



The Swift River Current

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NEW SALEM - WENDELL

SWIFT RIVER SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 10, 2021



November



**Wednesday, November 10 &
Friday, November 12**

**Wednesday, November 17 &
Friday, November 19**

**1:10 PM dismissal on all
conference days!**

**THIS WEEK IS THE LAST
WEEK TO ENTER FOR THE
SUPERMARKET SWEEPS!**

Thursday, November 11

**Veterans Day
No School**



Wednesday, November 24 -

Friday, November 26

**Thanksgiving Break
No School**



Meet our new staff members!!!

Kiersten Samalis



Kiersten Samalis is a 2020 graduate from Bridgewater State University where she earned her Bachelor's degree in Theater Performance.

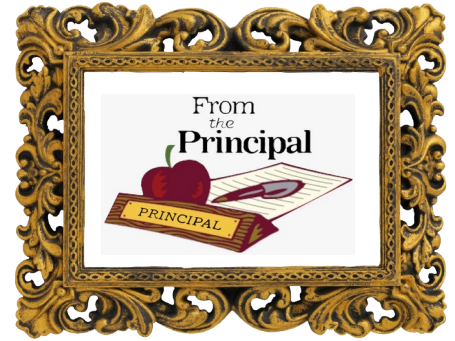
Living in Orange, she's had the pleasure of doing theater shows at Mahar as a student.

She's excited to be working in Ms. Smith's 3rd grade class!

November 10, 2021

Dear Families,

As you may have heard, vaccines for children ages 5-11 are available at many locations. The Vax Bus will be in Erving on November 18, 2021. Over fifty students have signed up to visit the Vax Bus. It's amazing how this topic has become a huge discussion point amongst our students--many students seem to be giddy with excitement about getting their vaccination. As of today, we have 56% of our students and 92% of our staff signed up for in-house Covid testing. Thank you to everyone for your help keeping our school healthy and safe! If you haven't signed up for rapid and pooled testing, click the link [HERE](#) for more information. If you need help signing up, please contact Nurse Anne.



Starting November 29, 2021, our arrival and dismissal protocols will change. After this date, students will enter and be dismissed through the front door. We will call one bus at a time (both to enter and exit the building) to pace the number of students moving through the front door. Parent pick-ups will also start to take place at the front door. We are making this change as the winter weather approaches, so that we can get these new routines in place.

We will also move lunch indoors on November 29, since our tent will be coming down. We are looking at having two groups of students at a time eat in the cafe, and then they will head out to recess right away. Students will all face the windows in the same direction and be spaced at three feet apart. The largest group of students will be 35 students and we will have four lunch periods using this model. When the lunch schedule is finalized we will share it with everyone.

Please remember that tomorrow is Veterans Day and, in observance, there will be no school. Thank you to all of the veterans in our community. Veterans Day has always been a very important day for me and my family. At SRS we have three retired veterans, Tammy Richard (Army), Jennifer Smith (Army), and Lynn Oski (Army and Navy). If you see them, please thank them for their service. When I was a kid, I remember going to visit the VFW with my grandparents to say thank you to all the men and women who had served. At SRS we would normally host a special Community Sing to show appreciation to our local veterans, but this year Mr. Cortina will host virtually. Again, thank you to all those who are serving and who have served our country.

Fondly,

Kelley



Swift River School Menu - November 2021

	Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
B r e a k f a s t	November	15	November	16	November	17	November	18	November	19
	Cereal Day: Assorted WG Cereals with a Cheesestick & Juice		WG Muffin with Fruit		WG Smiley Bar with Fruit		Sausage Patty on a Buttermilk Biscuit with Fruit		Cereal Day: Assorted WG Cereals with Yogurt & Juice	
L u n c h	Pesto Pasta w/ Green Beans		Fish Sticks & Tater Tots w/ Carrots		Homemade Beef & Bean Chili w/ Cornbread & Corn		Baked Potato Bar w/ Cheese, Bacon, Broccoli, Salsa, & Sour Cream		Pizza Slice w/ choice of Cheese, Pepperoni or Veggie Toppings w/ Marinara Sauce & Roasted Broccoli	
B r e a k f a s t	November	22	November	23	November	24	November	25	November	26
	Cereal Day: Assorted WG Cereals with a Cheesestick & Juice		WG Muffin with Fruit		<i>Thanksgiving</i>		<i>Recess</i>		<i>Gobble Gobble!</i>	
L u n c h	Swedish Meatballs w/ Garlic Noodles & Peas		Chicken & Gravy w/ Rice & Butternut Squash		<i>No School</i>		<i>No School</i>		<i>No School</i>	

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




**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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Thank you for you generosity!

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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

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

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

November 16th: *Fletcher and the Falling Leaves* by Julia Rawlinson

- **REGISTRATION REQUIRED HERE:** <https://bityl.co/94PH> or use QR Code to access the registration form. We will notify those registered 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

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

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

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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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