



Swift River Current

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Friday, March 15

TONIGHT! Friday, March 15: Lucky Candy Bar Bingo at 6-8 PM
Friday, March 22: Curriculum Day (no school)
Mon. and Weds. March 25 & 27: Grade 3 MCAS - ELA
Tues. and Thurs. March 26 & 28: Grade 4 MCAS - ELA
Wednesday, March 27: Dinner Angels
Weds. and Fri., Mar. 27 & 29: Family-Teacher Conferences; 1:10 Dismissal
Tues. and Thurs. April 2 & 4: Grade 5 MCAS - ELA
Weds. and Fri., April 3 & 5: Family-Teacher Conferences; 1:10 Dismissal
Friday, April 5: Book Bingo from 6-8 PM
Monday-Friday, April 8-12: Grade 5 Nature's Classroom Trip
Tues. and Thurs. April 9 & 11: Grade 6 MCAS - ELA
Monday-Friday, April 15-19: Spring Recess (no school)
Saturday, April 27: Backpack Buddies' Pancake Breakfast and 5K Run
Mon. and Weds. April 29 & May 1: Grade 3 MCAS - Math
Tues. and Thurs. April 30 & May 2: Grade 4 MCAS - Math
Tuesday, May 7: Kindergarten Field Trip to the Wendell Free Library
Tues. and Thurs. May 7 & 9: Grade 5 MCAS - Math
Monday, May 8: 4th Grade US Geography Play at 2:00
Monday, May 8: Solar Eclipse Viewing at 2:30
Tues. and Thurs. May 14 & 16: Grade 6 MCAS - Math
Mon. and Tues. May 20 & 21: Grade 5 MCAS - Science
Thursday, May 23: Spring Concert at 6:00 PM
Monday, May 27: Memorial Day (no school)
Thursday, June 6: Grade 6 Trip to Boston
Monday, June 10: Mahar Orientation for Grade 6 (departure at 8:45 AM!)
Friday, June 14: Kindergarten & Grade 2 to the Discovery Museum
Fri., June 14: Launch Space Pottery Open House for Grade 6 5:30-7:30 PM
Monday, June 17: Grade 6 Graduation
Monday, June 17: Tentative Last Day of School; 11:30 Dismissal

Community Sing this morning for reading for 533 hours collectively! That is an impressive amount of hours. I hope this inspires more students to read at home and get lost in a story that introduces them to new places and people.

Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS 2.0) testing will begin on Monday, March 25 at Swift River. It will take us seven weeks to finish. All Grade 3-6 students will take the test using computers. I'd like to remind families to support students by making sure that they are on time for school, have healthy breakfasts, and get plenty of rest each night. Thank you to everyone at Swift River for making this testing period as seamless as possible and remembering that it is just one tiny moment in our students' academic profile.

Please join the School Committee on Thursday, April 4, at 7:00 PM in the Swift River Library for a public forum to discuss the FY '25 budget.

We are still collecting fabric and clothes for the Epilepsy Foundation as a fundraiser. This money will go directly towards field trips for classrooms. Also, thank you to the families who continue to drop off cans and bottles for Nature's Classroom. This project has raised about \$600 dollars so far. We truly appreciate all the support.

NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Families,

Last Friday at Shutesbury Elementary School, we celebrated reading books from Massachusetts Children's Book Awards (MCBA) nominee list at the Books in Action party. Students in Grades 4-6 participated in all kinds of events throughout the evening celebrating these books! The highlight of the evening was the services offered by the cosmetology students of Franklin County Technical School, who created a salon and offered all kinds of treatments to the students. The minute-to-win-it group was a lot of fun and offered challenging games. Mr. Cortina DJed the food-tasting segment, Coach Sadie worked the students to the core with her obstacle courses, and Karie Neal led an arts and crafts project for all the students. It was such a wonderful night to celebrate books and reading! Congratulations to Nieve Morris and Cece Francisco for reading all 25 books on the list!

Congratulations to the 62 students who participated in the February Reading Log Challenge. They were recognized at

Fondly,
Kelley

Library Lines

Congratulations to Cece Francisco and Nieve Morris, who both received a special medal at our recent Books in Action party for reading all 25 MCBA titles on the 2023-2024 Massachusetts Children's Book Award nominee list!

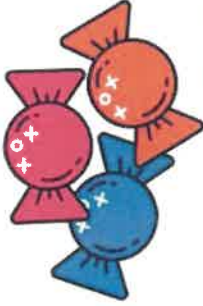


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COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

These announcements and events are not school-sponsored.

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



LUCKY

CANDY BAR BINGO

FRIDAY MARCH 15TH, 2024

6:00-8:00 PM



\$5 - first bingo card per person

\$1 - each additional card

\$20 - family cap

WEAR SOMETHING GREEN AND GET

ONE BINGO CARD FREE



Dinner Angels



Wednesday, March 27th, 2024



The Dinner Angels will once again treat our wonderful staff to a delicious feast during Parent-Teacher conferences. This event is a great solution for the teachers on a day when they are in school from early morning till late evening.

Please fill out the form below indicating how you can help and return it by **Thursday, March 21st.**

Thank you for your help in supporting our wonderful teachers!

Food should be dropped off at school Wednesday, March 27th by 4 PM but can be dropped off earlier with heating instructions if necessary. Please list the ingredients for any food allergies.

If you are not able to help with donating the meal that day, please consider sending monetary donation and TEAM SRS will purchase necessary food items for you.



Scan the QR code to make your donation online via Square if you prefer.

Thank you for your help and generosity!



Name: Phone #:

I will provide the following for the Dinner Angels meal on Wednesday, March 27th:

..... appetizer salad or side main dish dessert beverage

I am not able to provide meal that day but I am donating \$..... to purchase necessary food for Dinner Angels.



Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC)



Please join us for these upcoming workshops.

Thursday, February 29, 2024 at 6:00pm

**Preview of the new Mass. Individualized Education Program (IEP) Form*
Presented by Erving Union #28

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/wxv-bswp-szv>

Or dial: (US) +1 662-565-5281 PIN: 428 824 723#

Thursday, March 14, 2024 at 6:00pm

**SEPAC: What it is and Why it's Important*
Presented by The Federation for Children with (FCSN) AND
The Department of Secondary and Elementary Education (DESE)
Office for Public School Monitoring (PSM)

Online at Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/ujf-yaqe-wbe>

Or dial: (US) +1 321-586-1471 PIN: 116 338 704#

Thursday, March 28, 2024 at 6:00pm

**Parent Rights Workshop: Evaluation and Eligibility*
Presented by The Federation for Children with (FCSN)

Online at Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/ujf-yaqe-wbe>

Or dial: (US) +1 321-586-1471 PIN: 116 338 704#

To get involved in Union 28 SEPAC or for more information, please contact:
Corrina Wcislo, Director of Student Support Services #978-910-1478 or wcislo@erving.com

Swift River Library Presents

BOOK

**BINGO
NIGHT**

RESCHEDULED!

Friday, April 5 from 6 -8 p.m.

HOSTED BY MRS. NEWMAN & MR. CORTINA

\$5 for first card, \$1 for each additional card,

\$20 family cap

Come win awesome, new books!

Ad
da

Karie Neal

ART

EXHIBIT

MARCH & APRIL

Art Opening: April 6, 1-3pm

Included in this exhibit is the work I have been doing in the last couple of years which focuses on the beauty I see in nature.



Gallery Hours
Tues 2-7
Wed 10-5
Friday 1-5
Sat 10-3

Wendell Free Library
7 Wendell Depot Rd, Wendell, MA. 01379.
www.karienealart.com



**EPILEPSY
FOUNDATION**

New England
Donation Center

Acceptable Textiles

Clothing:

- Tops & T-shirts
- Pants, Jeans, & Shorts
- Ties & Scarves
- Dresses/Gowns
 - Skirts
 - Suits
- Sweaters
- Sweats
- Vests
- Blazers
- Pajamas
- Socks
- Tights
- Belts
- Uniforms
- Costumes & dress-up clothes
- Shoes/Boots/Flipflops/Slippers
- Pocketbooks/Backpacks/Duffle Bags

Outerwear:

- Coats/Jackets
- Ski pants
- Mittens/Gloves
- Hats/Scarves
- Raingear
- Bathing suits

Other:

- Fabric/Fabric Scraps/Yarn
- Small Throw Rugs
- Towels/Wash Cloths
- Shower Curtains/Bathmats
- Drapes/Curtains
- Sheets/Pillowcases
- Tablecloths
- Cloth Napkins
- Potholders
- Blankets
- Comforter/Duvet/Quilts
- Sofa/Chair covers