



The Clark-Wilkins Villager

February 1, 2019

[Clark-Wilkins Website](#)

MESSAGE FROM MRS. FRALEY

Dear Families,

Kindness Challenge

On Friday, February 15th all Kindergarten through grade four

students will be dropped off (bus or parent drop-off) at Wilkins School for an All School Assembly celebrating Kindness. Following the assembly, all Clark students will be transported back to Clark School for the remainder of their school day.

As we practice kindness at school, we encourage families also to embrace the challenge and find ways to celebrate the kind acts that happen outside of school. You can keep it simple or take the challenge as far as you like. Here are some ideas of ways to embrace kindness with your children –

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

- February 12 – Late Start
- February 14 – Valentine's Parties
- February 19 – Invention Convention, 6:30 – 8:30 Wilkins
- February 25 – March 1 – Winter Recess – No School
- March 19 – Early College Planning Presentation Grades K-8
AMS 6:30

Acts of Kindness

- Smile at 25 people
- Take a treat to your local firefighters
- Do a household chore without being asked
- Donate something to an animal shelter
- Take a board game to play at a senior center
- Read a book to a younger child
- Make a thank you card for your librarians
- Entertain someone with a happy dance
- Create a family gratitude jar
- Cheer for every player on both teams
- Deliver a special gift to a child in the hospital
- Make a new friend or welcome a new neighbor
- Send a card or gift to a military family
- Walk or pet an animal - but ask first!
- Go a full day without complaining
- Hold the door open for someone
- Learn to say "Thank You" in a new language
- Embrace your family with a big hug
- Teach something to a younger sibling or friend
- Write or draw a loving note for someone
- Make and display a "Kindness Matters" sign
- Raise funds and donate to your favorite cause
- Watch the sunrise or sunset together
- Breathe, stretch, and think a happy thought
- Cut out 10 hearts and leave them on 10 cars
- Donate needed school supplies
- Thank a bus driver
- Leave a flower on someone's doorstep
- Be kind to yourself and eat a healthy snack
- Call your grandparents or esteemed elder
- Walk or bike instead of driving
- Say "Thank You" to a police officer
- Bake cookies and share with your neighbors
- Say "Good Morning" to 5 people
- Pick up and recycle trash in your neighborhood
- Take a family walk outside
- Draw a heart in the sand or dirt
- Write a thank you note to your mail carrier
- Make a wish for a child in another country
- Volunteer in your community
- Say "Hi" to someone who looks sad
- Write a happy message with sidewalk chalk
- Paint a kindness rock and randomly place it
- Share food with someone who is hungry
- Sincerely compliment 5 people
- Post a positive message on social media
- Let someone go ahead of you in line
- Help plant a garden
- Reflect on kindness you witnessed during the day
- Create your own kind deed

Young Inventors

Over 130 inventors and families joined Mrs. Polio earlier this month to learn about the Young Inventors Program and this year's event. As the culminating event nears, I hope that all of our inventors have been working hard on their creations, documenting their progress, and working through the design process.

I look forward to seeing all of the inventors and their prototypes on Tuesday, February 19th in the Wilkins MPR at 6:30 PM. Thank you for supporting this exciting program.

Valentines Celebrations

In looking ahead to February, please mark Thursday, February 14th as the day all classes will celebrate Valentine's Day parties. As with all celebrations that include food, Clark-Wilkins School will continue to implement the Amherst School District Wellness guidelines that can be found on our [web page](#). Thank you, in advance, to the room parents and classroom volunteers who donate their time to lead the children in creating crafts, enjoying some tasty snacks, and in participating in classroom games. Should school be canceled on Valentine's Day classroom parties will take place on Friday, February 15th. Children are encouraged but are not required, to exchange valentines with their classmates on Valentine's Day. Classroom teachers coordinate the distribution of cards for their classes.

Pre-School and Late Start

As you are aware, on the February 12th Late Start, the AM preschool students will be coming in the afternoon instead of the morning. Because their dismissal will be different from their regular morning dismissal, which is all pickups, **you will need to enter their dismissal plans into PUP.**

- ✓ There are different categories to choose from: Walker, Pickup, and Bus.
- ✓ If you choose **Walker**, please enter the name of the person who will meet your child at the bench in front of the school to walk home.
- ✓ If you choose **Pickup**, please enter the name of the person who will be picking them up at the tennis courts on Davis Lane.
- ✓ If you choose **Bus**, please enter the Bus number and address where they will be getting off.

Please help us make this transition as stress-free as possible for your child by entering the information we need as early as possible.

You are also able to enter their plans for the remaining late start days if you know their plans in advance. The remaining Late Start days are March 12th, April 9th, May 14th, and June 4th. Please contact Katherine McNally if you have any problems or need help entering your child's plans.

I hope you join me in cheering on the Patriots as they play the Los Angeles Rams on Sunday, which should provide some great weekend entertainment for everyone.

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

Invention Convention 2019

- ✓ Click [here](#) for the complete Invention Convention Packet
- ✓ Click [here](#) to register for the Invention Convention
- ✓ Click [here](#) to see sample photos from the Young Inventors' Program Website
- ✓ Wednesday, February 6 – Intent to Invent registration closes
- ✓ Tuesday, February 19 – Invention Convention, 6:00 – 8:30

PTA News

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 or attend the next General Meeting on 2/13.

Staff Appreciation committee has planned a day to treat our staff with snacks next week! Please sign up on MySchoolAnywhere, under "Sign Ups."

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 1:** Fire & Ice Chili Cook-off Sponsored by Amherst Lions Club and other local organizations at AMS from 5-7PM. Donations accepted at the door. Chili contest entries can email Amherstlionsclub@gmail.com. MC Porter Dodge, AMS Jazz Band, AMS Theater Club, Amherst PTA Mulan Jr., and FIRST Robotics- along with balloon animals- will be there to entertain.
- ✓ **February 8:** Bertucci's Dine & Donate Nights have raised over \$300 this year in just 2 events! Help us raise another \$500 by having lunch, dinner, takeout, or dine in fun with family and friends. Simply show the event from the Amherst PTA Facebook page or website to your server. Make it a monthly outing! 2/8, 3/29, 4/26.
- ✓ **February 11:** PTA Adults Only Night at Board and Brush. Preregistration required.
Sign up here: <https://boardandbrush.com/amherst/6617>
- ✓ **February 13:** Next General Meeting. 9-10AM Coffee Chat with CW and AMS Administration at AMS cafeteria.
- ✓ **February 18 – March 8:** Read-A-Thon at CW and AMS. Last year's event raised over \$8,000!
- ✓ **March 9:** PTA Adults Only Night at Merrimack Ten Pin. Sign ups online in MySchoolAnywhere store.
- ✓ **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.

Thank you to room parents and classroom volunteers as you plan Valentine's Day parties!

Students and teachers are dedicating special classroom time to complete artwork for the Silver Graphics fundraiser this year. The artwork will be seen on order forms that come home in March with May delivery- in time for Mother's Day.

Amherstptanh@gmail.com

www.amherstnhpta.org

SHS PTSA Scholarship Fundraiser

SHS PTSA 80's Night is quickly approaching! Saturday 2/2 from 8 pm to midnight at the Amherst Country Club. Come support your PTSA and raise some money for scholarships! Tickets are on sale at Moulton's, The Homestead, and SHS. \$20 pp, cash bar, music, and fantastic raffle items!

Questions? souheganptsa@gmail.com