



The Clark-Wilkins Villager

January 18, 2019

[Clark-Wilkins Website](#)

Don't forget to come to school prepared for WINTER!

MESSAGE FROM MRS. FRALEY

Dear Families and Colleagues,



UPCOMING EVENTS

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

- January 21 – Martin Luther King Day – No school
- January 22 – Late Start
- 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

Orleans Germond, first place finisher, and Dan Roy, runner-up, joined ten of their fourth-grade classmates as contestants in the finalist rounds of the Scripps National Spelling Bee building level competition that took place on Wednesday, January 16, 2019, at Wilkins School. All twelve finalists impressed the judges, their peers and teachers, and the family members that came out to support and encourage them. After a record 31 rounds, the Bee was paused and resumed on Thursday, January 17th. Orleans will now have the opportunity to progress to the state finals in Concord in late February and Dan will have the chance to participate should Orleans be unable to attend. The words proved quite challenging, and the championship word that clinched the competition for Orleans was "deliberately." Mr. Vaupel, grade four teacher, served as the official pronouncer for the competition, while Mrs. Stockwell,

literacy specialist, served as the organizer and one of the judges for the event. All of the finalists conducted themselves in an exemplary manner during the competition and, as the contestants can testify, it is no easy feat to spell difficult words in front of an entire grade level, all of your teachers, and multiple families. Thank you to all of our fourth-grade teachers and the families of our finalists for your support and encouragement of these capable spellers during all of the stages that comprised this academic competition. The audience members also displayed a high level of respect for the spellers throughout the Spelling Bee. The additional spelling bee finalists included Logan Hill, Tyler Lupoli, Tessa Avery, Olivia Faucher, Libby Kennedy, Maya Gascoyne, Aryana Gosh, Lukas Lundvall, Bridget Hill, and Haider Iqbal.

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.

With what is forecasted to be a significant storm approaching this weekend, we would like to remind you of our policies and practices relating to winter recess. All students that wish to play in or on the snow must be wearing winter boots, snow pants, a winter jacket, a hat and mittens or gloves. We encourage all students to wear these items whether they plan to play on the snow or not, this way they are prepared for a change of heart, and for what can sometimes be frigid temperatures. It is also recommended that students arrive at school dressed in their winter gear as we begin each day with outside playtime. As difficult as it can be to dress children appropriately for the weather, please keep in mind that we continue to go out to recess as long as the temperature reaches at least ten degrees Fahrenheit with the wind chill factor included.

Stay safe and warm this weekend,

Respectfully submitted by Nicola Fraley, Principal

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

Clark “Fill a Bucket” Challenge

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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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

SHS PTSA Scholarship Fundraiser

The 80's have called and they want you to attend the SHS PTSA 80's Night Scholarship Fundraiser! Saturday, 2/2/19 at the Amherst Country Club starting at 8 pm until midnight, come enjoy music with DJ Porter Dodge, 80's cocktails (and full bar) and try your luck at winning some awesome raffle basket prizes! Tickets are \$20pp and are on sale at The Homestead, Moulton's, SHS and will be at the door. Please use checks made out to SHS PTSA at The Homestead and Moulton's. ***All proceeds benefit the PTSA Scholarship Fund! Any questions? Please contact Lisa Eastland at eastland@comcast.net

PTA News

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.

A lot of great things are planned! Here are some ways to get involved:

- ✓ **January 26** - Daughter's Choice Dance. Daughter's Choice Dance Online signups for refreshments and volunteers are on MySchoolAnywhere.
- ✓ **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
- ✓ **February 1** - 7PM: Manchester Monarchs Game featuring Wilkins 4th Grade Students singing God Bless America. Tickets available from the school shared link or on PTA website calendar link.
- ✓ **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** - Parents Night at Board and Brush- look for information in MySchoolAnywhere email.
- ✓ **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** - Parents Night at Merrimack Ten Pin- look for information in MySchoolAnywhere email.
- ✓ **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.

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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.