



The Clark-Wilkins Villager

August 3, 2018

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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 11 – Late Start
- 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

Tick tock goes the clock! It is already August, and there are only 32 days until the children return to school. We are gearing up for the start of the school year in many ways – deep cleaning all areas of the buildings, preparing classrooms and learning spaces, engaging in professional development, and working with colleagues to further develop our curriculum. The school is buzzing with activity, and it is exciting to know that everyone will be back in just a blink of an eye.

Early August is a great time for families to begin preparing for “back to school.” Please consider some of the following things that can help with the transition –

- Establishing a bedtime and morning routine
- Designate a daily time for reading (or other learning activities)
- Practice tasks that develop independence – such as packing and unpacking a backpack, helping to prepare lunch, gathering school supplies, etc.

In the coming weeks, we will be reaching out with more information about the start of school, kindergarten orientation, preschool open houses, and upcoming events. There are many ways to stay informed and aware of all things relating to Clark-Wilkins, from the school website, Facebook, and weekly newsletters. Please take a little time to check out these avenues of communication.

Next week we will be introducing our Student Services Team. However, today we would like to take a moment to introduce the Third Grade Team. The 2018-2019 school year will have six teachers with three new members.

Respectfully submitted by Nicola Fraley, Principal

ALL ABOUT YOUR THIRD GRADE TEAM

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Alice (AKA Mrs. P) is starting her 14th year at Clark-Wilkins. She has taught for 26 years in total and loves helping students reach their goals. Mrs. P. has a son heading to college in the fall and a daughter who will be a senior at Souhegan. She and her husband, (Mr. P.) spend lots of time at the hockey rink watching them both in their games. The Bruins are Mrs. P. favorite team. She also loves her summer camp in Ossipee, NH where she spends her summers but looks forward to coming back to Amherst in August to meet her new students each year.

Ms. Shorrock is excited to be back in her home state of New Hampshire! She is returning from teaching for Denver Public Schools for the past four years. She is looking forward to being apart of the CW family. She enjoys to camp, be by the ocean and supports New England sports teams. She is eager to welcome back students and their families!

This will be Mrs. Kellendorfer's 13th year as part of the Wilkins Family. She enjoys teaching third grade, especially math. Her favorite times are spent at home with my family which includes her husband, four adult daughters, spouses, and boyfriends. She also enjoys reading, spending time at the beach or on the water, and gardening.

Mrs. Hawkes is very excited for her third year teaching grade 3 at Wilkins School. She has three children, a two-year-old chocolate lab named Scotty, and a new puppy named Boomer. She has spent her summer watching her children on the lacrosse field and preparing to welcome everyone in September.

Mrs. Eccleston is thrilled to be returning as a classroom teacher after ten amazing years of enjoying her role as Mathematics Coach. She enjoys hiking, swimming, music, spending time with family and friends, math (of course), and being a teacher! She is looking forward to a phenomenal year with her third graders!

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Mrs. Smith is excited to start her eighteenth year of teaching. She has two children and in her free time enjoys running, working in her garden and taking her dog for walks. She loves reading and helping students develop their love of reading. She is looking forward to welcoming her new students into their classroom in September!

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