



The Clark-Wilkins Villager

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MESSAGE FROM MRS. FRALEY

Dear Families and Colleagues,

Please join me in congratulating Hazel Schuft, first place finisher in the final round of this year's Wilkins School National Geographic

Geography Bee. The final event took place in the multipurpose room at Wilkins School on Thursday, January 10th. The second place finisher was Andrew Emond. After completing the school bee, Hazel took an online exam, the results of which will determine if she continues on to the state level competition. Best wishes to Hazel as she forges ahead in the process and congratulations to all of the other finalists who tackled some very challenging questions while they faced their classmates and family members who sat in the audience. The additional finalists included: Gideon Allen, Charles Baeza, Patrick Casey, Jonas Guarrera, Haider Iqbal, Tyler Lupoli, Thomas Purvis, and Ethan Schneider. Thank you to Mrs. Richardson and Mrs. Ladeau who organized the entire event and special thanks to all of our fourth-grade teachers and the families of the finalists who supported the children in reaching this level. The Geography Bee takes place nation-wide and is open to students in grades four to eight. Participation and exposure to this competition at Clark-Wilkins School provides students with an opportunity to experience the competition first-hand and prepares them for future competitions that will take place at Amherst Middle School.

Mrs. Gail Polio, technology integrator and Invention Convention Coordinator, met with our prospective K-4 young inventors this week to introduce the Invention Convention program. A meeting has been scheduled for students and their families on Wednesday, January 16th at 4:30 PM at Wilkins MPR, to review the new online Intent to Invent registration, and the guidelines and expectations for the annual "Clark-Wilkins School Invention Convention" that will take place on the evening of February 19th. Mrs. Polio will be assisted by Mrs. Strauss, library-media specialist, and Mrs. DeFranco in planning and coordinating all of the details connected to this event that encourages creative thinking, problem-solving, and productive learning. Beginning this year there will be online registration through the Clark Wilkins website beginning at 5:00 pm Jan 16 and closing Feb 8. Adult volunteers are needed to be judges for the big night's awards. Excitement, creativity, collegiality, and students await! Please contact Mrs. Polio via email to volunteer or participant questions at gpolio@sprize.com.

Mark your calendars as a federal holiday and no-school day on Monday, January 21st, as we all observe Martin Luther King, Jr. Day in recognition of Dr. King's birthday. In advance of and following the holiday, many of our teachers will be leading their students in discussions about civil rights, how those rights have been identified, and what steps many groups and individuals have taken to protect our civil rights. The day provides a timely opportunity for all of us to reflect upon many of the rights we possess and that we sometimes take for granted. Our students find themselves very engaged in learning about topics ranging from school segregation to suffragettes that expand and enhance their learning of civics and civic responsibility.

Next week's edition of The Villager will provide information about our upcoming Kindness Assembly, scheduled for February 15th and The Great Kindness Challenge. Below you will find information about how students and staff at Clark School will be celebrating Kindness and becoming "Bucket Fillers" in the coming days and weeks.

Enjoy your weekend.

Respectfully submitted by Nicola Fraley, Principal

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

- January 16 – 4th Grade Spelling Bee @ 1:30 PM
- January 16 – Invention Convention Meeting @ 4:30 PM
- January 16 – PTA Meeting 6:00 PM
- January 21 – Martin Luther King Day – No school
- January 22 – Rescheduled Late Start
- February 12 – Late Start

Dear Clark School Parents,

This week, we started our annual "Bucket Filling" challenge which will continue until February 14th. The way children fill a bucket is by using kind words, doing kind things, offering to help, sharing, inviting someone to play, cheering someone up who is sad, telling someone you like them or doing something to make someone feel special. When they are "caught" filling a bucket they will earn a "filled a bucket" ticket and a raffle ticket that will be placed in the classroom bucket.

Grown-ups and kids can catch each other filling a bucket, but you can't catch yourself. Sometimes we get recognized for doing kind things but mostly we do them just to be kind to others.

If students are "caught" being kind, the "filled a bucket" card will be added to the hallway display. Let's see how many tickets we can display by the end of the challenge!

Every Thursday for preschool and every Friday for kindergarten we will draw names out of each classroom bucket and the students chosen will get a certificate and small prize. They will also have their name announced on the intercom. Each week, all the students who are "caught" being kind, helpful or a good friend will bring their cards home to share with parents.

If you want to learn more about this, please, check out the book *"Have you Filled a Bucket Today? A Guide to Daily Happiness for Kids"* by Carol McCloud. Or please feel free to email me for more information.

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PTA News

The Amherst PTA agenda for our January 16 meeting will include Board of Selectmen, Adam Steel, and Brian Coogan (Chair of the Joint Facilities Committee) speaking on budgets and Warrant Articles. The meeting will be held in the Wilkins School Library at 6:00 PM.

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.

Great job to everyone who auditioned for Mulan Jr! There are many ways to support this spring fundraiser. Purchasing an advertisement in the playbill, working on stage and costumes, and coming out to see a performance all support the enrichment opportunities that the Amherst PTA can continue to offer our students.

We're always 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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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.

Spelling Bee!

Congratulations to the following 4th grade Spelling Bee Finalists: **Tessa Avery, Olivia Faucher, Maya Gascoyne, Orleans Germond, Aryana Ghosh, Lucas Lundvall, Bridget Hill, Logan Hill, Haider Iqbal, Libby Kennedy, Max Koch, Tyler Lupoli, Dan Roy**. Parents are welcome to attend the Geography Bee on Wednesday, January 16 @ 1:30 PM.

Invention Convention!

Come to the Wilkins School Cafeteria on Wednesday, January 16, 2019 from 4:30-5:15 to learn about participating in the New Hampshire Young Inventors' Program.

PARENT OPPORTUNITY!!

This Sunday, January 13th, Community Action for Safe Teens, a committee of the Souhegan Valley Boys & Girls Club is offering a **FREE** screening of the award winning film, "Resilience-The Biology of Stress & The Science of Hope".

The film will be shown at 4:30pm at the Wilton Town Hall Theater and there will be a follow-up Q&A.

The research and practice presented are relevant to all of us and provide so much hope for turning the tide of negativity in our world today.

See attached flyer.

Check out this link and please join if you can!!

<https://kpfjfilms.co/resilience/>

SAU 39 NEEDS YOU!

We are looking for substitute teachers for all of our schools

- ✓ Do you know someone who might be interested?
- ✓ Have you thought about this but were unsure of just what it entailed?

We will be hosting an information session to explore the benefits of substitute teaching, how to apply, and answer any questions you have about subbing in our schools.

- ✓ This information session will be held on **Tuesday, January 22, 2018 from 11a.m. - 12 p.m.** at the SAU office in the Community Room.
- ✓ Please e-mail Maureen DeGrenier @ mdegrenier@sprise.com if you are interested in joining us for the informational session.

PLEASE CHECK OUT OUR COMMUNITY NEWS PAGE FOR INFORMATION ON:

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