



The Clark-Wilkins Villager

September 14, 2018

[Clark-Wilkins Website](#)

REMINDER – Thank you to our families who have completed their online registration! If you have not yet updated records, please do so now. It is critical that we have **updated contact information and that our school nurses have pertinent health information. Permissions to treat, administer medications, etc. must be signed off on each year.** Parents access their student’s information through their parent portal account. Details of this process were emailed to parents and can be found [here](#). Please contact us at kjohnson@sprise.com if you have questions.

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

- September 14 – Community Flyer Day (Please contact school offices for distribution details)
- September 15 – Amherst Library Friends of Book Sale
- September 18 – Godin/Chazanoff Hike
- September 19 – Vaupel/Wright Hike
- September 20 – Alger/Kidder Hike
- September 24 - Open House – Grades 1 & 2, 6:15
- September 25 – Open House – Preschool, 5:30, Kindergarten, 6:15, Grades 3 & 4, 6:45
- September 26 – School Pictures
- October 8 – Columbus Day – no School
- November 5 – Teacher In-Service Day – no school
- November 6 – Election Day – no school

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

- [Amherst Old Home Day!](#)
- [Amherst Library Programs – Friends of the Library Book Sale](#)
- [Amherst Soccer Club](#)
- [Scouting in Amherst](#)

MESSAGE FROM MRS. FRALEY

This first full week of school has flown by with little incident. Which given the events of last week is no small accomplishment! Thank you to all of our families, staff, school board members, and the Amherst Fire Department for your support, generosity, quick action and kind words following last Friday’s fire in one of our portables. The support of the community meant that your children were able to return to school on Monday morning and pick up right where they left off on Friday afternoon. Once again, the saying “it takes a village” rings true at Clark-Wilkins.

Students at both buildings contributed to the creation of our “school-wide” rules this week. Representatives from each class worked with grade-level peers to develop three rules that guide and inform how we will work together in all school settings for the coming year. The rules, or Clark-Wilkins Constitution, will be shared with the entire school community early next week and the Constitution will be displayed in the entrance to both buildings and throughout the school.

The safety of our students and staff is a priority at Clark-Wilkins. Each month we will teach and practice an emergency drill and procedure in both buildings. Over the course of the year, we experience a variety of drills to ensure we respond appropriately to an assortment of emergency situations. This week, we completed our first fire drill at Wilkins successfully. We also introduced Clark students to the tone or alarm, that is used in a lockdown drill. The tone was played as part of an informative announcement, and the teachers led conversation and discussion in their classrooms about how they would respond to that type of emergency. We will play the tone for Wilkins students next week. As we move through the school year, I will continue to provide you with information about the types of procedures we are practicing.

On Tuesday, all of our staff participated in professional learning during our late start day. Time spent working and learning with colleagues is incredibly important, and ensures that we can strengthen and grow our practices and approaches. Teachers spent time in small groups discussing effective grading practices, building common grade books, sharing research-based practices and refining curriculum. Many families took advantage of the New Morning Program during Late Start. If you would like your child to attend New Morning during the monthly Late Starts, you must re-register annually for your child to participate. There is no cost to families for this service on Late Start Tuesdays.

Respectfully submitted by Nicola Fraley, Principal

A NOTE FROM THE AMHERST PTA

- ✓ Check backpacks for lots of great things from your PTA volunteers- Clark-Wilkins spirit wear order forms, Fall Fundraiser catalog sale, and The Bellringer (newsletter) packed with information and forms!
- ✓ Please attend the First General Meeting of the year on Monday, September 17th from 6-7pm at Amherst Middle School. Hear all about the PTA and meet others! Free babysitting will be available by RSVP to amherstptanh@gmail.com by Saturday, 9/15 at 5 pm. www.amherstnhpta.org

JOIN THE FUN: VOLUNTEER AT THE SCHOOL STORE

We are looking for volunteers to help us run the School Store this year. The School Store is open every late start Tuesday beginning October through June. You may choose to volunteer for the 1st and 2nd grade block (10:40 - 11:30) or the 3rd and 4th grade block (11:30 - 12:20) or BOTH. Younger siblings are most welcome! Please contact Melissa Gomeau @ melgomeau@gmail.com
Below are the dates:

October 9
November 13
December 10

January 8
February 12
March 12
April 9
May 14
June 4