

The Clark-Wilkins Villager

October 26, 2018

Clark-Wilkins Website



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

- October 31 – Halloween Parties ([Wellness Policy](#))
- November 1 – Parent Conferences
- **November 2 – Early Release 12:00 PM – Parent Conferences (NO New Morning after school care) PUP changes must be made by 10:30 AM.**
- 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 19 – School Picture Retakes

MESSAGE FROM MRS. FRALEY

November, a month that often passes quickly by, is just around the corner. Some special events and activities are sprinkled throughout the month including our Kindergarten Thanksgiving Feast, Parent-Teacher Conferences and a couple of different holidays. We will be kicking off this busy month next Thursday, November 1st with Parent-Teacher Conferences. The importance of effective and regular home-school communication ranks as one of the most critical factors for students to experience success at the early childhood and elementary grade levels.

Friday, November 2nd is an early release for students, dismissal is scheduled for **12:00 PM, noon**. We will be serving lunch at both buildings, but families may choose to wait and have their children eat at home. New Morning will NOT be providing after-school care on this day.

Please see the calendar above or check-out the Clark-Wilkins [website](#) for additional important dates.

Earlier this week, Mrs. Kathleen Murphy, Assistant Principal for Curriculum, and I attended the iNACOL Symposium. The symposium focused on personalized, mastery-based educational models, tools and practices. We had the opportunity to learn about a variety of topics such as cultivating conditions for social and emotional learning, habits of mind, the power of relationships, and how to effectively track and monitor students' progress towards mastery. We worked and learned alongside some of the most innovative educational leaders from across the country and around the world. Now we are back in Amherst; we are excited to share our learning with the school community and continue to grow and develop our practices.

Operation Care for Troops

Bella Blood, a Souhegan student, approached me earlier in the fall with a request for our school community. Her request is born from an inspiring volunteer experience she had this summer with Operation Care for Troops. Please see her letter below for more information about how your family could support our troops overseas.

Dear Families of Amherst,

On behalf of Operation Care for Troops NH, I hope that this holiday season you will consider donating in support of the troops overseas. At your local school (Clark, Wilkins or Souhegan, also Amherst Town Library) there are drop boxes located by the main offices with a list of things you might donate. To see this list click [here](#). This is a non-profit organization that ships care packages to active duty service men and women. I hope that we will have a large turnout this holiday season. I feel that it is important to acknowledge these hard working and committed service members, now more than ever. When most cannot be home enjoying time with their families, we are. Please consider making even the smallest donation.

Thank you for supporting our troops,

Bella Blood

Respectfully submitted by Nicola Fraley, Principal

Who will win the MEMBERSHIP TROPHY?

A nearly 3 foot tall trophy gets awarded to the class with the highest participation of PTA membership! Whose class will win this year? Mrs. Hujsak's class is leading AGAIN this year! Encourage your friends to join and stay informed! Simply send them this link <http://amherstnhpta.org/join-the-pta.html>.

Staff Appreciation Soup Luncheon Signups

Spoil our staff with a warm soup luncheon while they work extended hours for conferences. Store bought or homemade soups welcome. Non-food items are on the signup, too. The luncheon date is 11/1.

Signing up is EASY! Sign Up Now:

<https://www.myschoolanywhere.com/volunteer-confirm.a5w?t=p&vol=e05bcb989b6c4f4ea9c7c7b4f0adebdc>

SO close to the fundraising goal!

The preliminary numbers are in for the Meadow Farms sale, and there is still time to help the PTA reach the budgeted goal! Sales can be completed online and still benefit the Amherst PTA! The following link supports all schools: <http://shop.meadowfarms.com/index.asp?PID=1032351>.

Please share on your social media accounts and with friends and family to earn the money needed for amazing curriculum enrichment and staff grant opportunities!

November 14th- School Resource Officer Knox & 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

Committees & NEW- FUN RUN Committee

We're still building up our committees between now and Halloween. Take a look and help out with what interests you! NO experience necessary! New to district, Kindergarten parent, Haven't signed up before but now I have time... EVERYONE is welcome!

Signing up is EASY! "Join a planning group" leads you to all committee choices! Sign Up Now Parisi family

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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](#)