

M. C. Smith Intermediate School

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Highlights

- 5/30—Memorial Day—No School
- 6/6—4th Grade Science Test
- 6/6 6th Grade Field Trip
- 6/10 3rd and 4th Concert
- 6/14—Spring Concert - 5th and 6th
- 6/16— 3rd and 4th Field Day
- 6/17—5th and 6th Field Day
- 6/22—6/24 1/2 Days
- 6/23—6th Grade Graduation
- 6/24 Last Day of School

Student Award Ceremonies

- 6/21—3rd Grade Award Ceremony at 9 am
- 6/22—4th Grade Award Ceremony at 9 am
- 6/23—6th Grade Moving Up at 9 am
- 6/24—5th Grade Award Ceremony at 9 am

The Summer Approaches

This time of year brings excitement to our students and faculty. Testing is almost complete and the weather is getting warmer. We are working hard to get schedules ready for next year. With the final report card, parents will receive teacher placements for next year. Unfortunately, due to unavoidable circumstances some students may have a new teacher for next year and not be able to loop with their teacher. Please feel free to contact the office with any concerns.

Please come and check the lost and found before the end of the year. It is very full and at the end of the year we do not keep any of it.

School starts on September 7th for the 2011-2012 school year.

BYSTANDER by James Preller

The sixth graders at the M.C. Smith Intermediate School either have or will be reading the novel **BYSTANDER** by James Preller. This book uses fiction to portray authentic children's voices in a realistic school envi-

ronment. It is a powerful book centered on bullying and what responsibility one has as a bystander. Author James Preller will visit our school on June 16th and speak with all of our sixth grade classes about

his work and the writing process. (Mr. Preller is the author of the popular Jigsaw Jones Mysteries. He has sold over one million copies of these lower grade books!)

Spring Concerts

Come out and celebrate the warm weather with our spring concert series. On Friday, June 10th the 4th grade band will be performing along with all 3rd and 4th grade classes that

did not perform in our winter concert. The concert starts at 9:30 am. On Tuesday, June 14th come out to see the 5th and 6th grade concert at 7:00 pm. This concert will feature our 5th and 6th Grade Bands

along with the Jazz Band and 6th Grade Choir. Also performing will be 5th grade classes that did not sing in the winter concert. We hope to see you there to support Hudson's young musicians.

3rd Annual Hudson Children's Book Festival

The Hudson City School District, Investments In Youth, and the Hudson-Catskill Newspaper Corp. is pleased and proud to announce that the third annual Hudson Children's Book Festival (HCBF) was a great success. For the third consecutive year, thousands of children and adults from all over passed through the doors of the Hudson Junior High facility to visit with 111 children's authors and illustrators from all over the United States.

With the help of hundreds of volunteers, the HCBF provided a day that was both fun-filled and educa-

tional. There were thousands of books to browse, authors, illustrators and exhibits to visit, and workshops to attend. Thanks to another generous donation of the Hudson River Bank and Trust Foundation, all attendees were able to leave with a free book! There were also many kid-centered characters and activities with music provided by Radio Disney (sponsored by Fidelis Care).

Our MC Smith Intermediate School HOPE organization gifted the HCBF with a \$1,500 donation. We have been able to buy books for our students to read in their classrooms

by book festival authors and illustrators. Many teachers worked on author studies as well. We were also able to bring in book festival author Steve Tomecek (aka The Dirtmeister) to present science assemblies to all of our students!

The HCBF has become the largest children's book festival in New York State, and the Hudson City School District is proud to be a major sponsor. Mark your calendars now for the fourth annual Hudson Children's Book Festival on Saturday, March 31st, 2012!