



Swift River Current

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Friday, January 26

Friday, February 9: Supermarket Sweep Drawing!!! (see attached flier)
Friday, February 9: GLOW FEST 2024 at Swift River from 6:00-8:00 PM
Monday-Friday, February 19-23: Winter Recess (no school)
Friday, March 22: Curriculum Day (no school)
Weds. and Fri., Mar. 27 & 29: Family-Teacher Conferences; 1:10 Dismissal
Weds. and Fri., April 3 & 5: Family-Teacher Conferences; 1:10 Dismissal
Monday-Friday, April 15-19: Spring Recess (no school)
Monday, May 27: Memorial Day (no school)

NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Families:

It always amazes me how much we accomplish in the first half of the school year. I couldn't be more proud of the students and staff at SRS. The level of academic achievement and the character of this community are top-notch. This is evidenced by the art and student work hanging in the hallways, the publishing parties, readers theater, winter concert, physical activities, TEAM SRS events, and the support and kindness the staff and children provide to each other every day.

The 90th day of school was on Tuesday, January 23 and the first semester has ended. Report cards will come home through the backpack express on Friday, February 16. Students with more than five absences will also receive a letter regarding attendance.

SRS is still collecting textiles, clothes, shoes, and small household fabrics (like pillows and scatter rugs) for the Epilepsy Foundation. Please see the flier attached.

We are asking families to please label all outerwear. With 140 students in the building with similar snow gear, it is nearly impossible for us to get items back to the original owners when left behind. There are many lost and found items on the hooks by the office that, if unclaimed, will be donated during our winter vacation (coming up in three weeks). Please come in and take a look if you are missing shirts, sweaters, sweatshirts, jackets, et cetera. We also continue to graciously accept any snow pants and boots that students have outgrown to keep and have these items available as needed.

We have recently had an email-related issue with our SwiftReach robo call system, but we are hoping that it has now been resolved. However, if you did not receive an email

on Wednesday about the snow day, please let us know. Also, we have recently had to reach out to families and are coming across full voicemail boxes and non-working numbers. Please make sure you have provided the number we can use to reach you during the day in case of an emergency.

We are very excited to be offering our school site to the Wolf Tree Program. They will be offering a for-profit after school program that will be held entirely in the woods. Please see the attached flier for more information.

We continue to look for one parent and one community member for the School Council. The School Council meets four times during the school year. Please email me at sullivan@swiftriverschool.org if you would like to join us, or if you would like more information. We are also looking for substitute teachers to support our classrooms. If you know of anyone or are considering subbing, please reach out to the office for more information.

I would like to extend my sincerest gratitude to all of our families, staff and community members who support the great work happening at SRS. We are truly a special place.

Fondly,
Kelley



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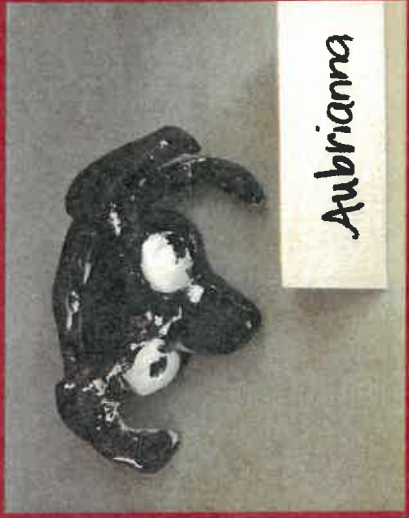
These announcements and events are not school-sponsored.

If anyone has events or announcements to post here, please email barilla@swiftriverschool.org

Clay Projects by 3rd Grade



EMMA



Swift River Student Art at the New Salem Library!

Come and light up the night at...

GLOW FEST 2024

With

DJ MIKE CHECK

February 9, 2024

6:00-8:00 PM

Swift River School gymnasium

If you'd like to donate food for the event:
Click [HERE](#) to let us know

Free event sponsored by the Swift River School PTCA
*Students must be accompanied by an adult.

Swift River School

TEAM SRS



Only 150 tickets will be sold for a chance to grab as many groceries as you can in 2 minutes at our local Hannaford in Athol!

Right in time for the Super Bowl Sunday!

The drawing will be held on Friday, February 9th, 2024.

You don't need to be present to win. We will contact you!

Scan the QR code to purchase your ticket today!

SUNDAY

February 11th, 2024

6:30 am



\$10 per ticket



Tree Frogs: Our New After School Program!



Please sign up soon!

We need 12 students enrolled to make this program a reality!

We are so excited to announce a new Wolf Tree after school program happening at the Swift River School in Wendell! Like other schools here in the valley, Swift River has a half day every Wednesday, and we've been asked to bring our special take on wilderness programming to the forests of Wendell and New Salem at their school. So, starting in March, we'll be doing just that!

Tree Frogs will be happening every Wednesday afternoon at the Swift River School. Like our [Wild Coyotes program](#) in Leverett, [Tree Frogs](#) will be a place where kids can grow, play, and connect with one another after a morning in the classroom. Through a blend of skilled mentorship, exploration, unstructured play, and the learning of skills, children will deepen their connection to nature and each other.

To learn more, and to register, please visit [our website!](#) And, you can always feel free to reach out to us with any questions you have.

Thanks for your interest, and we'll see you out there!

Onwards and upwards,
- The Wolf Tree Team

Union 28 Community Network for Children
offers another online parent education opportunity



Navigating the Path of Growth: Supporting Your Child's Developmental Milestones

FREE



Join us for a wonderful opportunity to learn more about effective ways to monitor and support your child's learning with Ally Soule, a speech language pathologist specializing in early childhood development. Parents will have the opportunity to ask questions and to learn and share strategies in a conversational, supportive setting. We look forward to seeing you!

Facilitated by: Ally Soule M.A., CCC-SLP
Speech Language Pathologist
Heart and Soule Speech Therapy, LLC

JANUARY 23, 2024
7:00-8:30PM

Register to receive ZOOM log-in code:
Use QR code or hyperlink



<https://form.jotform.com/221235700085143>

Contact CNC at 413-422-0170 or budine@erving.com with any questions.



The Union #28 Community Network for Children program is funded by the Coordinated Family and Community Engagement (CFCE) grant awarded to the Union #28 Schools by the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care, and donations from the Community.





**EPILEPSY
FOUNDATION**

New England
Donation Center

Acceptable Textiles

Clothing:

- Tops & T-shirts
- Pants, Jeans, & Shorts
- Ties & Scarves
- Dresses/Gowns
 - Skirts
 - Suits
- Sweaters
- Sweats
- Vests
- Blazers
- Pajamas
- Socks
- Tights
- Belts
- Uniforms
- Costumes & dress-up clothes
- Shoes/Boots/Flipflops/Slippers
- Pocketbooks/Backpacks/Duffle Bags

Outerwear:

- Coats/Jackets
- Ski pants
- Mittens/Gloves
- Hats/Scarves
- Raingear
- Bathing suits

Other:

- Fabric/Fabric Scraps/Yarn
- Small Throw Rugs
- Towels/Wash Cloths
- Shower Curtains/Bathmats
- Drapes/Curtains
- Sheets/Pillowcases
- Tablecloths
- Cloth Napkins
- Potholders
- Blankets
- Comforter/Duvet/Quilts
- Sofa/Chair covers