



The Clark-Wilkins Villager

January 25, 2019

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MESSAGE FROM MRS. FRALEY

Dear Families and Colleagues,

What a wild weather week we have had in Amherst! We began the week with frigid and dangerously cold temperatures, yesterday we saw mild temperatures and heavy rain, and now we are back to a more typical and expected weather pattern for January. Our playgrounds currently look like ponds with patches of ice and snow. These conditions can make safe play a little challenging. As we move into next week, we will be closely monitoring the conditions in our recess areas to ensure that they are safe for all students to play in or on.

Today, second-trimester progress reports were sent home with all students in grades Kindergarten through four. At Clark-Wilkins School, second-trimester progress reports provide families and students with a brief update on student progress since the end of the first trimester. Any questions about progress reports should be directed to your child's teacher who can provide the greatest amount of information about individual students.

Please note that all of our students in grades K through 4 will begin taking the NWEA mid-year assessments in mathematics and literacy next week. These mid-year benchmark assessments document the progress each student has made with regards to individual target growth since the fall administration of NWEA. Students in Kindergarten through second grade will also take an end-of-year NWEA administration, while our third and fourth-grade students will take the NHSAS, New Hampshire Statewide Assessment System, in the areas of language arts and mathematics in the spring. Individual student results on both NWEA and NHSAS help inform our instructional practices and placements for students. Many of our primary level students have recently finished progress monitoring assessments using the AIMSweb tool that also provides valuable and timely information on student progress.

During January and February, students and staff at Clark and Wilkins are taking extra time to celebrate, teach, and support kindness. On Friday, February 15th we will come together as a school community to celebrate together during our Annual Kindness Assembly. Kind acts can be as simple smiling when greeting people, holding a door open, sharing a compliment – they cost us nothing but our time and care for others. We encourage you and your family to take a little extra time in the coming days and weeks to model, practice and celebrate the kind gestures and actions all around us. Attached is a checklist of ideas that families can use to embrace The Kindness Challenge.

Hats on Fridays – Kindness, and Leadership in Action

Beginning next Friday, February 1st, CW staff and students will have the chance to wear a hat to school to raise money for Animal Rescue League of Nashua. The fundraiser will last for four Fridays, until February 22. This idea was proposed and planned by two of our fourth-grade student leaders, Elise Leonardi and Curtis Warner. They are encouraging students and staff to donate 25 cents each and wear a hat for this good cause. Each week they will update the school community with a running total of the money raised. While we would normally say “let's take our hats off to these two students for their care and leadership” we actually hope you will put your hats on!

Respectfully submitted by Nicola Fraley, Principal

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

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

We are always looking for parents interested in taking on a role as committee members, committee chairs, and executive board members. Email for more information.

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.

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:

- ✓ **Tomorrow! 1/26:** Daughter's Choice Dance. Daughter's Choice Dance Online signups for refreshments and volunteers are still accessible on MySchoolAnywhere. With over 375 attendees, we hope to have all volunteer slots filled.
- ✓ **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 1:** 7PM: Manchester Monarchs Game featuring Wilkins 4th Grade Students singing God Bless America. Tickets available: www.monarchsgroups.com/AmherstPTA
- ✓ **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.

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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

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

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.