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SWIFT RIVER SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 3, 2021



November

**Wednesday, November 10 &
Friday, November 12
Wednesday, November 17 &
Friday, November 19
1:10 PM dismissal on all
conference days!**

**Thursday, November 4
School Committee Mtg
7 PM
(link goes out 30 min prior)**

**Wednesday, November 24 -
Friday, November 26
Thanksgiving Break
No School**

**Thursday, November 11
Veterans Day
No School**



All **Charleston Wrap Fall Fundraiser**
orders **MUST** be made **ONLINE** only! The
deadline for orders is **THIS** Friday,
November 5, 2021.
Please see the attached fliers for
additional information!

November 2, 2021

Dear Families,

Thank you to all of our families that have signed up for Covid testing since last week! We appreciate everyone working together to keep our students healthy. This year we have seen an uptick in colds compared to last fall when we only had a small population in the school. The cold has been running through

classrooms and affecting students and staff members alike. If you have not signed up for testing at school and would like to, you can click [HERE](#) for more information.

November is a busy month with Election Day, Veterans' Day, Thanksgiving, and Family Conferences. Please be sure to mark your calendars for all upcoming early release days and days of no school. It's also time to make sure we have the best way to reach you in case of inclement weather, so please be sure to update the office with any changes that have taken place since the start of school. Last week the school was temporarily without power after the big rain storm, but fortunately it came on right before we were going to have to make the decision to cancel or delay school. As of now, we will plan to have regular snow days instead of remote learning days this year.

Virtual Family Conferences will be held on two Wednesdays: November 10 and 17, and two Fridays: November 12 and 19. These two Fridays will have an early release that follows the regular Wednesday schedule; all Family Conference days will have a 1:10 dismissal. I appreciate the commitment you demonstrate by meeting with your student's teacher to learn about their progress. If you haven't signed up for your student's conference, please contact the classroom teacher as soon as possible.

As the weather changes and students transition to cold weather activities, recess can look a little different. This year students in Grades 4, 5, and 6 have been bringing Beyblades and, more recently, Pokemon cards to school to play with during recess. As a school community, we want to support diverse activities at recess time, but do not want students to trade their Beyblades or Pokemon cards while at school. Trading can create many strong feelings amongst students and it makes it hard for us to determine true ownership. If either of these activities become a bigger issue amongst students in the future, we will have to ask that these items be left at home.

We have welcomed many new faces to Swift River in the last couple of weeks. Jan Tyner has joined our fourth grade team. She is a recent retiree from Shutesbury Elementary where she taught special education, and we are so glad that she has decided to resume her work in education here at Swift River. Kate Grandbois joined our EF Team and will be working with the fourth grade in the afternoons. Kate has her own herbal company and has experience working with animals as well as prior experience working with students. Abby Martin is working both with PK and fourth grade. She will transition to fourth grade full-time in December when Allie Barnes finishes her student teaching and makes her move to Alabama. Abby has a background in psychology and has worked in schools in Oregon.



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Kiersten Samalis will start in third grade on Wednesday. She comes to us with a theater background and experience working with the YMCA in Athol. Joie Ciepela will be joining our PK team in December. Many of you know Joie from her work with Gillian Budine and the Community Network for Children. She will still continue her work with CNC, but we are so glad that she will be sharing her time with Swift River! We are very excited to have so many new faces join our community. Be on the lookout for their bios in the next few weeks.

Fondly,

Kelley



Meet our new staff members!!!

Kate Grandbois

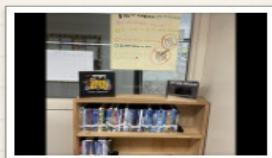
Hi, I'm Kate and I am so excited to join the community at Swift River School! I will be working in both the 4th grade classroom and Enchanted Forest after school. Before coming to Swift River, I taught horse riding lessons, classes on farm animals, and ran summer camp programs. When I'm not working you can find me on my farm (with my goats, dogs, cat and chickens) riding horses, and traveling. Looking forward to meeting and getting to know you all!

Inside the Fish Bowl

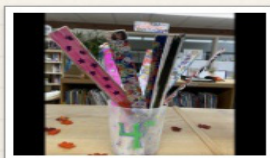
A MEDIA CENTER MINUTE

OCTOBER AWESOMENESS!

October has been a month of fun fall stories, and Halloween tales. Students have enjoyed searching for "Creepy Carrots" throughout the Library and taking their guesses with the eyeball jar! Raffle tickets have been flying out of my hands as I give them out to everyone who has no overdue books! Nothing makes me happier than the continuous flow of books in and out of these library doors! DVDs have also started to be borrowed. The enthusiasm inside the "fish bowl" is wonderful!



DVDS ARE READY TO BE BORROWED!



STUDENTS MADE SHELF MARKERS...

These markers were personalized by each student. They mark the spot where a book was removed from the shelf so that it can be returned to the exact same spot. This helps the library stay organized for Mrs. Newman and the assistants!



MAGNETIC POETRY!

A new center has started in the library... stay tuned to see what creative writing appears.

RECENT RAFFLE WINNERS!

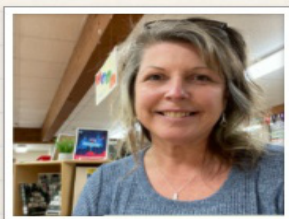
Congratulations to the recent winners of the library raffle:

Fallon B., Timmy O., Khazey R., and Geo V. from 4th grade won on October 8th.

and on October 22, Ada K. and Liobhan R. from 3rd grade, Skylar B. from 2nd and Jayce S. from 5th grade were the lucky winners!

MEDIA CENTER REMINDERS :)

- Checked-out books can be kept for 2 weeks!
- DVDs can be kept out for 1 week.
- You do not need to bring a book in for it to be renewed. Just come talk to Mrs. Newman!



♥. SEE YOU IN THE FISH BOWL - MRS. NEWMAN

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Swift River School
Serving the Towns of New Salem and Wendell

TEAM SRS

T.E.A.M. SRS Newsletter

T.E.A.M. SRS Officers:

President:

Treasurer: Michelle Wolfe

Secretary: Gosia Spooner

T.E.A.M. SRS MEETINGS:

Please join us for TEAM SRS meetings on the **FIRST** Tuesdays of the month at **7:00 PM**. For now meetings will be held virtually. Meeting dates are subject to change.

Google Meet link information and phone numbers to join the meeting will be sent to families few days prior to the meeting.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

11/02/2021

12/07/2021

01/04/2021



Thank You to Swift River School Families for your ongoing generosity and support.

- We are still looking to fill in the seat for TEAM SRS President. If you are interested please reach out to Ariel.
- Our Hillside Fundraiser was a HUGE success thanks to all of you! We were able to raise \$2,045. All funds were equally distributed between grades.
- We are currently selling Supermarket Sweep tickets for \$10 each to support TEAM SRS fund. If you would like get a chance to win 2 minutes of shopping spree at local Hannaford please send your order in before November 12th. Only 150 tickets will be sold. Tickets are also available at New Salem General Store.
- LAST CALL for Charleston Wrap Fundraiser. Please submit your orders by Friday, November 5th!
- Thank you all for joining our meeting last night.
- Please be on a lookout for some exciting events coming to Swift River soon!



If you have any questions regarding T.E.A.M. SRS please contact Ariel at the SRS office, or by emailing TEAM SRS at teamsrs@swiftroverschool.org

Health Office Updates



Pooled testing is up and running and went more smoothly this second time around. The students are doing really well! Previously, the Commonwealth had stated a 2-swab approach would be used for pooled testing, to have individual samples ready in the event that a pooled test contained a positive result. However, the state has now indicated that the turnaround time for this method exceeds a reasonable amount of time to intervene. We were informed that it would take longer than 48 hours to run the individual tests, and that the capacity to perform these second individual tests is very limited. No supplies have been provided for this, so we are instead implementing a new protocol in which immediate rapid tests will be used for each person (with consent for testing) upon notification of any positive results within a pool.

During our first run of pooled testing last week, we were notified of a positive result. Following the comprehensive plan set in place, we were able to utilize the pooled testing results, perform rapid testing immediately upon notification of the positive result, inform families whose students were determined to be in contact of the positive case, and utilize the test-and-stay protocol to monitor the occurrence of any additional positive test results, which allowed us to keep non-symptomatic, Covid-negative students in the classroom. As you can imagine, this can be a stressful experience to navigate, so we are grateful to the staff members, students, and families who participated in our screening efforts, and who helped us avoid the spread of covid within our school community. Thank you to everyone for your ongoing support of our safety protocols. Please continue to monitor your students for symptoms of illness and for keeping them home if they are sick.

We are committed to continuous and ongoing support of and communication with all of our families. If you have not yet signed up for the routine Covid safety checks, please visit the school website. Consents may be found under the SERVICES tab, by clicking on Health Office. Directions may be found at the top of the page along with a link to the consent form. When following the link, select Erving for the district, and then Swift River for the school. If you have any questions or would like additional information, please reach out to me by email at martin@swiftroverschool.org or by phone at 978-544-6926 ext. 220.

Please Note: Pfizer vaccine has been approved for pediatric patients ages 5 and up. There will be two Covid vaccine clinics scheduled for Union 28 schools, one in Erving at the end of the month, and one in Leverett in December. There will also be appointments for vaccinations through pediatrician's offices and also at pharmacies like CVS, Walgreens, et cetera. Receiving a Covid vaccine drastically reduces the risk of infection. It also changes protocols for testing and quarantining. A parent/guardian consent will be required for all children under 18. Additional details, including dates, times, and registration links will be made available as soon as possible.

Thank you all for your continued cooperation and support during a school year that is proving to be challenging in new ways.

Be well, take care of yourselves, and take care of each other!

Nurse Anne

Swift River School Menu - November 2021

	Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
B r e a k f a s t	November	1	November	2	November	3	November	4	November	5
	Cereal Day: Assorted WG Cereals with a Cheesestick and Juice		WG Muffin with Fruit		WG Smiley Bar with Yogurt and Fruit		WG Bagel & Cream Cheese with Fruit		Cereal Day: Assorted WG Cereals with Yogurt and Juice	
L u n c h	Homemade Mac & Cheese with BBQ Pulled Pork, Homemade Corn Bread, and Green Beans		Fish Sticks with Tater Tots, Corn, and Three Bean Salad		Grilled Cheese with Tomato Soup and Carrots		Chicken Stew with a Homemade Buttermilk Biscuit and Mixed Veggies		Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza Sticks with Marinara Sauce and Broccoli	
B r e a k f a s t	November	8	November	9	November	10	November	11	November	12
	Cereal Day: Assorted WG Cereals with a Cheesestick and Juice		Cereal Day: Assorted WG Cereals with a Cheesestick and Juice		WG Smiley Bar with Yogurt and Fruit		<i>No School</i>		Cereal Day: Assorted WG Cereals with Yogurt and Juice	
L u n c h	Salisbury Steak with Mashed Potatoes and Peas		Soft Tacos with Chicken, Seasoned Beans, Rice, Corn, Salsa, and Sour Cream		Cheese Quesadilla with Cream of Broccoli Soup and Carrots		<i>Thank You Veterans!</i>		English Muffin Pizza (Cheese, Pepperoni or Veggie) with Broccoli	

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.



TEAM SRS PRESENTS

CHARLESTON WRAP FALL FUNDRAISER

A great way to support the students of Swift River School!

ORDERS DUE BY FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5!

TEAM SRS works together to host activities and events that promote student enjoyment and self-esteem, and to provide enrichment funds to classrooms. We are happy to offer this meaningful shopping opportunity to families, since all proceeds will directly fund our continued efforts. Thank you for your ongoing support, we couldn't do it without you!

Help Support Swift River School!

We need your help!

Every purchase makes a difference! Our organization receives profit for every item purchased using our Organization ID. Only with your help can we raise the funds we need!

Shop online and invite friends, too!

Enlist your friends, family, and relatives from all across the country to help your organization reach its goal. They can shop over 2,500 quality products including UltraHeavy™ gift wrap, wrap accessories, personalizable gifts, exclusive kitchen and home items, tasty gourmet goodies, and much more!

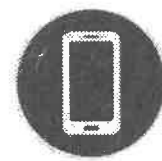


Participant Registration



Registering Online is the first step to help us reach our goal. Simply scan the code to the left or visit registercw.com and fill out the registration form to sign up to become a participant! **Orders placed using your Participant Link by November 5, 2021 will be credited to you and viewable in your Participant Dashboard.** Your Participant Dashboard will also give you some great tools to spread the word about our sale.

Check Your Progress on your Participant Dashboard and share your unique shopping link via text, email and social media!



Organization ID:

17150



Use our **Sharing Tools** to email/text shopping links to friends and family so they can support! Don't forget to share your unique shopping link via social media, too!



WIN A PRIZE when you send out 10 shares and 20 shares!

After our fundraiser's deadline, our organization can still receive credit when you place orders through December 3, 2021.

Each order placed online will ship directly to the purchaser.

*Prizes for **online only** sales will be sent to the organization.*

* Stock is limited, not all products featured in printed catalogs will be available for online purchase. Online orders are subject to shipping and sales tax. *FREE shipping available, see online for details.

Charleston Wrap®
BETTER PRODUCTS. BETTER FUNDRAISING.




TEAM SRS



**SUPERMARKET
SWEEP**




NOVEMBER 14





Only **150** tickets will be sold for a chance to grab as many groceries as you can in 2 minutes at Hannaford* in Atholl

Drawing will be held on Friday, November 12th 2021 during the Community Sing.



You do not need to be present to win!



*The winner must follow all COVID-19 guidelines set forth by the store.

Please make checks payable to Swift River PTCA.

\$10 / TICKET



THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING TEAM SRS!



TEAM SRS

SUPERMARKET
 **SWEEP**



SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 14TH, 2021

Order Form

\$10 / ticket

Get your tickets now! Only 150 tickets will be sold for a chance to grab as many groceries as you can in 2 minutes at Hannaford! Fill out the form below and send it in with the payment as soon as you can! Drawing will be held on Friday, November 12th during Community Sing. You do not need to be present to win.

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TEAM SRS

SUPERMARKET
 **SWEEP**

Name : _____

Phone: _____

Number of tickets: _____ x \$10

Amount enclosed: _____

TEAM SRS



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Phone: _____

Number of tickets: _____ x \$10

Amount enclosed: _____

Make check payable to Swift River PTCA
Thank you for you generosity!

SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 14, 2021

TEAM SRS



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SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 14, 2021



Tales & Tunes with Katie at the New Salem Library

Songs, music, books and friends! We will be **outside** as weather allows and inside, masked if weather is inclement.



Join CNC at the New Salem Library for a 5-week series on Tuesdays at 10:00am

**October 19th, 26th and
November 2nd, 9th, 16th**



REGISTRATION REQUIRED: <https://bitly.co/94PH>

or use the CNC QR to access the online form

Contact CNC 413-422-0170 call/text with questions.



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AUTUMN STORYWALKS AT THE NEW SALEM QUABBIN OVERLOOK

Bring your children and join CNC outside with
your little ones!

Take home activity and free book for each child.

Tuesdays at 11:00am

October 26th: *Fletcher and the Falling Leaves* by Julia Rawlinson

November 2nd: *In the Middle of Fall* by Kevin Henkes

November 9th: *Greeting Seasons: Goodbye Autumn, Hello Winter* by Kenard Pak

- **REGISTRATION REQUIRED HERE:** <https://bityl.co/94PH> or use QR Code to access the registration form. We will notify you if the walk is cancelled due to weather.
- Meet us on Tuesday mornings for a StoryWalk together after Tales & Tunes the New Salem Library, 23 South Main Street.
- The StoryWalk will remain posted on the Quabbin Overlook path for the week if you can't meet us on Tuesday mornings you are welcome to visit it yourself. The trail is accessed from the driveway beside the New Salem Fire Station in the Center of Town. Follow the driveway past the athletic fields to a small parking lot. Look for the StoryWalk signs!
- Contact CNC if you have questions 413-422-0170 call/text or Budine@erving.com



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Union #28 Community Network for Children

CNC Programs

October - November



REGISTRATION LINK! <https://bit.ly.co/94V1>

Most programs to be held outside. Participants are asked to wear masks if over 2 years of age. Times and addresses are available through the registration link.



WEEKLY PROGRAMS

Tales & Tunes on Tuesdays with Katie at 10:00am

New Salem Library - October 19, 26 and November 2, 9, 16

Playground Playgroup on Wednesdays with Sylvia at 10:00

Wendell Library Playground - October 13, 20, 27

Babies and Books on Wednesdays with Heleen at 10:30 (New Sessions)

Leverett Library - November 3, 10, 17 for babies 0-18 months of age.

Weekly StoryWalks (will continue as long as weather permits)

Erving Public Library - Posted on Monday mornings

Leverett Library - Posted on Thursday mornings

****SPECIAL PROGRAMS****

Special StoryWalk series*- At the Quabbin Overlook

New Salem - October 26 and November 2, 9 at 11:00am. Will remain posted for the week. Program supported by the New Salem Cultural Council.

BEING ANIMALS with the Hitchcock Center

Location to be determined. All sessions to be held at 10:00am Interactive, in-person family program providing inquiry based environmental and outdoor education for small groups to explore nature during the winter. Every day we're going to be a different animal! Slide like an otter, hop like a hare, swoop like a snowy owl, and more. Each day we'll play animal games, hear animal stories and explore animal habitats! Come be wild in the woods this winter with Katie from the Hitchcock Center! Intended for young children 2 -6 years of age. November 18, December 7 and more in the new year!

CONTACT Gillian with questions at CNC 413-422-0170 call/text or budine@erving.com

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





Being Animals with the Hitchcock Center



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

Registration link: <https://bit.ly.co/94PH>

**All sessions to be held at 10:00am
Location TBD**



Thursday, November 18th

Tuesdays, December 7th, January 4th, February 1st, March 1st

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



Hitchcock Center
EDUCATION FOR A HEALTHY PLANET

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