



The Clark-Wilkins Villager

December 21, 2018

[Clark-Wilkins Website](#)

Thank you to all who donated to our FOOD for SHARE Campaign. Between Clark and Wilkins we donated over 1000 items.

Report Cards are available on your Parent Portal. Click [here](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

- December 24-January 1 – Holiday Break
- January 8 – Late Start
- January 16 – 4th Grade Spelling Bee
- January 17 – 4th Grade Geography Bee
- January 21 – Martin Luther King Day – No school

MESSAGE FROM MRS. FRALEY

Dear Families and Colleagues,

Wow! After a very fragmented November, we have just completed 20 full days of school in a row. That is pretty impressive for December. All of these full days have led to great learning and fun experiences, from the third graders, completing their circus residency to classes taking walking field trips to the town library and students working with P MEC on exciting science units; it has been an action-packed month. After correctly spelling many challenging words, twelve fourth-grade students have successfully become the 2018-2019 Clark-Wilkins Scripps Spelling Bee Finalists. Please join me in congratulating Daniel Roy and Logan Hill from the Chazanoff/Godin team; Tyler Lupoli, Tessa Avery, Olivia Faucher, Orleans Germand, Libby Kennedy, Max Koch, Maya Gascoyne and Arayannan Gosh from the Vaupel/Wright team; and Lucas Lundvall and Bridget Hill from the Alger/Kidder team. Well done to you all.

When we return to school on Wednesday, January 2, 2019 we will be beginning our winter benchmark and district-wide assessments. Students in grades K-4 will participate in NWEA assessments and AIMSweb, measures that focus on literacy and math. The data gathered will be used, in conjunction with other assessments, to identify areas for targeted instruction, interventions, and enrichment.

The skier in me is hoping that upon our return in the New Year the ground will be blanketed in snow. This will mean that all students will need appropriate winter clothes to be able to enjoy outside play. Even if there is no snow, it will likely be cold, and we go outside unless the temperature dips below 10 degrees Fahrenheit, including the wind chill factor. Winter gear includes boots, snow pants, a warm winter coat, hat, and gloves or mittens. We will review all of our recess and safety expectations with students upon our return to school on January 2, but would also value your support in sending your children to school properly attired and ready to play safely. I have included the Winter Recess Expectations below for your information.

WINTER OUTSIDE RECESS EXPECTATIONS

- Children must wear hats, gloves, boots, coats, and snow pants to play on snow-covered areas of the playgrounds.
- The children may build forts and tunnels in the snow when weather and snow conditions permit.
- Snowball throwing will not be allowed because of the potential for serious injuries that snowballs may cause; particularly when the snow hardens.
- Classroom teachers designate the specific games and activities in which children may participate during indoor recesses.

WINTER FOOD and CLOTHING HELP

The holidays, heating costs, and unanticipated emergencies can place a strain on any family's budget. If you need help this winter in providing your children with appropriate winter clothing or adequate food, please know that you may communicate with me, in confidence, to garner assistance with those needs. You may email me at nfraley@sprise.com or call me at 673-4411, x4206 with any needs you may have.

Best wishes and happy New Year,

Respectfully submitted by Nicola Fraley, Principal

Kindergarten Registration 2019-2020

Online registration for 2019-2020 incoming kindergarten students will begin **January 7, 2019**. Parents are encouraged to visit the Clark-Wilkins webpage at <https://www.sau39.org/cw> and follow the quick link to register your student for our full day program.

Kindergarten students must be 5 years old by 9/30/19.

Preschool is available on a first come, first served tuition basis. Since space is limited, please contact our Preschool Coordinator at krimol@sau39.org. Online registration does not apply to preschool.

PTA News

We wish everyone a holiday break filled with wonderful memories!

Tickets for the "Under the Stars" Daughter's Choice Dance are currently available on MySchoolAnywhere. There is also a form to print and send to school (website below). All girls at CW and AMS are invited to attend with their father or special role model. The dance will be on 1/26 from 6-8pm at Wilkins (snow date 2/2). Online signups for refreshments and volunteers are on MSA.

We are in need of a couple copy volunteers to copy at Clark and at Wilkins twice a month. Training provided, no experience necessary. Email if interested.

As part of a 67 year tradition, Amherst PTA will bring Mulan Jr. to the stage in April under the direction of much of the production team from last year's hit, The Little Mermaid. 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! Rehearsals are on Sundays beginning in January with additional groups called on Tuesday evenings (YES- you can do the Rec ski program and the play!) until the final weeks before the play.

For all of the information, go to <https://sites.google.com/site/mulanjrauditions2019/>.

We're always looking for parents interested in joining as committee members, committee chairs, and executive board members. Email for more information.

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- [Amherst Town Library Programs](#)
- [Pat's Peak Ski Program](#)
- [Scouting in Amherst](#)