

Items of Interest

Rita Ward, Principal

December 3, 2018

Dear Families,

Last Wednesday, during Family Meeting the 5th grade students were delighted to receive their official 2019 t-shirts, in front of the whole school community! Many thanks to the committee led by Stephanie Gargiulo for all of their efforts on behalf of the students! The t-shirts look great. In addition, the 5th Grade Student Council was announced during the meeting. We look forward to the community service work the council will engage in this year, with co-advisors Becca Sulpizio and Marjorie Almstead.

I am happy to announce that Lynne Terrile has been hired, effective immediately, for the position of School Nurse at Thorpe. She is a certified Nurse Practitioner, and has many years of nursing experience, including time spent filling a long term School Nurse position, in another district! As Lynne orients to her new position our very own Tenley Bevins will work alongside her for a few days. In addition, she will be mentored by the lead nurse in the district, Denise DiGiuseppe. Please join me in welcoming Lynne to our school!

- Thorpe's **Winter Concert**, featuring the students in Band and Chorus will be held on **December 14th** in the cafeteria. There will be two shows, the first at **9 am** for the students and another at **1 pm** for families. If the 1 pm show is not convenient, families please feel welcome to come to the 9 am presentation!
- **Kindergarten Parents**, the annual making of **Gingerbread houses** will take place on **Wednesday, December 19th**.
- There will be a **community forum** held on **Thursday December 13th, at 7pm** in the Holten Richmond Multi-Purpose room, for the Smith School Building Project. Please take this opportunity to come and learn about this exciting project. There will be an open forum from 7:00-7:30 where you can view project material and speak directly with the design team and town officials; 7:30-8:00 will be a brief presentation and a Q&A session. Light refreshments and snacks

will be served. Check the project website for regular updates,
<https://www.danversma.gov/smithschool>

★ **This is an important message for families that pick up their children during afternoon dismissal.**

- Students K - 5 exit from the main door of the building at 2:30 pm, led by teachers.
- Students may be dismissed from the 1st crosswalk or the grassy circle in front of the school **when accompanied by a parent or a designated person.**
- The rest of the students are crossed by a staff member at the 2nd crosswalk and are walked up the hill. While the students are crossing the crosswalk, all cars in the area must come to a complete stop. Teachers will indicate when it is safe for vehicles to proceed.
- ***Parking around or near the circle in the front of the school, is strictly prohibited - the area must be kept clear in the event of an emergency***
- All vehicles must exit via Grapevine Road (Dismissal only)
- All children that are not picked up during regular dismissal procedure will re-enter the building to wait for their ride

Have a great week!