



The Clark-Wilkins Villager

January 4, 2019

[Clark-Wilkins Website](#)

Lunch Menu Change: Next week Tuesday and Friday will swap days. Tuesday will be BBQ Pulled Pork, and Friday will be Spaghetti!

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

- January 8 – Late Start
- January 10 – 4th Grade Geography Bee @ 9:30 AM
- January 16 – 4th Grade Spelling Bee @ 1:30 PM
- January 16 – Invention Convention Meeting @ 4:40 PM
- January 16 – PTA Meeting 6:00 PM
- January 21 – Martin Luther King Day – No school

MESSAGE FROM MRS. FRALEY

Dear Families and Colleagues,

Happy New Year! It was wonderful to welcome students and staff back to school on Wednesday morning. I hope that the break provided you and your family with time to relax, rejuvenate, and enjoy time with each other. Over the past three days I have connected with a number of students that have told many stories of playing games with family, such as hockey and basketball with new sports equipment, sharing special traditions with family from out of town or state, and even one or two of missing school and their friends and being excited to be back!

Tuesday, January 8th, will be our monthly “late-start day” for all students and child-care will be available via the New Morning Program at Wilkins for any students registered with that program. Please remember that on late start days only, there is “no charge” for Clark-Wilkins students to attend the before school program. During the late start morning, staff members will be participating in a variety of professional development activities related to our school mission and social and emotional learning, specifically the Second Step curriculum being implemented at all grades. Providing all students with universal language, strategies, and skills that increase student success navigating social situations and challenges, and building a safe and supportive school culture are priorities at Clark-Wilkins, and the January Late Start provides us with a valuable opportunity focus on staff learning in these areas.

Our preschool classes will be “flipping sessions” on LATE START DAYS ONLY beginning with the February Late Start day. On the remaining late start days from February through June, our morning classes will “flip to the afternoon session” and our afternoon preschool classes will NOT ATTEND SCHOOL. We will keep everyone posted about the late start dates and the “preschool flip,” but in planning for February’s Late Start Day, mark your calendars for Tuesday, February 12th as the “first flip.” We make this “flip” to provide a level of equity in instructional hours between the morning and afternoon sessions. The morning sessions also lose time when we have a delayed opening.

What is the difference between a late start and a delayed opening?

Late Start Days: are scheduled monthly as part of our regular calendar

Delayed Openings: are called the night before or the day of and are typically weather, safety, and/or travel concern related. A decision is made that school can be held, but will start two hours later than the regular starting time. In some instances “delayed openings” can switch to “school cancellations” if weather, safety, and/or road conditions deteriorate.

Please take note of the “special events” listed below that will be taking place in January 2019:

- **Thursday, January 10th** - Grade 4 *National Geographic Geography Bee Finals* in the Wilkins School Multipurpose @ 9:30 A.M. (Grade 4 and finalists’ families only)
- **Wednesday, January 16th** - Grade 4 *Scripps National Spelling Bee Finals* in the Wilkins School Multipurpose Room @ 1:30 P.M. Snow date is Wednesday, January 17th. (Grade 4 and finalists’ families only)
- **Wednesday, January 16th** - *Invention Convention Parent and Student Information Session* @ 4:30 P.M. in the Wilkins School Multipurpose Room.
- **Monday, January 21st** - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day—NO SCHOOL

Enjoy your weekend,

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.

Geography Bee!

Congratulations to the following 4th grade Geography Bee Finalists: **Gideon Allen, Charles Baeza, Patrick Casey, Andrew Emond, Jonas Guarrera, Haider Iqbal, Tyler Lupoli, Thomas Purvis, Ethan Schneider, Hazel Schuff.** Parents are welcome to attend the Geography Bee on Thursday, January 10 @ 9:30 AM.

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.

PTA News

We are in need of a couple copy volunteers to copy at Clark and at Wilkins twice a month. Training provided; no experience necessary. Email if interested.

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