



Friday, October 8
Curriculum Day
No School for Students

Monday, October 11
Indigenous People Day
No School



Happy Indigenous People's Day!



Our sister school, Shutesbury Elementary, has put together this fun and informative video about getting the Covid-19 test! We hope that you will enjoy it!

CLICK HERE



https://drive.google.com/file/d/1k8CeQcwVOxq1OAFm_LGmmR94wuCRCZW/view

October 6, 2021

Dear Families,



We have finally received approval from the state to start covid testing next week at SRS. Initially, we will use the BinaxNow Rapid Antigen test. We do not have pooled testing going yet, however we are working on this daily, and will keep you updated. Once weekly testing begins,

Nurse Anne and I will be under the tent on Tuesday mornings to test any students and staff members who have signed up. In the meantime, if students develop potential covid symptoms while in school, we will be able to use the rapid tests to determine next steps. We strongly encourage everyone to sign up for testing, because it will help keep more of us in school. We must have a signed consent form in order to perform any covid test; a link to the consent form is [HERE](#). Also, please feel free to watch this video of Principal Mendonsa of Shutesbury Elementary School and Coco the Moose show families how we perform the test [HERE](#). If you know of anyone who might be interested in a job covid-testing students in Erving Union #28, please pass along the flier we have attached to this issue of the Current. If you have any questions about covid testing at Swift River, please reach out to Anne Martin by email at martin@swiftriverschool.org, or by phone at 978-544-6926, extension 220.

Thank you to all the families who have been able to join us for Community Sing outside! It was especially meaningful to us last week as we planted our pinwheels for peace on the island below the American flag. Please remember that this Friday is a curriculum day, and there will be no school or Community Sing. As the mornings start to get more chilly and damp, we will probably have to move Sing back to the classrooms via livestream, since, although having Sing in the gym is fun, we found that the noise level is very high, making it not the best way to start the learning day. We will be sure to start sending the link out to families every Friday morning once we are back to streaming

Please note that we are still eating outside and it is cold and wet out there this week! When the skies are grey, sitting under the pavilion or tent can be quite chilly! Many students are not dressed appropriately to be spending this time sitting outside, and they are telling us they're cold. Please send students in with multiple layers of clothing, since we will continue to eat outside as long as possible.

Physical Education will also be taking place outside for much of the year. If your students have waterproof hiking boots or a change of shoes, we highly suggest sending them in. The grass is very dewy and shoes are getting wet! Upper grades have gym starting at 8:40 AM. Please make sure all students dress accordingly for the weather.

Don't forget about our virtual Open House on Wednesday, October 13. The schedule is included with this issue of the Current, and teachers will also send links out to families.

Enjoy the extra days this weekend!

Best,

Kelley



Swift River School was so very proud of its staff and students for participating in such a beautiful display of “Pinwheels for Peace.” As you can see, it was a lovely representation of a beautiful belief.



We have staggered classroom meetings to accommodate families with multiple students. Each classroom teacher will give a 30 minute presentation to discuss their curricula and classroom goals and expectations, and to provide information about specials and support staff. If you have any questions after the presentations, please email teachers or call them the next day. This is not a time for student check-ins. Be on the lookout for a link to these Google Meets.

Wednesday, October 13
6:30 PM Kindergarten
7:00 PM Grades One and Two
7:30 PM Grade Four

Thursday October 14
6:30 PM Preschool
7:00 PM Grade Three
7:30 PM Grades Five and Six Combined

School Council

The SRS School Council for the 2021 - 2022 school year is looking for new members, and we encourage parents and community members to join. The work of the School Council centers on the development and implementation of the School Improvement Plan, a three-year document that guides the professional work of our school. School Council meetings will be held virtually on five Thursday afternoons (10/14, 11/18, 1/13, 3/10, and 5/12). If you are interested in participating in this important work, please email the Principal at sullivan@swiftriverschool.org. We seek to represent diverse perspectives; families with diverse backgrounds are especially encouraged to participate.

TEAM SRS

meeting

Tuesday, October 12, 2021 at 6:00 PM

Please mark your calendar for our first TEAM SRS Meeting of the year. We are seeking volunteers to continue growing as a team. We are currently looking for someone who would like to be TEAM SRS President, as well as volunteers and creative minds to help us make this school year the best one yet. TEAM SRS is a team effort and we cannot succeed. Our first meeting will be virtual so you could join us from the comfort of your home. Anyone can join via Google Meet link or via phone.

Date: Tuesday, October 12, 2021, 6:00PM

Google Meet Link: meet.google.com/hsy-gtpa-zcr

Join by Phone: 740-307-3186 PIN: 286 565 440

Thank
you
so
much

Once again we are so happy to thank ALL Swift River School Families for participating in the Hillside Pizza Fundraiser. We can't express our gratitude enough for your incredible support and generosity!

We were able to raise \$2,045. All the money was divided equally among each grade to supplement classroom funds. We wouldn't have been able to do that without your support!

Thank you!

Swift River School Menu - October 2021

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
B r e a k f a s t	4	5	6	7	8
	Cereal Day: Assorted WG Cereals with a Cheese Stick & 100% Juice	WG Pumpkin Bread with Cream Cheese & Fruit	WG Smiley Breakfast Bar with Yogurt & Fruit	Cereal Day: Assorted WG Cereals with a Cheese Stick & 100% Juice	<i>Curriculum Day!</i>
L u n c h	Homemade Mac & Cheese with BBQ Pulled Pork, Corn Bread, and Green Beans	Breaded Fish Sticks with Tater Tots and Buttered Carrots	All-Beef Hot Dog on a WG Bun with BBQ Baked Beans and Sun Chips	Pizza Quesadillas with Marinara Sauce and Seasoned Broccoli	<i>No School!</i>
B r e a k f a s t	11	12	13	14	15
	<i>Indigenous Peoples' Day!</i>	Cereal Day: Assorted WG Cereals with a Cheesestick & Juice	WG Smiley Breakfast Bar with Yogurt & Fruit	WG Bagel & Cream Cheese with Fruit	Granola with Low-Fat Yogurt & 100% Juice
L u n c h	<i>No School!</i>	Pesto Pasta with WG Garlic Knots and Buttered Peas	Turkey & Cheese Wrap with Roasted Chick Peas and Cucumber Slices	Chicken Stir-Fry with Rice and Mixed Veggies	Pizza Slice (Cheese, Pepperoni or Veggie) with Broccoli and Dessert!
B r e a k f a s t	18	19	20	21	22
	Cereal Day: Assorted WG Cereals with a Cheesestick & 100% Juice	WG Banana Bread with Cream Cheese & Fruit	WG Smiley Breakfast Bar with Yogurt & Fruit	WG Bagel & Cream Cheese with Fruit	Cereal Day: Assorted WG Cereals with Grahams & 100% Juice
L u n c h	Pasta & Meatballs with Marinara Sauce, Green Beans, and Garlic Bread	Breaded Fish Patties with French Fries and Corn	Grilled Cheese Sandwich with BBQ Baked Beans and Carrots	Salisbury Steak with Mashed Potatoes, Peas, and Buttered Bread	Pizza Crunchers with Marinara Sauce, Broccoli, and Dessert!
B r e a k f a s t	25	26	27	28	29
	Cereal Day: Assorted WG Cereals with a Cheesestick & 100% Juice	WG Muffin with Fruit	WG Smiley Breakfast Bar with Yogurt & Fruit	WG Bagel & Cream Cheese with Fruit	Cereal Day: Assorted WG Cereals with Grahams & 100% Juice
L u n c h	Pesto Pasta with WG Garlic Knots and Buttered Peas	Chicken & Cheese Burrito with Rice, Mixed Veggies, and Seasoned Beans	Turkey & Cheese Wrap with Roasted Chick Peas and Carrots	Chicken Nuggets with French Fries and Carrots	Pizza Slice (Cheese, Pepperoni or Veggie) with Broccoli and Dessert!

Breakfast and Lunch are available at no charge - Veggies, Fruit & Milk are offered with every lunch - Fruit & Milk are offered with every breakfast - Salads include Protein of the Day, or a Cheese Stick, or Sunflower Seeds, or a Hard Boiled Egg - Extra Milk: \$0.50 - PK will not be served PB in accordance with MA General Law

Menus are subject to change without notice. The New Salem-Wendell School District assures that all programs, activities, and employment opportunities are offered without regard to race, color, national origin, gender, gender identity, disability, economic status, homelessness, religion, sexual orientation, pregnancy, and pregnancy-related conditions.

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THE SOLUTION!**

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TRACK-OR-TREAT

October 22 @ 5:00 PM

Looking for a fun way to add laps for 100 Mile club? Then come to Swift River's "Track-or-Treat" fundraising event. For every 3 laps, students will receive a piece of candy, which means you could earn 2 pieces for every mile while walking and talking with your friends! Everyone is encouraged to wear a costume! The event will end a little after sunset, so bring some flashlights or glow sticks to light your way. The event is free, but we will have plenty of raffle prizes with various goodies to win!

Raffle tickets are \$1 per ticket, \$5 for 10 tickets, or \$10 for 25 tickets.

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

