



Swift River Current

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Weds.-Fri., Nov. 22-24: Thanksgiving Recess (no school)
Friday, December 22: Winter Concert at 10:00 AM
Friday, December 22: Early Release at 11:30 AM
December 25-January 1: Holiday Recess (no school)
Tuesday, January 2: Return to School
Monday, January 15: MLK Jr Day Observed (no school)
February 19-23: Winter Recess (no school)

NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Thank you to all of the veterans in our community, and special thanks to Ms. Lynn, our school psychologist. Veterans Day has always been a very important day for my family. When I was a kid, I remember going to visit the VFW with my grandparents to say thank you to all the people who had served. At Community Sing on Friday, Mr. Cortina led our school in patriotic songs to show our appreciation for our local veterans. Again, thank you to all those who are serving and who have served our country.

We are again at that time of year when we like to reflect on what we are thankful for, and I couldn't be more thankful for my Swift River family. One thing that stands out to me is that the staff members of Swift River truly care for each other, for the students who learn here, and for our students' families. Everyone is very committed to what is best for our students, and for that I give many thanks.

It sure has been busy at Swift River School this fall! If you haven't noticed when you enter the building, the Lost and Found hooks are overflowing with a variety of jackets, sweaters, and sweatshirts hanging by the office. As a school community we make every effort to find the owners of mislaid clothing. However, the clothing items on the hooks are not labeled and we have been unsuccessful in making matches. If you are missing anything, please stop by

Monday, November 20

and take a look. We will be sending this batch to a local charity during our winter break in order to make room for the next season's winter coats! Moving forward, we encourage families to label their students' clothing!

I drove home Monday night in a complete white-out and couldn't believe there was snow on the ground here Tuesday morning. Ollie was so excited!!! Please be sure your student is dressed for the weather with a warm jacket, a hat, and gloves or mittens, as well as boots and snowsuits when the weather gets more snowy. We will once again be offering the winter clothing swap to help families outfit for the winter. We will have outdoor recess everyday unless it is unbearable outside. Students also will be walking outside for the 100 Mile Club whenever they can, and we want to make sure they are warm and have appropriate footwear. Eric and Dana will be plowing the track for us when the snow flies!

Speaking of our evening custodian, Dana, he and his wife welcomed a baby boy on November 11, 2023 at 11:01 AM. Douglas Dale weighed in at 8 pounds 5 ounces and 19 inches long. Congratulations to the newest member of the Petersen family and of our SRS community.

Please remember that we will have Thanksgiving Break from this Wednesday, November 22-Friday, November 24. We hope that you all get to enjoy time with your families! We look forward to seeing you again on Monday, November 27.

I'm happy to report that the PFAS treatment system is now up and running. We have successfully passed all the water testing necessary to move forward with full implementation, and the school water is now safe for cooking and drinking! Thank you to everyone who worked on this project and to the towns for

supporting all of the work necessary to ensure clean water for the school. If you have any questions about the treatment system, please reach out to the office.

Mark your calendars! Mr. Cortina will be leading the annual Winter Concert on Friday, December 22 at 10:00 AM in the gym. Students in Preschool through Grade 6 will perform, and there will also be a special chorale performance! The PTCA will be selling tee shirts, sweatshirts, and Dean's Beans products. Grades 5 will also host a bake sale with hot chocolate and hot coffee available to purchase in support of their trip to Nature's Classroom. So while you're waiting for the concert to begin, you can sit back, relax, and enjoy a hot beverage and a tasty treat! We look forward to seeing you there.

Fondly,
Kelley

Winter Clothing Swap!

We will once again be hosting a winter clothing swap at Swift River! Please feel free to send in any outgrown hats, mittens, gloves, boots, snow pants and coats. Also, please feel free to peruse items for anything that might be helpful for your family! We hope to help keep everyone warm and dry this winter as the snowy season approaches!

TEAM SRS Update

We are currently running our Charleston Wrap fundraiser as a school-wide benefit. Stock up on your holiday wrapping and gifts while helping our students raise funds for upcoming events! The last day to send in orders will be on Monday, November 27 when we return from the break.

Our Hillside Pizza Fundraiser generated \$363 in profits that will help support TEAM SRS and our

ongoing work with the school. Thank you for your pizza orders!

Due to the busy nature of the holiday season, there will be no TEAM SRS meeting in December. Monthly meetings will resume on Monday, January 8, at which point we will move to meeting in-person (with an option to attend virtually). All are welcome to attend, and we hope to see you there!

Please visit the Swift River School PTCA-TEAM SRS Facebook page for more information, and be on the lookout for meeting info and for a virtual link as we approach the next meeting date.

Thank you to all of our families who have supported fundraising events throughout the year and for your ongoing support and generosity! We couldn't do it without you!

Student Art Exhibit

Student art is now on display at the Wendell Free Library through November 30. We hope you will enjoy artworks from students across the grades!

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Student work on exhibit

Swift River School
Presents



Art Gallery Exhibition

Nov. 3-30,
2023

Wendell Free Library
Art Opening Reception Nov. 17 5-6pm

Swift River School



Our Organization ID:

17150

REGISTER. SHARE. SHOP. SUPPORT OUR FUNDRAISER

Check-off your holiday gift list today and help our important cause.
From holiday to hostess to corporate gifts and more,
our online store has something for every occasion – even if it's just for you!



#1 REGISTER

Register participant at www.registercw.com to access our handy invitation tools in the Participant Portal. Very important!

#2 SHARE

Invite friends and family to support! SHARE a link to the sale using the **TEXT & EMAIL** invitation tools. Don't forget to share on **SOCIAL MEDIA**, too!

#3 SHOP

Go online to **SHOP** and help us reach our **GOAL** today! With over 2,500 gift ideas there is something for everyone, including you!



Charleston Wrap
BETTER PRODUCTS. BETTER FUNDRAISING.

****This is not a school sponsored event****

**WENDELL FREE LIBRARY
AFTER SCHOOL STEM**

BUILD A TWIRLING HOMOPOLAR MOTOR SCULPTURE

WED NOV. 29 @ 2



Make sure to register your kids for this fun opportunity to learn about homopolar motors and make a swirling sculpture out of copper wire. Please register by November 15 to give enough time to get supplies. Program open to ages 5-12, children grade 3 and below must come with a grownup.