



The Clark-Wilkins Villager

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MESSAGE FROM MRS. FRALEY

Dear Families,

Each year thousands of schools in the United States participate in the National

Geographic GeoBee. The contest is designed to encourage teachers to include geography in their classrooms, inspire and reward students' curiosity about the world, and increase public awareness about geography. Students in grades four through eight (4-8) compete for a chance to win college scholarships and the glory of being the National Geographic GeoBee Champion. Earlier this winter we announced the winners and runners up for our Clark-Wilkins GeoBee. Our champion, Hazel Schuft, moved on to the next level of competition and is now competing with the other NH state finalists on Friday, March 29th at Keene State College. Hazel is one of only four fourth-grade students that has made it this far, and she will be 1 of 100 students competing in Keene. Please join me in wishing Hazel all the luck in the world (pun intended) as she faces her fellow competitors in this year's State Championship round! Go Hazel!

Second trimester report cards will go home with all students on Friday, March 25th, and parents can communicate directly with teachers if questions about grades or comments exist. As we progress through the final trimester of the school year, our third and fourth graders will prepare for the "SAS"—the state-wide assessment in language arts and mathematics, which will be administered in early May. Our kindergarten, first, and second grade students will participate in a third round of NWEA testing in May. The results of NWEA assessments help to inform teacher instruction and academic groupings.

Some families will receive letters in report card envelopes expressing our concern about frequent absences or excessive tardiness, which research has shown can inhibit a student's success and progress at school. We also recognize that many families and children have experienced illnesses that prevent children from attending school as often as we all would like. The more regularly each child attends school and can be present for instruction, the more likely that child is to progress in all areas: social, academic, and emotional.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Respectfully submitted by
Nicola Fraley, Principal

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- [Spring Flyer Information](#)
- [Amherst Town Library Programs](#)
- [Scouting in Amherst](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

- March 19 – Grade 4 Music Program, 6:30 & 7:30
- March 19 – [Early College Planning for K-8 Parents. AMS, 6:30 PM](#)
- March 22 – Report Cards
- April 4 – Grade 2 Music Program, 6:30 & 7:30
- April 9 – Late Start
- April 10 – PTA General Meeting, 6:00-7:00 PM
- April 16 – Grade 3 Music Program, 6:30 & 7:30
- April 22 – April 26 – Spring Break

PTA News – Click on the PTA News Link for the latest Newsletter.

Tonight is Star Wars Math and Science Night! This is a FREE event with over 25 stations to explore at Wilkins from 6:30-8:30PM.

- ✓ **Tuesday, March 26:** PTA Adults Only Night at Board and Brush. Preregistration required. Sign up here: <https://boardandbrush.com/amherst/6617>
- ✓ **Friday, March 29:** Dine & Donate at Bertucci's. Be the office hero, go out with family and friends, take a night off from cooking dinner, grab lunch, or plan a date night! Simply show this calendar, and a portion of proceeds will be donated back to the Amherst PTA! No printed flyer needed. Passive fundraisers like these raised over \$500 in 2017-2018 for our schools. Thank you for your support!
- ✓ **Wednesday, April 10:** General Meeting with Guest Speaker Jude Currier. Topic: Normal Kids: Dealing Constructively with Everyday Behaviors. 6-8pm in the Wilkins library.
- ✓ **April 12 – April 14:** Come out to see 60 local kids perform in Mulan Jr. at the Souhegan Theater.

Tickets: AmherstPTAmulanjr.brownpapertickets.com or call 617.938.9423 Tickets also available locally in Amherst and Milford at: Moulton's Market (checks only) | Black Forest Cafe | Mother & Child | Toadstool Bookshop

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Now is the time! We're looking for parents interested in taking on a role as committee members, committee chairs, and executive board members for NEXT year. Email for more information.

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SOUHEGAN HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS "MAMMA MIA!" MARCH 21 - 24



The Souhegan High School Drama Club invites you on an island getaway - get out your calendar, and circle March 21-24 with a red pen. These are the dates for the club's performance of "Mamma Mia!" The beloved musical was newly released to high school and community groups, and our cast of 36 students from all grades intends to bring you to your feet! Since its debut in 1999, over 60 million people have seen "Mamma Mia!," securing its spot in the top 10 longest-running shows on Broadway and the West End. If you aren't one of those millions, now is your chance!

This sunny, sassy and sentimental show is a joyful combination of beloved ABBA music and a storyline

that explores the meaning of family, and the love between a mother and daughter. The stage production differs slightly from the movie in that almost every song has harmony sung by the cast whether on stage or off. The two acts race from song to song, barely leaving you time to catch your breath. Our talented cast and crew bring enthusiasm and experience to this show. The energy, the music, the dancing, the costumes, and the set - together these elements build a show they are all so very proud to perform. So leave the dark, cold winter behind and emerge into the sunny warmth of a Greek island alive with music, love and laughter.

Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$8 for students and seniors and can be purchased by cash or check at The Homestead, Moulton's (check only), The Black Forest and Souhegan High School. The Souhegan HS School Store also accepts credit cards. Tickets can be purchased at the door but with a show this popular, you should get your tickets early! Performances are Thursday March 21st, Friday March 22nd and Saturday March 23rd at 7:00pm, with a 2:00pm matinee on Sunday March 24th. Concessions at all performances will be provided in partnership with the Souhegan High School PTSA and will support both the theatre program and Project Graduation. We hope to have you dancing and singing along with us at the end of the show! Thank you for supporting the arts at Souhegan High School.

WILKINS DESTINATION IMAGINATION TEAMS ADVANCE TO STATE FINALS

The creativity, collaboration, and problem-solving skills necessary for the Future of Work were on display in Amherst last Saturday as 55 New Hampshire Destination Imagination (NH-DI) teams competed in the NH-DI Southern Regional Tournament at Souhegan High School on March 9.

Two Wilkins teams earned the right to move on to the state competition in Nashua on March 30th. Way to go, kids!



The Candy Crushers came in first place at the Elementary Level for the challenge Game On (Fine Arts).

(Front Row) Dominic Caputo and Hannah Stone; (Middle) Marcus Kaveney, Tyler Lupoli, Hazel Schuft, Emelyn Cailler and Emma Tapley; (Team Managers) Nikki Cailler and Colleen Tapley



The Cloud Sheep came in second place at the Elementary Level for the challenge Game On (Fine Arts).

Jamie Kozhevnikov, Merrie Frances Truslow, Team Manager Amy Fillion, Jordan Lussier, Noah Fillion and Orleans Germond

Teams from Grades 2-12 competed in challenges based on STEAM principals: Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts, and Math, as well as social entrepreneurship. There was also a non-competitive challenge for grades K-2.

The most important part of the NH-DI process is bringing a totally team designed and created solution to competition. Students learn to be creative, collaborative, project manage, and problem solve across the many areas a challenge poses.

Top-finishing teams in their challenge and age level advance to the NH-DI State Finals. Teams from "States" can qualify to attend Destination Imagination Global Finals to compete with the best teams from 15 countries and nearly every state. The Destination Imagination program is offered in more than 30 countries and has 150,000 students take part each year.