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IMPORTANT 'Back to School' REMINDERS:

It's That Time Again....

It's time to re-link Smithfield Elementary to your loyalty cards. Next time you are in **HARRIS TEETER**, ask the cashier to link your VIC card to Smithfield, #3050 or go to <http://www.harristeeter.com/> and follow the steps under the Together in Education program. Ask family members and friends to link their cards for Smithfield too! If you shop at **FOOD LION**, click [HERE](#). Enter your MVP card number and then link it to Smithfield. If you shop at **BI-LO**, click [HERE](#) to print our unique barcode. Then have the cashier scan the barcode the next time you shop.



Keep collecting those Box Tops and Labels for Education. We are looking forward to another year of great rewards!!! Go to www.boxtopsforeducation.com for a list of products with the BoxTops coupons!

School Supplies

Families may bring their child's school supplies to their classroom during the Back to School Open House or their first day of school. Please note that some grade levels will pool select items for classroom use, so please bring all supplies on your list. Click [here](#) for the Back-To-School Supply List.

• **Smithfield's new instructional hours for 2011-2012 are 7:45am-2:45pm.** Students may arrive no earlier than 7:15 am.

• Link to register / deposit money to your child's cafeteria account for the school year Pay Pams: <https://paypams.com/HomePage.aspx>

THIS WEEK:

• **Sat Aug 20: Movie By Moonlight** sponsored by Park Sharon Athletic Association! Featuring the movie '**RIO**'. Please **RSVP online for this event**. Click [here](#) for more information. For info about Park Sharon neighborhood youth sports club, go to www.parksharonsports.com.

NEXT WEEK:

- **Mon Aug 22: Back to School Workday** 8:30am to 12pm.
- **Tue Aug 23: (4:00 to 6:00pm): Back to School Open House! Parents and Students-** come meet your teacher, see your classroom, and get important school information. Stop by the Information Fair in the gym for info on clubs, volunteering, spirit wear, prizes and more!
- **Tue Aug 23: (3:30pm): Kindergarten families** meet new friends and drink lemonade! After that, head on into the school to see your classroom at the Open House! Two volunteers are needed to help make and serve lemonade. Please contact Courtney at courtneywawak@gmail.com if you can help out. Meet on the playground (weather permitting).
- **Thu Aug 25: First Day of School!** Kindergarteners – check your teacher assignment letter for your assigned first day to attend.

IN THE NEWS:

Smithfield Welcomes Bright Beginnings!

Smithfield will be home to 4 Bright Beginnings Pre-K classes. Read about the program [HERE](#).

Congratulations Barbara Tobin!

Join us in congratulating Barbara Tobin, Quail Hollow Middle School's band director of 15 yrs, for winning The Cato Excellence in Teaching Award. Ms. Tobin was nominated by both Quail Hollow and Smithfield parents. The award, given at the end of last year, was granted by the Arts and Science Council. Ms. Tobin not only runs an impressive program through Quail, including the one and only 'Men In Black', but volunteers her time to run the only 5th grade band program in all of CMS. Many folks were involved in the nomination, including former students now at South Meck High School.



The Cato Excellence in Teaching Awards were established earlier this year through a significant gift from The Cato Corporation. The purpose is to recognize three exceptionally creative teachers who have distinguished themselves in teaching the arts, sciences or history, or who have demonstrated creative infusion of the arts, sciences or history into the core curriculum.

Good News for Schools

Charlotte Observer Article—[Partnership brings arts back to school](#)

A LOOK AHEAD:

- **Wed Aug 31:** 5th Grade Citipass Fundraiser starts!
- **Fri Sep 2 : (6:00 pm):** Online registration opens for Girls On The Run, an after school program for 3rd – 5th grade girls. Click [here](#) for info.
- **Mon Sep 5:** Labor Day—No School!
- **Wed Sep 7:** Room Parent orientation 6pm-7pm.
- **Mon Sep 12:** Girl Scout Info Night
- **Wed Sep 14:** Capital Campaign Starts!

You can see the most up to date calendar, forms, and news on the PTA Website at <http://smithfieldpta.cmswiki.wikispaces.net/>. Make it a 'Favorite'!

Thank You!:

Parent Chad Snyder, owner of Ardent Surface Floor Coating Systems, for donating their services to make the interior courtyard sparkle!

Parent Involvement:

We hope you will be volunteering at Smithfield this year! **Below are a few of the current volunteer needs.**

Don't see what you're looking for? Questions about how to get involved?

Contact our Volunteers Coordinator, Missy Turk, who will point you in the right direction, missyturk@gmail.com.

Don't forget to register and report your hours of service for Smithfield at www.cmsvolunteers.com.

Volunteer Academic Support Team:

Be a part of a new team at Smithfield, **VAST (Volunteer Academic Support Team)**! Commit to one hour a week on the same day, same time to help with academics in the classroom. Come to the volunteer table at [Open House](#) to get more information or contact Courtney at courtneywawak@gmail.com.

Character in the Classroom Volunteers:

The **Character Education team needs volunteers** to teach fun and easy character education lessons. One parent per classroom; coordinate monthly lesson times directly with your assigned classroom to suit your schedule! Total monthly commitment no more than 1 ½ hours. For more information, contact Karla Hollowell at khollowell@carolina.rr.com.

Calling all Dads!:

All-Pro Dads: Attention all Dad's...it's here! Tony Dungy's All Pro Dads has officially come to Smithfield!!! All Pro Dad's Day is a simple idea with a profound impact. It's a one-hour monthly breakfast held before school where fathers and their children meet with other dads and kids in the school cafeteria or a local restaurant. During this time, they discuss a wide range of family topics, spend time together, create fun memories, and get equipped with resources to strengthen their relationship. More information to follow. Please contact Otis Davis at Otis.Davis@jpl.com

Carpool Quarterbacks: Five male volunteers for morning carpool duty each **Friday** from 7:15 – 7:45 am. Do just one Friday, or more if you are available!

One Time Gig:

Help Smithfield staff get ready for the new school year! Volunteers needed Mon Aug 22 any time between 8:30 and noon to help set up classrooms, stuff information packets, organize 5th grade fundraiser materials, prepare bulletin boards, and more! All help appreciated - report to the office upon arrival.

Thanks for being involved with your child's education at Smithfield!

Allison Harris (Principal, Smithfield Elementary) allison.harris@cms.k12.nc.us

To update your email address or decline future emails, notify the school by sending an email to smithfieldelem@cms.k12.nc.us.

Helpful Links: [CMS Homepage](#) [Smithfield School Leadership](#) [Smithfield Elementary](#) [Smithfield PTA Website](#)