



The Clark-Wilkins Villager

March 22, 2019

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MESSAGE FROM MRS. FRALEY

Dear Families,

REMEMBERING JOSHUA



For his ninth birthday, Joshua Savyon collected donations for the Animal Rescue League instead of presents for himself. We would like to honor Josh's life by carrying on this tradition for his birthday, which is in April. Josh was a student here at Clark-Wilkins. Josh was tragically taken from this world on Aug. 11, 2013. He was the cherished son of Becky (Kendall) and Benjamin Ranes. He was the pride and joy of his parents and a delight to those around him. He always had a smile on his face, was eager to try and learn new things and was always available to lend others a helping hand. We will have collection boxes in all of the schools for students to put items in for the Humane Society of Nashua. We will also have a jar in the offices for any monetary donations. For a list of needed items, please copy and paste this link. <http://www.hsfm.org/get-involved/shelter-wish-list/>. Donations will be accepted March 25 through April 10.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

- 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

As we prepare for the final week of March and the first full week of spring, I am confident many of you join me in observing and enjoying the early signs of the changing seasons: the green shoots of early rising perennials have begun their push through the thawing soil and the chirping of birds has become a more common call throughout the day. With that being said, the children have already begun the transition from “winter games” to “spring activities” when they head outside for recess. Dressing for the weather has become a gamble—and our “Lost & Found” areas reflect first-hand the volume of winter clothing that children have misplaced or forgotten. Despite the best efforts of our students and teachers, the piles of boots, gloves, coats, sweaters, lunch bags, and water bottles appear to grow exponentially each day. If your child is missing any garments a high probability exists that the item has found a semi-permanent home in our “Lost & Found” areas. If you have a few spare minutes, please stop by and give the areas a quick look. You may be surprised at the items you might locate. At the end of the school year, all of the remaining items will be laundered and donated to charities.

Report cards were sent home with all students today, and parents who wish to speak with teachers about each child's progress should call or email the teacher directly. 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 regular 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.

We will begin looking at placement for the upcoming school year in late April/early May. In early April a communication will be sent to all families asking for any input you feel would be valuable to contribute to the process. Please wait for the communication to be emailed to families before you send information to us. In looking ahead to June, it is worth noting that current students in Kindergarten through grade four will participate in “Step-up Day” on the last day of school, which currently falls on Tuesday, June 11th. Incoming Kindergarten students will NOT participate in “Step-up Day” in June, but instead will meet their new teachers and classmates in August of 2019.

Have a wonderful weekend.
Respectfully submitted by
Nicola Fraley, Principal

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

Thank you to everyone for a successful Math & Science Night last week!

Silver Graphics Art Fundraiser is underway. Order Forms were sent home last week. You can order beautiful keepsakes personalized with your child's artwork. These make great gifts and collectibles to enjoy for years to come! Orders arrive before Mother's Day!

There are 2 easy ways to place your order:

- (1) Submit your paper order form and payment to school by April 1st, 2019.
- (2) Order online at <https://www.silvergraphics.com/shop/> by April 3rd, 2019. Enter the ACCESS CODE found on your child's order form.

Register this weekend! Tuesday, 3/26: 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. Thank you to our corporate sponsors: BEDFORD FIELDS | Amherst Orthodontics | Amherst Physical Therapy | Burke Advertising | Clark & Leighton P.C. | Just Cookies by Jenny | McGuigan Financial | Swiss Knife Shop

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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Last call for SHARE Donations:

For the month of March, Clark-Wilkins will be collecting toilet paper, dental products, and soap products for SHARE. SHARE is an organization that assists people in Amherst, Brookline, Milford and Mont Vernon. When your child brings in a donation, he or she will put a paper "helping hand" on the wall! It will be fun to see our helping hands grow as our donations come in! Please join in the fun and help donate products that will help SHARE!

PLEASE CHECK OUT OUR COMMUNITY NEWS PAGE FOR INFORMATION ON:

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