

The Clark-Wilkins Villager
November 2, 2018
Clark-Wilkins Website



UPCOMING EVENTS – [Click here for the 2018-2019 SAU39 Calendar](#)

- November 8 – 30 – [FOOD FOR SHARE](#)
- November 5 – Teacher In-Service Day – no school
- November 6 – Election Day – no school
- November 7 – After School Learn to Ski & Ride Information Night, Wilkins Library 6:00 – 8:00
- November 12 – Veteran’s Day – no school
- November 12 – [“Be the Parent, Please”](#) – Author Naomi Schaefer Riley via Skype discusses “Screen-Time” and how the job of parenting is changing in this technological age. Click [here](#) to sign up.
- November 19 – School Picture Retakes
- November 21-23 – Thanksgiving Break – no school
- November 30 – PTA Holiday Storytime, 6:00 – 7:00 PM, Clark MPR

MESSAGE FROM MRS. FRALEY

Thank you to all of our teachers and families for participating in recent parent-teacher conferences. Educational research confirms that effective and regular home to school communication serves as a critical factor in student success and learning. We are very fortunate in SAU#39 to have a very high percentage of families and teachers who participate in conferences. Additionally, multiple volunteers from the Amherst PTA helped to brighten the conference day for all of our teachers with the wonderful soup luncheon they provided. The tasty soups not only provided a hearty and nourishing meal, but the food also provided the valuable opportunity for teachers to chat and converse with one another throughout the day.

SCHOOL SAFETY

We currently have a large number of children who walk or ride their bikes and scooters to and from school daily. Recently, we have received some concerns specific to the unsafe behavior of our walkers and bike riders. We have limited ability to monitor these students once they leave the school grounds, but just like with our bus riders, if students are behaving in an unsafe manner on their way to or from school, we would like to help with that situation. Recently, I met with all of the walkers to reinforce the school safety expectations and will do so again, but it always helps to keep families in the information loop. If a specific situation is presenting challenges on the way to or from school, please communicate directly with your child’s teacher, a guidance counselor or a school administrator for suggestions on next steps.

Please take note of the important events and dates listed below for the month of November:

- Monday, November 5th, -- NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS, in-service day for all staff
- Tuesday, November 6th -- NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS AND STAFF – Voting Day
- Monday, November 12th, -- NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS AND STAFF – in observance of Veteran’s Day
- Tuesday, November 13th, -- LATE START FOR STUDENTS, New Morning will offer childcare in the Wilkins School multipurpose room (at no charge) for students who are registered.
- Wednesday, November 21st through Sunday, November 25th—Thanksgiving Holiday Break

Remember that “Daylight Savings Time” kicks in on Sunday, when time “falls back an hour,” and we all gain an “extra hour” to sleep, play, or work. That also means earlier sunrises and earlier sunsets as we progress through the balance of fall and early winter.

Respectfully submitted by Nicola Fraley, Principal

PTA News

Thanks for Supporting the Soup Luncheon

Over 80 families volunteered to help in various ways to bring a warm and welcome soup luncheon to Clark-Wilkins and AMS on Thursday. Thank you!

November 14th- Officer Knox Presentation & General Meeting

Book your calendars for a night you don't want to miss! Officer Knox is the School Resource Officer for Clark-Wilkins and Amherst Middle School. He has a wealth of knowledge about keeping our kids safe from many types of harm and is a great resource for all parents. He speaks at PTA presentations each year, and the feedback is always "I wish I brought my friend!" - "My husband should have heard this, too!" - "Will he come back again to speak?" We invite parents of ALL aged children to attend as his presentations have proven timely for all.

- Wednesday, November 14th
- Wilkins Library 6-8pm

PTA Membership Update

Membership climbed 16% this year as we reached 342 members!
Congratulations to Mrs. Eccleston's 3rd grade class and Mrs. Hujsak's 5th grade class as you are the classes with the highest percentage of memberships at each school!

Save the date: November 30th is Holiday Storytime

This tradition is a fun, free family event for our youngest students. Held from 6-7 at Clark, students are invited to wear their pajamas as they listen to stories and sing holiday songs with their families and friends.

The Arts Matter! Theater Experience for Amherst Kids This Spring

As part of a 67 year tradition, Amherst PTA will bring Mulan Jr. to the stage in April. The cast will be made up of kids from 3rd-12th grade. NO experience necessary- lots of group ensemble roles available and lots of lead roles to try out for, too! Best part? Everyone who auditions gets a part! For all of the information, go to <https://sites.google.com/site/mulanjrauditions2019/>.

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HONORING OUR VETERANS

This year in as part of our Veteran's Day recognition, plan to support [Chris's Pets for Vets](#). We are very fortunate to have a member of our staff closely connected to this wonderful organization that provides

companion pets to our vets. The goal of Chris's Pets for Vets is to help vets as they deal with the PTSD and other mental health challenges that wartime service can cause. Sarah Strauss has kindly offered to start our fundraising campaign with three different book fair raffle prizes. Students can purchase raffle tickets for \$1 during the book fair. We will hold one drawing in each of the following categories: PK-K, 1-2, 3-4.

Here are some things you and your child can do in coming weeks to help us prepare for Nov 9, the day we will observe Veteran's Day as a school wide community.

- Consider making cards for Veteran's Day. We have Veteran's Home contacts in three different states now! Please have cards to Becky Ladeau by Friday, Nov 2 so they can arrive in time for Veteran's Day, November 11.
- [Promote donations and consider making one yourself if you feel comfortable.](#)
- Plan to wear your red, white and blue on Friday, Nov 9.
- Invite a veteran you know to attend our assembly on Nov. 9 @ 8:40. It is a wonderful opportunity for our students to see who the Veterans are that live in their community.

PLEASE CHECK OUT OUR COMMUNITY NEWS PAGE FOR INFORMATION ON:

- [Halloween and Dinner in Amherst](#)
- [Amherst Junior Women's Farm to Table Dinner 11/4](#)
- [Amherst Town Library Programs](#)
- [Pat's Peak Ski Program](#)
- [Scouting in Amherst](#)

