



Swift River Current

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Monday, September 4: Labor Day (no school)
Wednesday, September 6: Band Night from 3-5 PM
Thursday, September 7: First Day of Preschool
Friday, October 6: Curriculum Day (no school)
Monday, October 9: Indigenous Peoples Day (no school)
Tues-Fri October 10: Book Fair
Wednesday, October 11: Open House
Tues, Thurs, Fri, Oct. 17, 19, 20: Picture Days

NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Greetings,

Welcome to the new school year! I hope you and your family had a fabulous summer and were able to travel and enjoy the outdoors. Everyone at Swift River is so happy to welcome students back from vacation and have the school hopping with excitement. It has been wonderful for me to be able to meet and reconnect with everyone.

To clarify morning drop-off routines: buses pull into the yard around 8:15 AM. Students being dropped off should wait in their cars, which should be lined up on the side of New Salem Road closest to the fields. All four buses will pull into the yard, and once they have done so, the line of cars can pull in behind them. This allows us to unload the buses in a safer, more efficient manner, and allows for any necessary check-ins with the drivers.

When dropping off students, we also ask that cars do not park on the loop coming into the school. This is for quick drop-offs only. Please help students exit cars on the passenger-side of directly onto the curb for safety precautions.

Friday, September 1

We ask that cars refrain from passing stopped vehicles in this area, unless a staff member waves you through.

We also ask that no one walks between the buses when they are parked in front of the building. Please walk around the row of buses to get to the door. If your family needs an earlier drop-off time, the Enchanted Forest before school program starts at 7:20 AM.

When picking students up at dismissal, we ask that families please park their cars, head into the building, and check in with the office to let staff know you are taking your student.

It is really important to communicate students' dismissal plans with the school. The best way to do this is by sending a note in backpacks to the classroom. This allows for notes to be seen by both classroom and office staff. We understand that dismissal plans can change throughout the day, and we welcome these notifications.

We hope you all enjoy a great long weekend, and we look forward to seeing everyone next week!

Fondly,
Kelley

Music Notes

Students in Grades 3-6 who are interested in joining this year's concert band are invited by Mr. Cortina to bring their families to come to Band Night, this Wednesday, September 6th from 3:00-5:00 PM. Students may learn about available instruments, and Mr. Cortina will also offer an instrumental show-and-tell, answer any questions you may have about the instruments, and offer assistance with the rental form process. We hope to see you there!

Pinwheels for Peace

We hope that you will join us for our Celebration of International Day of Peace at our Pinwheels for Peace Ceremony following Community Sing on Friday, September 22 from 8:45 - 9:15 AM. Students will "plant" their pinwheels in an outdoor installation to represent our hopes for a peaceful school year. All families are invited to join us for this event. (Please see the flier attached to this issue of the Current!)

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

These announcements and events are not school-sponsored.

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

Gardening Help by Troop 40

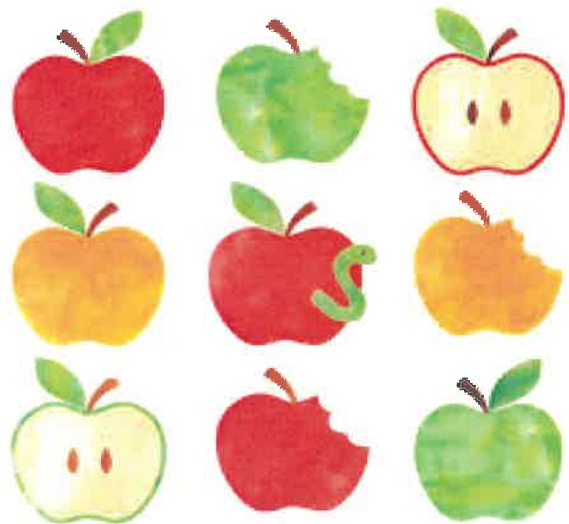
My name is David Vitello, and I am a 2018 graduate from Swift River School. I am currently a Senior at Mahar Regional High

School. I have worked as summer custodial help for the past three summers at Swift River.

This year I also completed my Eagle Scout project at Swift River, where the flower gardens in front of the school were replanted and mulched.

Thank you to the volunteers from my Troop 40 in Orange who helped with the manual labor of cleaning out and replanting the garden. Many thanks to Ms. Sullivan, Ariel, Eric, and Dana for their expertise and willingness to allow me to complete my Eagle Scout project at Swift River School. A big thank you to the following local companies and organizations for donating to my Eagle Scout project:

Greenfield Farmers Cooperative Exchange, for the donation of flowers and bushes;
Noels Nursery, for the mulch;
SRS PTCA "TEAM SRS," for the rain barrel.





**Please join us at Community Sing
September 22, 2023
8:45 - 9:15 AM**

**Celebrating International Day of Peace
at our
Pinwheels for Peace Ceremony**

Students will “plant” pinwheels in an outdoor art installation to represent our hopes for a peaceful school year.

http://www.pinwheelsforpeace.com/Pinwheels_for_Peace/home.html

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PJ STORYTIME

WITH U28 COMMUNITY NETWORK FOR CHILDREN

2nd Thursdays*

6-6:45 pm:

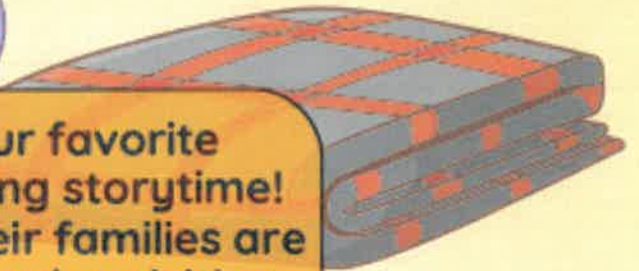
- September 14:** Dinosaurs After Dark
- October 12:** Elephant, Piggie & Pigeon Too!
- November 16:** Pete the Cat and friends
- January 11:** Hurry, Hurry Drive the Fire Truck
- February 8:** Let It Snow
- March 14:** Teddy Bear Picnic

Registration
requested for
planning
purposes



*except for November
due to the holiday

Use QR Code to Register or
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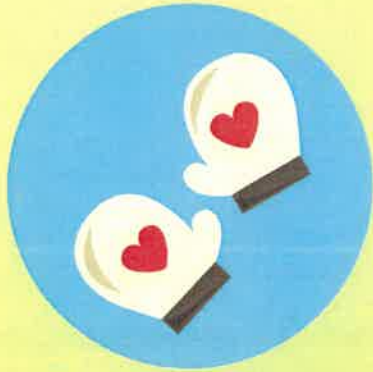
Come join us in your favorite
pajamas for an evening storytime!
Young children and their families are
welcome! Story themed-activities
sponsored by CNC.



Contact the Erving Public Library or
CNC at budline@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.



Pants, shirts & More!

COATS
SNOW PANTS
BOOTS

COLD WEATHER IS COMING!
CNC
Children's
Closet
OPEN HOURS

Saturday, September 9th, 2023

10:00am - 1:00pm

4 Montague Rd, Leverett@ the Dixon House
RAIN OR SHINE!

Come "SHOP" for FREE! Donations accepted, but not necessary.
Open to all with young children, Newborn-Elementary Age

Questions? contact budine@erving.com/413-422-0170 call/text

Thank you to the First Congregational Church of Leverett
for collaboration and support! 



The CNC Program is funded in part through the Coordinated Family and Community Engagement Grant by the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care and Community Donations and the Union#28 Schools.





Families in Nature with the Hitchcock Center

Interactive, in-person family program providing inquiry based environmental and outdoor education for small groups to explore nature in the fall. Each session includes movement, song, nature exploration and a story book with a focus on learning from nature. Program best for children 2 - 6 years of age with an adult.

Katie Koerten, Educator at the Hitchcock Center will be facilitating the programs.

This program will include 3 sessions:

****REGISTRATION REQUIRED- Group size limited.**

Registration link: <https://form.jotform.com/212215759871158>

Wednesdays, 1:30pm

We will meet at the Quabbin Overlook, BEHIND the New Salem Fire Station at 33 South Main St, New Salem. FOLLOW the signs!

- September 13th, Colors of Nature
- October 18th, Squirrel Stories
- November 1st, You Are A Raccoon!



Contact Gillian @ CNC with any questions 413-422-0170 (call/text)

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Hitchcock Center
EDUCATION FOR A HEALTHY PLANET





Union 28 Community Network for Children Program September - December 2023



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, Union 28 schools and donations from the community.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
SEPTEMBER 	Shutesbury Tales & Tunes @M.N. Spear Memorial Library @10am 11, 18, 25	New Salem Tales & Tunes @ New Salem Library @10am 12, 19, 26	Wendell Library Playgroup @10am 6, 13, 20, 27 Leverett Library Playgroup @10:30am 6, 13, 20, 27	CNC Children's Closet 8:00am-Noon 7, 14, 21, 28 PJ Story Time @ Erving Public Library 6:00-6:45pm 14th	 Shutesbury Tales & Tunes @ Shutesbury Elementary School @9am 13, 20, 27	Open Closet Day 10am-1:00- 9th Leverett Erving Fall Festival- visit the CNC table!- 23rd	Visit the Erving Public Library on Sundays from 10-4!
OCTOBER 	Shutesbury Tales & Tunes @M.N. Spear Mem Library @10am. 2nd	New Salem Tales & Tunes @ New Salem Library @10am 3, 10, 17, 24, 31	Wendell Library Playgroup @10am 4, 11, 18, 25 Leverett Library Playgroup @10:30am 4, 11, 18, 25	CNC Children's Closet 8:00am-Noon 5, 12, 19, 26 PJ Story Time @ Erving Public Library 6:00-6:45pm 12th	Visit the Wendell Free Library on Saturdays from 10-3! 	Family Playtime 10:00-11:30 @Erving Elementary School 22nd	
NOVEMBER 		New Salem Tales & Tunes @ New Salem Library @10am 7, 14, 21, 28	Wendell Library Playgroup @10am 1, 8, 15, 22 Leverett Library Playgroup @10:30am 1, 8, 15, 22	CNC Children's Closet 8:00am-Noon 2, 9, 16, 30 PJ Story Time @ Erving Public Library 6:00-6:45pm 16th	Shutesbury Tales & Tunes @ Shutesbury Elementary School @9am 3, 17	Visit the Leverett Library on Saturdays from 10-3! 	Family Playtime 10:00-11:30 @Erving Elementary School 19th
DECEMBER 	Visit the M.N. Spear Memorial Library on Mondays from 11-1 and 3-6! 	New Salem Tales & Tunes @ New Salem Library @10am 5, 12, 19	Wendell Library Playgroup @10am 6, 13, 20 Leverett Library Playgroup @10:30am 6, 13, 20	CNC Children's Closet 8:00am-Noon 7, 14, 21	Shutesbury Tales & Tunes @ Shutesbury Elementary School @9am 1, 8, 15, 22	Visit the New Salem Library on Saturdays from 10-2! 	Family Playtime 10:00-11:30 @Erving Elementary School 17th
	M.N. Spear Memorial Library 10 Cooleyville Rd Shutesbury	New Salem Library 23 S Main St New Salem	Leverett Library 75 Montague Rd Leverett Wendell Library 7 Wendell Depot Rd Wendell	Children's Closet 4 Montague Rd, Leverett Erving Public Library 2 Care Drive, Erving	Shutesbury Elementary School 23 W Pelham Rd Shutesbury	We love our local libraries! 	Erving Elementary School 28 Northfield Rd Erving



QR Code Registration



Find us on

Contact the Community Network for Children. 413-422-0170 call/text budine@erving.com Most programs are drop-in with registration optional. Special events marked with an * require registration. <https://form.jotform.com/212215759871158>

Please note: Ongoing programs may not occur during school vacations or holidays. Please check the schedule! If inclement weather is a concern, contact CNC, check Facebook or the CNC Website for info.