



## The Clark-Wilkins Villager

July 13, 2018

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

- July 30 – Class Size Parent Information Session, 6:00 PM Mont Vernon Village School
- 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

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Summer is a busy time filled with new adventures, time to relax, fun with family, and in some cases, a little more school! This week we have welcomed many students from preschool to grade 4 back to school to participate in our summer programs. It has been great to hear their voices in the halls and have energy, enthusiasm, and smiles back in the building.

Our custodial teams have been working almost around the clock since the first day of summer vacation. They have already emptied, deep cleaned, and reassembled more than 25 classrooms and work spaces. I have no doubt that our buildings will be gleaming and ready for students well before the first day of school. In addition, the Clark Septic Project is well underway and the team is making great progress inside and out. We are hoping to see the project wrap up in early August and then the work on the playground will begin. Stay tuned for information from the school and the PTA about volunteers to support the community build.

It was wonderful to see so many Clark-Wilkins children and families at the Annual July 4<sup>th</sup> celebrations last week. I hope to see lots of familiar faces at the Concert on the Common Tuesday, July 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM, when Mr. Allwarden will be performing for our community.

This week, we would like to take a moment to introduce the Second Grade Team. The 2018-2019 school year will have seven teachers with two new members.

### ALL ABOUT YOUR SECOND GRADE TEAM

Mrs. Caskey has been an educator for 12 years. She is moving from Texas to New Hampshire this summer and is excited for her family of 4 to embark on this new adventure. She believes that with the right mindset and environment, all students can grow and learn academically, socially, and emotionally. She loves to read and craft in her free time and cannot wait to meet her new second graders in September!

Mrs. Richardson is excited to start her twentieth year of teaching. She loves reading and inspiring students to find their joy in becoming lifelong readers. Her hobbies include running and spending time with her husband and two children, ages 6 and 9.

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Mrs. Troy is excited to begin her first year at Clark-Wilkins. She taught second grade for the last three years. She lives in Frankestown with her husband, daughter, dog, and some chickens. She loves to run, kayak, hike, swim, paint and read. She is passionate about art, ice cream, bagels, coffee and making sure that school is a place that children want to be.

Mrs. Bevilacqua is excited to begin her 24th year at Clark-Wilkins, and she looks forward to getting to know her new students and their families. In her free time, she enjoys spending time with her family, going to the beach, reading, playing with her dog, and just having fun.

Mrs. Kennedy is excited to begin her fourteenth year at Clark-Wilkins! She has been a 3rd-grade classroom teacher, Literacy Coach, and this will be her 3rd year in 2nd grade. She has two children and in her free time loves to swim, bike, run and do anything active! She is excited to welcome her new students into their classroom in September.

Mrs. Ladeau enjoys spending time hiking with her family in their free time. Reading, sewing and baking are other favorite free time activities. Throughout the school year, Mrs. Ladeau enjoys learning and laughing beside her second grade students.

Mrs. Vaillancourt will be entering her 20th year of teaching this year, and her 18th year here in Amherst. She was a teacher at Amherst Middle School for 12 years before coming to Wilkins to teach 2nd grade. Liz has two children and a little dog, Martha, that she loves! She also loves the beach, amusement park rides, coaching her daughter's softball team, and anything to do with American history. She is so excited about welcoming her new class of 2nd graders this year!



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Top left to right: Mrs. Caskey, Mrs. Richardson, Mrs. Troy,  
Bottom left to right: Mrs. Bevilacqua, Mrs. Kennedy, Mrs. Ladeau, Mrs. Vaillancourt

Respectfully submitted by Nicola Fraley, Principal

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