



The Clark-Wilkins Villager

November 20, 2018

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Morning drop off reminder: If you are dropping off your child(ren) after 8:25, you must park and sign them in. If there is not a staff member out front, you cannot do curbside drop-off.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

- November 30 – PTA Holiday Storytime, 6:00 – 7:00 PM, Clark MPR
- December 10 – 14 – Third Grade Circus Residency 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

Friday, November 30th, marks the final day of our first trimester, with report cards going home with all students on Friday, December 14th. Should you have any questions about your child's first-trimester report card, please direct those questions to your child's teacher. The special subject teachers have written narratives that detail each grade level's units of study, and those reports will also be included with each child's report card. Report cards are sent home with students in envelopes that must be returned to school with a parent signature to confirm that the report card has been received. Report cards serve as an important school to home communication tool that helps to connect families to each child's performance in academic, social-emotional, and work-study areas.

The PTA sponsors and supports many programs and activities here at Clark-Wilkins that enrich our programs and curriculum. The PTA sponsored "Holiday Story Hour" will take place this



evening, on Friday, November 30th, at 6 P.M. in the Clark School Multipurpose Room. During the week of December 10-14th, all third-grade students will be participating in a Circus Residency Program. The program is being sponsored by our PTA, and through their generous support, grade three students will have the opportunity to work with Troy Wunderle from Big Top Adventures. The circus residency program teaches skills such as juggling scarves, balls, rings, clubs, spinning plates, devil sticks, diablos, feathers, hula hoops, jump ropes, pogo sticks, unicycles, rolling globes, rolla bollas, stilts, and pedalos. Troy's

program is exciting, energetic, and highly engaging. The program will conclude with a final performance for third-grade families on Friday, December 14th at 6:00 PM in the Wilkins MPR.

Like schools across the country, we conduct a variety of emergency drills on a regular basis. The Clark and Wilkins School communities had an opportunity to practice a fire drill this week during a drill. The students and staff members responded to the drill in a very successful manner. These drills help ensure that everyone knows what to do in the event of any suspected or true emergency. After each drill, members of our Emergency Management Team meet to discuss and debrief. Often these discussions lead to changes and improvements to our procedures that increase our ability to respond efficiently and effectively to a variety of situations. We maintain a strong and positive relationship with the Amherst Police, Fire, and Emergency Rescue Departments and appreciate the support they provide to all of the schools in SAU#39.

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.
- ★ *Monday, December 10th-Friday, December 14th* – Third grade Circus Residency Program – evening performance 12/14 @ 6:00 PM, Wilkins MPR
- ★ *Tuesday, December 11th* – Late Start
- ★ *Wednesday, December 12th* – PTA General Meeting 9:00 AM @ AMS
- ★ *Thursday, December 20th* – Classroom Holiday Parties – Wilkins
- ★ *Monday, December 24th – Tuesday, January 1st* – Holiday Recess, No School

It seems impossible that there are only fifteen days of school before we begin our holiday break and prepare for the arrival of 2019. Enjoy the first weekend of December!

Respectfully submitted by Nicola Fraley, Principal

SCHOOL STORE HOLIDAY SALE

This December 11 (the next late start), the School Store will be holding a special holiday sale. Children will have the opportunity to purchase gift items for family and friends. Each item is \$2 or less. Children may spend a maximum of \$10. Happy Holidays!

PTA News

Join us for Holiday Storytime tonight. This tradition is a fun, free family event for our youngest students. Held from 6-7pm at Clark, students are invited to wear their pajamas as they listen to stories and sing holiday songs with their families and friends. You're welcome to bring along a blanket to sit on, as well. Cookies and milk will be served following the stories.

The General PTA meeting and chat with administration is on Wednesday, 12/12 at AMS from 9-10am. As part of a 67 year tradition, Amherst PTA will bring Mulan Jr. to the stage in April under the direction of much of the production team from last year's hit, The Little Mermaid. 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! Rehearsals are on Sunday's beginning in January

with additional groups called on Tuesday evenings (YES- you can do the Rec ski program and the play!) until the final weeks before the play. For all of the information, go to

<https://sites.google.com/site/mulanjrauditions2019/>.

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