



The Clark-Wilkins Villager August 2, 2018 Clark-Wilkins Website

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

- August 27 – New Student Orientation Grades 1-4 (For Families/Students new to Wilkins)
- September 4 – First Day of Instruction – Grades 1-4
- September 4 - Kindergarten Orientation
- September 5 - First Day of instruction Pre-K and Kindergarten
- September 8 – [Amherst Old Home Day Festival](#)
- September 11 – Late Start
- **September 14 – Community Flyer Day (Please contact school offices for distribution details)**
- September 24 & 25 – Clark-Wilkins Open House
- October 8 – Columbus Day – no School
- November 5 – Teacher In-Service Day – no school
- November 6 – Election Day – no school

CHECK OUT OUR [COMMUNITY NEWS PAGE](#) FOR INFORMATION ON:

- Amherst Old Home Week, September 8
- Amherst Soccer Club

Clark Playground Update

We are so very excited to have begun our playground build at Clark School this week. Some of the behind the scenes work began on Tuesday when we prepared the ground and dug all of the holes for the new structure. The play equipment was delivered bright and early this morning, and a team of volunteers quickly got to work off-loading, sorting and assembling the play elements. We are hoping to have the main build completed during the day on Saturday. The finishing touches will be completed at the beginning of next week. Although the structures may look “finished” by Monday or Tuesday, it is important that children do not play on the elements until the playground is officially opened. We have to give the concrete time to dry properly and spread the ground covering so that the play area is safe.

We would like to give thanks to all of the individuals and organizations that have already worked hard to make this build a success. Following the build, we will publish a list of all volunteers and contributors.

Bus Route Information

School bus routes have been posted for all SAU 39 school districts on the district website. The [18-19 Bus Routes](#) link will take you directly to that information. If you have questions regarding the routes, stops, or times, please call Butler Bus directly (603) 213-6401.

The **Amherst PTA** is excited to introduce a new online tool to help parents stay connected with all things PTA. MySchoolAnywhere (MSA) functions as a website and a user-friendly app to help

parents browse volunteer opportunities, keep track of important dates, and communicate directly with the PTA. Room parent and lunch volunteer sign-ups are already open. Volunteer opportunities will come directly from MSA throughout the year. MSA will function best when many parents sign up. While there, you can also sign up for PTA membership which will give you access to the online member directory.

I'm ready to sign up! [Click here.](#)
I want more information. [Click here.](#)

The Amherst PTA thrives when many parents and teachers participate in making amazing experiences for our students! Questions are always welcome at amherstptanh@gmail.com.
www.amherstnhpta.org

Respectfully submitted by Nicola Fraley, Principal

ALL ABOUT YOUR FOURTH GRADE TEAM



*Top Row, left to right: Dave Wright, Eric Kidder, Karin Alger
Second Row, left to right: Martha Chazanoff, Neal Vaupel*

It is **Dave Wright's** fourteenth year teaching at Clark-Wilkins Elementary School. Dave loves teaching fourth grade and is very excited about starting the new year! He is very happily married with two amazing children. Some of his favorite hobbies include photography, hiking, biking and weight training. In addition to spending as much time as possible with his family, he also enjoys a nice cup of coffee, a chocolate bar, and a good laugh.

Hi, it's **Mr. Kidder!** I'm super excited to get back into the school groove. This will be my 21st year at Clark Wilkins school (yikes!!) I'll be teaching with Ms. Alger this year.

I have two kids... my son Cody will be a freshman and my daughter Gabriella will be a 7th grader. We have fun hiking, biking, and kayaking. We also have an affinity for amusement parks!! I'm looking forward to seeing all your smiling faces in a couple of weeks! 😊

Karin Alger has been a teacher for 15 years and is excited to start her first year at Clark-Wilkins. She loves spending time with her two children, family, friends, and her dog Tyson. In her free time, she likes spending time at the beach and golfing. She is thrilled to be teaching 4th-grade math and science this year!

Martha Chazanoff is very excited about joining the Wilkins fourth-grade team! She loves to travel with her two children, visit museums, and read! Although she knows her two cats and her dog will miss her greatly once the school year begins, she is excited to get started and looks forward to an amazing year of teaching, learning, and building friendships in fourth-grade.

Neal Vaupel is entering his 19th year as a teacher at Clark-Wilkins and 22nd as an educator. Each year he truly believes more and more that he is fortunate to be part of the amazing educational community of Amherst. Neal is committed to assisting each child to excel and to get better each day. In addition to teaching at Wilkins, he is a football coach for Bedford High School. Neal is very thankful for his wonderful family and friends.

Dawn Marie Godin will be working collaboratively with Mrs. Chazanoff as a 4th grade STEM teacher this year. Mrs. Godin has many years of experience and is skilled at getting children to think outside of the box, think deeply, and build strong connections with their peers and classmates.

ALL ABOUT YOUR KINDERGARTEN TEAM



Top Row, left to right: Brittney Doyle, Donna Niland, Jennifer Marcella
Second Row, left to right: Joanna Bacon, Kirsten Quinn, Amanda Benson, Kelly Bennett

Brittney Doyle is excited to start her 7th year of teaching. She also enjoys being Director of Camp Invention each summer. In addition to being a huge Boston Bruins fan, she likes running, cycling, reading and spending time with family and friends. She is looking forward to meeting her new Kinder Kiddos in September!

Donna Niland is delighted to enter her 24th year in education and is enjoying her second year teaching Blast-Off to Kindergarten. Outside of teaching she enjoys spending time with her husband, son and Australian Labradoodle puppy. She enjoys traveling to new places, meeting new people, hiking, walks on the beach, attending hockey, baseball, and basketball games. Her most memorable event this summer was biking, hiking and exploring Bar Harbor, Maine with her husband Erik and their son Brett. Cadillac Mountain, Thunder Hole, Jordan Pond and Bubble Rock were among their favorite experiences this summer. She is looking forward to welcoming and meeting her Kindergarten students and parents on September 4th.

Jennifer Marcella has been a Kindergarten Teacher for 23 years and feels so lucky to be beginning her third year as a Kindergarten teacher Clark-Wilkins. She loves spending time with her husband, two sons, and two Westies – and she also loves Star Wars! Jennifer is dedicated to educating children socially, emotionally, and cognitively, so they can continue to build a foundation for life-long learning.

Joanna Bacon is entering her 17th year of teaching. She has a love for biking and hiking and spending time with her family. She enjoys being on the beaches of Cape Cod and eating lobster. She is looking forward to another great year at Clark-Wilkins!

Kirsten Quinn is excited to start her 5th year at Clark School. She believes that children learn in different ways, so often children will be working and playing in a variety of ways in the classroom. She works to build a classroom community where all children feel safe and nurtured and can support each other. She is married, has a son in college, a daughter in high school and two active dogs. She can't wait to meet new friends in September.

Kelly Bennett has been teaching for over ten years and is excited to be a part of the kindergarten team at Clark School. She is a busy mom of two boys and their dog, Molly. She enjoys running, hiking and playing soccer. She is looking forward to an amazing school year!

Amanda Benson is a kindergarten teacher at Clark Wilkins School. I am 40 years old and have lived in Amherst since I was 5. My husband and I have three little girls, Molly 10, Scotty 6, Harper 4 and a dog named Jake. This summer we had fun going to the beach and taking boat trips at the Cape. I am excited about my new friends coming to school this fall!