



**The Clark-Wilkins
Villager
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Clark-Wilkins Website**

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

- October 1 - Vaupel/Wright Hike
- October 8 – Columbus Day – no School
- October 9 – Late Start – Wilkins School Store
- October 31 – Halloween Parties
- November 5 – Teacher In-Service Day – no school
- November 6 – Election Day – no school

MESSAGE FROM MRS. FRALEY

Thank you to all of our teachers, support staff, students, family members, and friends who helped to make both of our Clark-Wilkins Open Houses resounding successes! With parking spaces at a premium and with heavy rain on Tuesday evening, everyone managed to keep the mood and atmosphere upbeat and positive. I also want to thank Justine Goterch, for providing delicious fresh fruit and warm homemade pumpkins.

On Friday, October 5, 2018, the students and staff members from both buildings—Clark & Wilkins—will gather in the morning at Wilkins School as a school-wide community to celebrate “SMILE DAY.” To expedite the “SMILE DAY” celebration, we will need to make some changes in our arrival and drop-off procedures on Friday, October 5th. The changes are noted below:

- ALL CLARK SCHOOL students who take the bus to school will be dropped off at Wilkins School on Friday, October 5th.
- Families of Clark School students who are dropping their children off in the morning **MUST DROP THEIR CHILDREN OFF at WILKINS SCHOOL.**
- Clark School staff will meet all of the Clark School students at Wilkins, will greet them at the buses or the front drop off area and will bring the Clark School students into the Multipurpose Room to sit with their classes.
- The Clark School students will stay at Wilkins School for a short assembly and will then walk, weather permitting, back to Clark School.
- In the event of inclement weather, we will have a bus transport the students and staff members back to Clark School.
- Specialized transportation has been arranged for the children who will need it.
- Butler Bus Company and Caring Hands Transportation have been informed of our plans and will support our students and staff members with any transportation needs.

NIXLE COMMUNICATION

As you are aware, SAU-39 is using Nixle to communicate with our school community. Parents and guardians **do not need to do anything to receive emergency notifications.** We will use the information we have on file to contact you in the event of an emergency.

For all non-emergency communication, including **snow day** notifications and **weekly parent messages**, you will need to sign up to receive messages.

Information on how to sign up was emailed to parents and is available on our school [website](#) as well as the SAU 39 [site](#).

The weekly email is also posted on our [website](#)

Thank you, in advance, for your support and help with these changes in plans for Friday, October 5th. Please note that since Friday, October 5th falls on a Friday, preschoolers will not be participating. We hope to include them in future gatherings. Please email your child's teacher or a building administrator if you have any questions.

Included in this week's email is timely and helpful information specific to the Clark-Wilkins Wellness Guidelines and the guidelines for our upcoming Halloween celebration, which will take place in both buildings on Wednesday, October 31st. Classroom teachers will communicate with room parents and volunteers about the specific times for each classroom's party since those times will vary throughout the day. Our wellness guidelines are utilized on all school days and during all events that occur on school sites during school hours. Our guidelines do allow a bit more leeway on our three party days than we permit on all other days. [Click here to read our Wellness Policy.](#)

Respectfully submitted by Nicola Fraley, Principal

JOIN THE FUN: VOLUNTEER AT THE SCHOOL STORE

We are looking for volunteers to help us run the School Store this year. The School Store is open every late start Tuesday beginning October through June. You may choose to volunteer for the 1st and 2nd grade block (10:40 - 11:30) or the 3rd and 4th grade block (11:30 - 12:20) or BOTH. Younger siblings are most welcome! Please contact Melissa Gomeau @ melgomeau@gmail.com Below are the dates:

October 9	March 12
November 13	April 9
December 10	May 14
January 8	June 4
February 12	

DESTINATION IMAGINATION IS BACK!

Calling all creative students and their families! Join us for a Destination Imagination Information Night on October 3!

Has your child ever started planning their Invention Convention project months before the event? Do they randomly take things apart just to see how they work? If your kid is crazy about puzzles, loves to paint and draw, can build anything out of cardboard boxes, writes amazing stories, thinks up whimsical new worlds, has a flair for drama and acting, is totally into science, or has rewired your toaster into a working time machine (or wants to), then you may have a Destination Imagination child!

Destination Imagination (DI) is an international educational program that gives kids an amazing outlet for their creativity, while teaching them leadership, teamwork, positive thinking, project management, and so much more. Teams of up to 7 kids solve one of six open-ended Challenges (Scientific, Engineering, Fine Arts, Service Learning, Improvisation, or Technical) in their own unique ways, and present their solutions at Regional Tournaments in March. Teams also solve an on-the-spot Instant Challenge at the tournaments, where they must think quickly on

their feet and work together to solve a problem in around five minutes.

Teams involved in DI learn to excel in creative and critical thinking, collaborative problem solving, and project management. Students who have participated in Destination Imagination say they believe participation helped them improve their grades and do better in school, increased their self-confidence, assisted them in becoming better communicators, enhanced their respect for others, and improved their creativity and problem solving skills.

If you'd like to find out more, bring your K-8 student and come join us for a **DI Information Night on Wednesday, October 3, 6-7 p.m.** in the **Amherst Middle School Innovation & Design Room [enter Amherst Makerspace door "M" near softball fields in back]**. If you can't make it or have questions, please contact Amherst DI Coordinator Terri Behm (terri.behm@nhicc.org).

NOTE FROM THE AMHERST PTA

- ✓ Tonight- FREE Mulan Movie Night at Wilkins MPR. Disney's Mulan will begin at 6:45, doors open at 6:30. Popcorn will be available by donation. Families are welcome to bring blankets or pillows to make viewing comfortable.
- ✓ TODAY is the last day for CW Spiritwear orders! <http://cw2018.itemorder.com>
- ✓ The Meadow Farms catalog sale drives the PTA budget for the following year. Let's strive to raise money to fund lots of great **curriculum enrichment opportunities!** Online ordering storefront can be personalized for each student to help reach those out of town relatives and friends. If you wish to order to support the Amherst PTA and NOT a specific student, you may purchase through the following link: <https://shop.meadowfarms.com/index.asp?PID=1032350>
- ✓ Direct Donation & Matching Campaigns. If sales aren't your thing, the Amherst PTA can accept **direct donations** by clicking the store or by sending a check marked PTA to the school offices. Our tax id number is 02-0454970.
- ✓ Upcoming Events:
 - 10/10- PTA General Meeting at AMS featuring a **Coffee Chat with Administration** from 9-10am. All welcome including younger siblings.
 - 10/15- **Angst** at Souhegan High School. The PTA is funding the screening of Angst- a 56 minute movie that explores anxiety's causes, effects, and what we can do about it with a panel discussion to follow. This event is for ALL parents- Preschool through 8th grade with discussions to meet you where you are. 6-8pm. Free.
 - 10/19- Manchester Monarchs game tickets available in section 107 for Amherst and Mont Vernon communities. The ticket sales are open through 10/11 with a link on MySchoolAnywhere or - This is a community event, not a fundraiser.

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PLEASE CHECK OUT OUR COMMUNITY NEWS PAGE FOR INFORMATION ON:

- [Amherst Junior Women's Farm to Table Dinner 11/4 and Family Photo Shoot 10/13](#)
- [Amherst Town Library Programs](#)
- [Pat's Peak Ski Program](#)
- [Scouting in Amherst](#)