



*Ivan G. Smith Elementary School
Items of Interest #38
Thursday, June 13th, 2019*

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Mark Your Calendar:

6/13: Spring Concert 6:30pm HRMS

6/14: Move Up Day for Students in K-4 8:45am/Spring Concert 1:15pm in the Gymnasium

6/18: Last Day of School- 12:00pm Dismissal/Report Cards sent home in backpacks

6/20: Smith School Building Project Community Forum -7:00pm Media Center

6/30: School Supply Kits Order Deadline

Dear Smith Families,

It is hard to believe that this is the last *Items of Interest* of the school year! It has certainly been a very busy and successful year at Smith. Both inside and outside the classroom the students at Smith have blossomed!

Science has been both a school based and district wide goal this year. Students in K-2 were taught three new Science Units and students in grades 3-5 were taught four new Science Units utilizing the Amplify Science Curriculum. This curriculum is aligned to the NGSS (Next Generation Science Standards). "Each unit of Amplify Science engages students in a relevant, real-world problem where they investigate scientific phenomena, engage in collaboration and discussion, and develop models or explanations in order to arrive at solutions." Students thoroughly enjoyed these hands-on investigations and especially enjoyed making glue in grade two and salad dressing in grade five!

Teachers also focused on developing and coaching high impact teacher teams. Teachers met regularly to reflect on and assess the impact of their teaching on student achievement. In addition, a team of teachers participated in the district wide Data Leadership Team and received additional training, which was shared with staff during professional learning time.

As previously mentioned, Smith teachers implemented a new morning meeting format as part of our focus on social/emotional growth and development. The goals of the morning meeting as outlined by Responsive Classroom included: "building community and a sense of belonging in the classroom; building trust and setting a positive tone for learning; to merge social and academic learning; practicing and reinforcing key academic and social skills." The students recited the Pledge of Allegiance, as well as the DPS Mission Statement everyday in their classrooms. The format included a greeting, a mindfulness activity, a sharing component and other activities.

It has been a wonderful year at Smith and I am proud of all that we have accomplished! In addition, I am excited to share that I will be staying at Smith School and I am looking forward to the upcoming school year.

Have a wonderful summer!

Best,
Tracey

Grade Level Assignments: Next year, we will also have some changes in grade level assignments and staffing. We are excited to be adding a new first grade class to Smith. Mrs. Albright will be taking next year off to welcome her first child. The following is a list of grade level configurations for the 2019-2020 school year:

Kindergarten: Mrs. Lawler
Kindergarten: Mrs. Vitale
Kindergarten: Ms. Winward

First Grade: Ms. Cunha
First Grade: Mrs. Enegess
First Grade: Mrs. Seavey

Second Grade: Ms. Albin
Second Grade: Mrs. Thompson

Third Grade: Mrs. Grady
Third Grade: Ms. Padovani

Fourth Grade: Miss Marshall
Fourth Grade: Mrs. DePalma

Fifth Grade: Mr. Pohle
Fifth Grade: Mrs. Plummer

A Reminder from the Smith PAC: As we finish up this school year, now is a good time to start thinking about getting ready for next school year before you get caught up in all your fun summer activities. We encourage you to use [1st Day School Supplies](#). We have partnered with them to provide you the exact school supplies you need for next year, plus it is a fundraiser for our school. All you have to do is click the link above to purchase supplies for next year. The order deadline is June 30th.

Message from the Fifth Grade Student Council: The 5th grade Student Council is putting on spirit days for the remaining Fridays of the school year. The goal is to generate school spirit while having some fun dressing up! The following days are voluntary:

June 14th - HAWAIIAN DAY

Break out your Hawaiian shirt, colorful clothes, grass skirt, or lei to celebrate Hawaiian Day!

June 18th - SMITH DAY Do you have a Smith School shirt or a blue shirt? If so, wear it! Let's show our Smith School pride on the last day of school!