



The Clark-Wilkins Villager

February 22, 2019

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MESSAGE FROM MRS. FRALEY

Dear Families,

Mother Nature seems to be feeling a little undecided

lately. With light snow and wintery mix weather patterns followed by warmer temperatures and even rain, dressing for the weather has become a bit of challenge lately. As a result, our "Lost & Found" areas reflect first-hand the volume of winter clothing that children have misplaced or forgotten. Despite the best efforts of our students and teachers, the piles of boots, gloves, coats, sweaters, lunch bags, and water bottles appear to grow each day exponentially. If your child is missing any garments, a high probability exists that the item has found a semi-permanent home in our "Lost & Found" areas. If you have a few spare minutes, please stop by and give the areas a quick look. You may be surprised at the items you might locate. At the end of the school year, all the remaining items will be laundered and donated to charities.

Vacation week gives students, families, and staff an opportunity to catch their breath and enjoy a change of pace. Whether you and your family are planning a fun trip or looking forward to the time spent at home, please encourage your child(ren) to continue to read each day. Research shows that daily reading, independently or with adults, significantly increases a learner's vocabulary and success with early literacy skills, fluent and accurate reading.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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- February 25 – March 1 – Winter Recess – No School
- March 7 – Grade 1 Palace Theatre Field Trip
- March 12 – Late Start
- March 19 – Grade 4 Music Program, 6:30 & 7:30
- March 22 – Report Cards

WHY READ 20 MINUTES AT HOME?

Student A Reads	Student B Reads	Student C Reads
❖ 20 minutes per day.	❖ 5 minutes per day.	❖ 1 minute per day
❖ 3,600 minutes per school year.	❖ 900 minutes per school year.	❖ 180 minutes per school year.
❖ 1,800,000 words per year.	❖ 282,000 words per year.	❖ 8,000 words per year.
❖ Scores in the 90 th percentile on standardized tests.	❖ Scores in the 50 th percentile on standardized tests.	❖ Scores in the 10 th percentile on standardized tests.

If they start reading for 20 minutes per night in Kindergarten, by the end of 6th grade, Student A will have read for the equivalent of 60 school days, Student B will have read for 12 school days, and Student C will have read for 3.

(Kear and Hannon, 1982)

WANT TO BE A BETTER READER? SIMPLY READ.

Upcoming Dates and Events

February 25 – March 1 – No School, Winter Recess

Monday, March 4th – Kevin Skarupa – Clark School Kindergarten

Tuesday, March 5 & 7 – Grade 4 – Cody Outdoor Program @ Wilkins

Thursday, March 7th – Grade 1 – Mary Poppins @ Palace Theater

Tuesday, March 12th – Late Start, free childcare for students registered with New Morning

Tuesday, March 19th – Grade 4 Music Program (March 20th snow date)

Friday, March 22nd – Report Cards go home for Trimester 2

Enjoy the vacation week. We look forward to welcoming all students back to school on Monday, March 4th.

Respectfully submitted by Nicola Fraley, Principal

PTA News – Click on the PTA News Link for the latest Newsletter.

Have a great break and keep on reading! The Read-A-Thon is in full swing through vacation week!

We're looking for 4-6 volunteers to help on the night of Math & Science Night- all of the information will be provided for you. Please contact Cassie Cullen (cassiecullen17@gmail.com) or Chrissy Harris (cfharris85@gmail.com) if you are able to help out!

A lot of great things are planned to benefit our schools and student experience! Here are some ways to get involved and be part of the good in Amherst:

- **February 18 – March 8:** Read-A-Thon at CW and AMS. Last year's event raised over \$8,000! This year, flat donations can be made online! Fundraising now allows for programs to be booked for next year.
- **March 9:** PTA Adults Only Night at Merrimack Ten Pin. Sign ups online in MySchoolAnywhere store or from the newsletter on our website.
- **March 11:** General Meeting. 9-10AM Coffee Chat with CW and AMS Administration at AMS cafeteria.
- **March 15:** Star Wars Math and Science Night at Wilkins from 6:30-8:30PM.
- **March 26:** PTA Adults Only Night at Board and Brush. Preregistration required. Sign up here: <https://boardandbrush.com/amherst/6617>

PTA members- please take a couple minutes to complete the survey sent out yesterday.

Now is the time! We're looking for parents interested in taking on a role as committee members, committee chairs, and executive board members. Email for more information.

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