

The Clark-Wilkins Villager
November 16, 2018
Clark-Wilkins Website



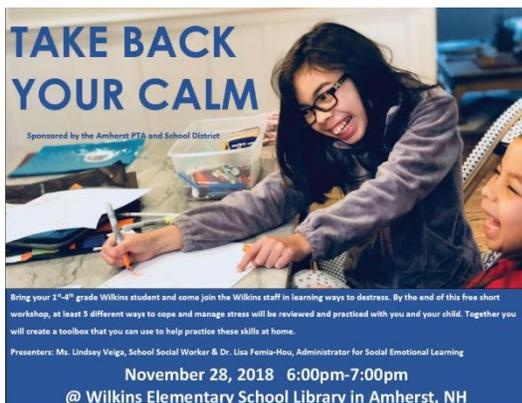
UPCOMING EVENTS – [Click here for the 2018-2019 SAU39 Calendar](#)

- November 8 – 30 – **FOOD FOR SHARE**
- November 19 – School Picture Retakes
- November 21-23 – Thanksgiving Break – no school
- November 28 – “Take Back Your Calm” – 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM Wilkins Library
- November 30 – PTA Holiday Storytime, 6:00 – 7:00 PM, Clark MPR
- December 11 – Late Start – Wilkins School Store
- December 14 – Report Cards
- December 20 – Holiday Parties
- December 24-January 1 – Holiday Break

MESSAGE FROM MRS. FRALEY

Next week will more than likely be our shortest week of the school year, with students and staff members attending school for just two days--Monday, November 19th, and Tuesday, November 20th - with the remaining days of the week being put aside for the Thanksgiving break. Whether you are traveling near or far, please accept our best wishes for an enjoyable and relaxing Thanksgiving holiday. When students and teachers return to school on Monday, November 26th, we will be in the final week of our first marking trimester with grades closing on Friday, November 30th, and with report cards going home to families on Friday, December 14th.

As colder temperatures and wintry weather become the norm, I want to remind everyone that we go outside for recesses when the temperature reaches at least ten degrees Fahrenheit with the wind chill factor included. We have used this temperature cut-off for many years, and I need to reinforce the importance of having children dress appropriately when they leave home in the morning and to be prepared for any weather event that Mother Nature sends our way. Since snow, ice, or extreme winds can arrive very unexpectedly; children should come to school daily with a hat, gloves or mittens, and a very warm outer garment. Now that we have received our first snowstorm, children should also be wearing boots. If children want to play in the snow, they must be wearing snow pants and boots.



Following the Thanksgiving Vacation, there will be a variety of events and activities at Clark-Wilkins for families and students to participate in. “*Take Back Your Calm*” is an event for parents and students (grades 1-4) and will focus on developing coping strategies and tools to manage stress at school and home. Dr. Lisa Femia-Hou and Lindsey Veiga will lead participants through different activities that don’t just tell, but also show you how to take back your calm. We hope to see many families participate in this free event on November 28th from 6:00-7:00 PM in the Wilkins school library.

See below for a list of other upcoming events –

- *Friday, November 30th* - PTA Holiday Story Time @ Clark School 6:00 PM – come in your pajamas and enjoy holiday time stories with friends.
- *Tuesday, December 11th* – Late Start
- *Wednesday, December 12th* – PTA General Meeting 9:00 AM @ AMS

- *Friday, December 14th* – Polar Express – Clark School daytime
- *Thursday, December 20th* – Classroom Holiday Parties – Wilkins
- *Monday, December 24th – Tuesday, January 1st* – Holiday Recess, No School

Due to the shortened week next week, I will not be sending out an edition of The Villager. I would like to wish all of our students, families, staff and the full school community a happy and restful Thanksgiving.

Respectfully submitted by Nicola Fraley, Principal

PTA News

Dine & Donate- November 16th

Make plans with friends or family for Friday, November 16th. Bertucci's will donate back a portion of the day's sales to the Amherst PTA. Simply show them this email or the PTA calendar. These small fundraisers add up to a lot over the course of the year! Orders throughout the day count too- arrange for lunch at your workplace!

Save the date: November 30th is Holiday Storytime

This tradition is a fun, free family event for our youngest students. Held from 6-7 at Clark, students are invited to wear their pajamas as they listen to stories and sing holiday songs with their families and friends. Signups for treats are available on MySchoolAnywhere.

The Arts Matter! Theater Experience for Amherst Kids This Spring

As part of a 67 year tradition, Amherst PTA will bring Mulan Jr. to the stage in April. The cast will be made up of kids from 3rd-12th grade. NO experience necessary- lots of group ensemble roles available and lots of lead roles to try out for, too! Best part? Everyone who auditions gets a part! For all of the information, go to <https://sites.google.com/site/mulanjrauditions2019/>.

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SOUHEGAN HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS "ALMOST, MAINE", NOVEMBER 15, 16, 17



"Almost, Maine" by John Cariani, is the most widely performed play in American high schools for the past eleven years, and the students of Souhegan's Theatre Department are thrilled to be bringing it to local audiences this November. The play inventively explores the mysteries of the human heart, touching audiences with laughter, heartbreak, and hope. It is a whimsical tale of all the different types of love. Knees are bruised. Hearts are broken. Love is found, lost, and

confounded. But the bruises heal and the hearts are mended – almost – in what has been described as a “comic, romantic roundelay” by the New York Times. These are real people, experiencing real moments (with a pinch of mysticism), all happening within the same 15-some minutes across the remote, mythical town of Almost, Maine.

Although the show can be performed by as few as 4 actors rotating through all the parts, the Creative Team of Jennifer Stover, Denise Jacobs and Stan St. Onge chose to cast each character separately to involve as many students as possible. The talented cast of 23 students, ranging from freshmen to seniors, act in pairs (and one trio) to bring their individual vignettes to life. Numerous students are also involved behind the scenes. They are involved with every aspect of production, from assistant directing, to costumes, hair and make-up, to stage management, and lighting, sound, and set construction.

Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$8 for students and seniors and are available at The Homestead, Moulton’s, The Black Forest, the Souhegan High School Welcome Center and at the door. Performances are Thursday November 15th, Friday November 16th and Saturday November 17th at 7:00pm at the Souhegan HS Theatre. 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 you will join us, and we thank you for supporting the arts at Souhegan High School.

PLEASE CHECK OUT OUR COMMUNITY NEWS PAGE FOR INFORMATION ON:

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