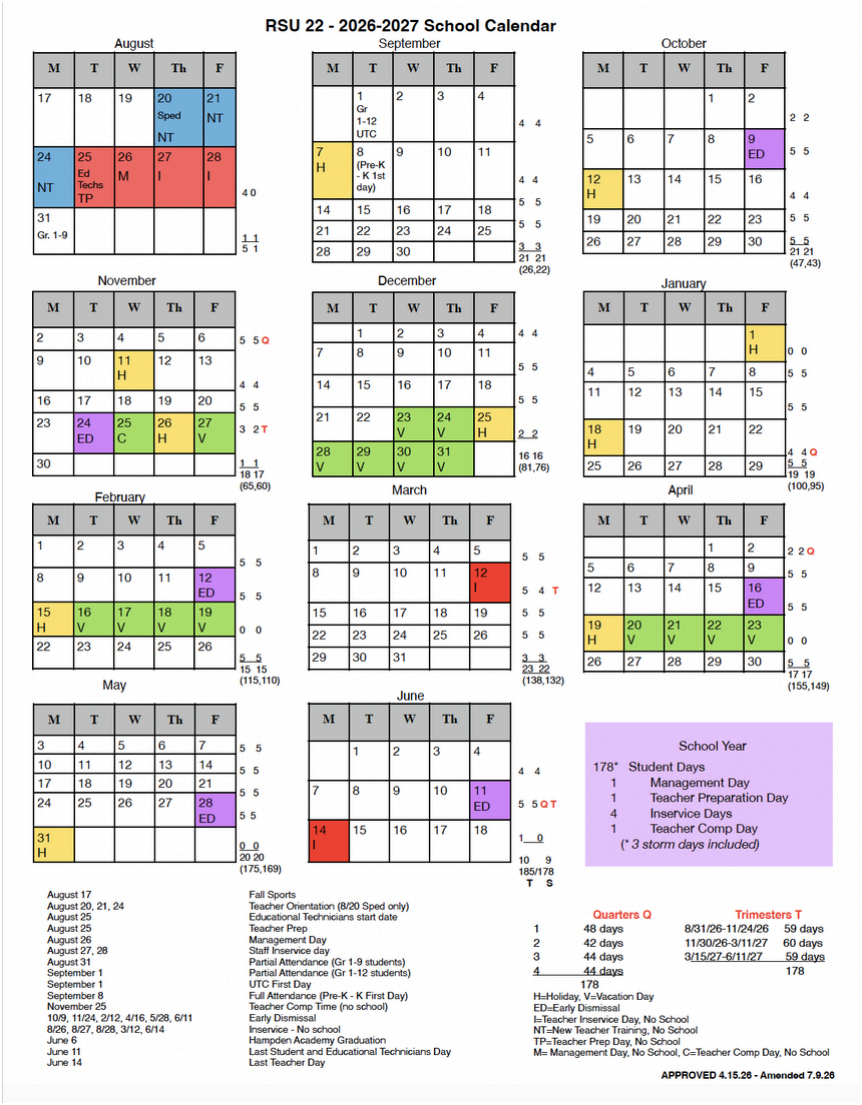
November

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 A	3 B	4 C	5 D	6 E
9 F	10 A	11 Veterans Day	12 B	13 C
16 D	17 E	18 F	19 A	20 B
23 C	24 Early Dismissal	25 No School	26 Happy Thanksgiving!	27 No School
30 D				

NOVEMBER MENU

NOVEMBER	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 Waffles**	**Bagel**	**Muffins**	**Sweet Breads**
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.*				
2	3	4	5	6
Pasta & Meat Sauce *Our sauce is made in house with herbs, spices, and ground beef* Garlic Breadstick	**Pancakes** *Fluffy whole grain pancakes served with syrup, Maine Blueberries, and Sausage* Hashbrown	**Chicken Noodle Soup** *All white chicken with carrots, onion, celery, & noodles* Dinner Roll	**DELI SANDWICHES** *choice of Ham, Turkey, Cheese & Veggie toppings* Chips	**Stuffed Crust Pizza** 
9	10	11	12	13
Chicken Sandwich *Crispy chicken on a whole grain bun with choice of sauces and toppings.* Fries	**Marinara Meatballs** *Italian meatballs in tomato marinara sauce with Mozzarella Cheese* Breadstick	**VETERANS DAY** 	**Chicken & Waffles** *Crispy Chicken Drumstick with waffles & Syrup*	**Deep Dish Pizza** Cheese, Pepperoni, & Special
16	17	18	19	20
Walking Tacos *Served with seasoned beef, cheese, beans, salsa & toppings* Mexican Street Corn	**Hot Dog** *Steamed frankfurter in a toasted bun* Baked Beans Cole Slaw	**Chicken Tenders** *Crispy white chicken with choice of sauces* Buttered Noodles Crackers	**THANKSGIVING MEAL** *Roast Turkey, Peas* *Mashed Potato & Gravy* Dinner Roll Apple Crisp	**Stuffed Crust Pizza** 
23	24	25	26	27
Hamburger *USDA Beef Patty on a whole grain bun with choice of American Cheese and toppings* French Fries	**SNACK PACK TO GO** Early Dismissal	*NO SCHOOL* 	**HAPPY THANKSGIVING** 	*NO SCHOOL* 
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Chicken Nuggets *Crispy white chicken with choice of sauces* French Fries Crackers				**SALAD & FRUIT BAR** Offered at Lunch Every Day 
Menu Subject to Change. This institution is and equal opportunity provider.				

2026-2027 SCHOOL CALENDAR



RSU 22 - 2026-2027 School Calendar

August

M	T	W	Th	F	
17	18	19	20 Sped NT	21 NT	
24 NT	25 Ed Techs TP	26 M	27 I	28 I	4 0
31 Gr. 1-9					1 1 / 5 1

September

M	T	W	Th	F	
	1 Gr 1-12 UTC	2	3	4	4 4
7 H	8 (Pre-K - K 1st day)	9	10	11	4 4 / 5 5
14	15	16	17	18	5 5
21	22	23	24	25	3 3 / 21 21 (26,22)
28	29	30			

October

M	T	W	Th	F	
			1	2	2 2
5	6	7	8	9 ED	5 5
12 H	13	14	15	16	4 4
19	20	21	22	23	5 5
26	27	28	29	30	5 5 / 21 21 (47,43)

November

M	T	W	Th	F	
2	3	4	5	6	5 5 Q
9	10	11 H	12	13	4 4
16	17	18	19	20	5 5
23	24 ED	25 C	26 H	27 V	3 2 T
30					1 1 / 18 17 (65,60)

December

M	T	W	Th	F	
	1	2	3	4	4 4
7	8	9	10	11	5 5
14	15	16	17	18	5 5
21	22	23 V	24 V	25 H	2 2
28 V	29 V	30 V	31 V		16 16 (81,76)

January

M	T	W	Th	F	
				1 H	0 0
4	5	6	7	8	5 5
11	12	13	14	15	5 5
18 H	19	20	21	22	4 4 Q
25	26	27	28	29	5 5 / 19 19 (100,95)

February

M	T	W	Th	F	
1	2	3	4	5	5 5
8	9	10	11	12 ED	5 5
15 H	16 V	17 V	18 V	19 V	0 0
22	23	24	25	26	5 5 / 15 15 (115,110)

March

M	T	W	Th	F	
1	2	3	4	5	5 5
8	9	10	11	12 I	5 4 T
15	16	17	18	19	5 5
22	23	24	25	26	5 5
29	30	31			3 3 / 23 22 (138,132)

April

M	T	W	Th	F	
			1	2	2 2 Q
5	6	7	8	9	5 5
12	13	14	15	16 ED	5 5
19 H	20 V	21 V	22 V	23 V	0 0
26	27	28	29	30	5 5 / 17 17 (155,149)

May

M	T	W	Th	F	
3	4	5	6	7	5 5
10	11	12	13	14	5 5
17	18	19	20	21	5 5
24	25	26	27	28 ED	5 5
31 H					0 0 / 20 20 (175,169)

June

M	T	W	Th	F	
	1	2	3	4	4 4
7	8	9	10	11 ED	5 5 Q T
14 I	15	16	17	18	1 0
					10 9 / 185/178 T S

School Year

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

August 17 — Fall Sports
August 20, 21, 24 — Teacher Orientation (8/20 Sped only)
August 25 — Educational Technicians start date
August 25 — Teacher Prep
August 26 — Management Day
August 27, 28 — Staff Inservice day
August 31 — Partial Attendance (Gr 1-9 students)
September 1 — Partial Attendance (Gr 1-12 students)
September 1 — UTC First Day
September 8 — Full Attendance (Pre-K - K First Day)
November 25 — Teacher Comp Time (no school)
10/9, 11/24, 2/12, 4/16, 5/28, 6/11 — Early Dismissal
8/26, 8/27, 8/28, 3/12, 6/14 — Inservice - No school
June 6 — Hampden Academy Graduation
June 11 — Last Student and Educational Technicians Day
June 14 — Last Teacher Day

Quarters Q		Trimesters T	
1	48 days	8/31/26-11/24/26	59 days
2	42 days	11/30/26-3/11/27	60 days
3	44 days	3/15/27-6/11/27	59 days
4	44 days		178
	178		

H=Holiday, V=Vacation Day
ED=Early Dismissal
I=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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