



Swift River Current

Newsletter of Swift River School
Serving the communities of New Salem and Wendell
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Tuesday, October 24: Wachusett Meadow PK, K, 3, and 4
Thursday, October 26: Wachusett Meadow 1, 2, 5, and 6
Friday, October 27: Track-or-Treat 5:00-7:00 PM
Thursday, November 2: UMass Multibands Trip Gr. 3 - 6
Thursday, November 9: Hillside Pizza Pick-Up
Friday, November 10: Veterans Day (no school)
Weds.-Fri., Nov. 22-24: Thanksgiving Recess (no school)
December 22: Early Release at 11:30 AM
December 25-26: Holiday Recess (no school)

NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Families:

Thank you to the families who have been donating their returnable bottles and cans to the Nature's Classroom fundraiser and to the volunteers who are separating and returning them. In six weeks we have raised \$140.15, which is one fifth of the total tuition for one student. If your family drinks beverages in returnable bottles and/or cans, please consider dropping them off at the school by the garage, or even dropping them off during arrival and dismissal. We will gladly accept them at any time!

Next week we are off to visit the Audubon Society in Princeton, MA. Students will hike through the trails and learn about the native plants and animals there. This field trip is funded by the Audubon Society. Please make sure to send your student with a full water bottle. Also, please make sure your student is wearing closed-toed shoes with socks up over their pants, long sleeve shirts, hats and bug spray, since tick season is still upon us!

On Thursday, October 26, you will receive a packet from the school. Included in this packet will be a letter that is attached to this issue of the Current. This packet will give you information about your student's assessments in ELA and Math at the beginning of the year. We hope that you will bring

Friday, October 20

this material with you at your Family-Teacher Conference time to learn more about the progress your child is making, since we assessed them earlier this year. If you have yet to sign up for a time for your Family-Teacher Conference, please be sure to do so as soon as possible.

Keep an eye out for information coming home about our new Backpack Buddies program! In the next few months, we will start sending home a weekend supply of nutritious food for children when school lunch and breakfast are unavailable. Each bag will contain two breakfasts and two lunches, and all food is provided to children free of charge. We hope these resources will support the health, behavior and achievement of every student who participates. All children will be eligible for this program. Please reach out if you have any questions and/or want to participate.

I know it may feel like we are inundated with fundraisers right now and we appreciate your generosity in supporting these endeavors. The cost of field trips has increased immensely over the last ten years. Another fundraiser we are just starting is a collection of textiles for the Epilepsy Foundation. We are collecting all sorts of clothes, shoes, bags, towels, sheets, jackets and many other items (see attached flier). These items are repurposed and stay in New England. Any items that are soiled or torn are also repurposed. Please feel free to send in bags of clothes and other items in trash bags. We will be wrapping up this fundraiser in mid-December. Please also see the fliers attached to this issue of the current for more fundraising opportunities!

We are currently looking for parent and community representatives for the School Council. This group meets approximately 4-6 times a school year. Please let me know if you are interested.

I look forward to seeing all of you next week and Track-or-Treat and Spaghetti Supper event! This is always such a fun evening for our students!

Fondly,
Kelley

Student Artwork Display

Several pieces of art by our talented students will be exhibited for the month of November at both the Wendell and New Salem town libraries. Be sure to take a trip over to see the displays, and stay tuned for more details! Here are some samples of what you will find there:



COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

These announcements and events are not school-sponsored.

Erving School Union #28 assures that all programs, activities, and employment opportunities are offered without regard to race, color, gender, gender identity, age, creed, homelessness, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, disability, and pregnancy or pregnancy-related conditions.

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



5th Graders have partnered with Butter Braid to raise money for their **Nature's Classroom** trip this coming spring. We're selling Butter Braid® pastries – delicious frozen pastry dough you bake yourself!

Online Ordering is easy and now available! Please share a link to our online store with all your friends & family and post on social media.

We will accept orders from 10/16 - 11/03

Frozen pastries will be available for a pick up or can be sent home with students on **Monday November 20, 2023**, right in time for a Holiday Season!

Please help us raise money and support 5th Grade in achieving their fundraising goals.

Thank you for your ongoing support!



Butter Braid[®] Pastry



Thaw | Rise | Bake

Proceeds go towards the 5th Grade Nature's Classroom Trip!

Start Date
10/16/2023

Return Order
11/3/2023

Delivery Date
11/20/2023

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Teacher: _____

Group: Swift River School

Please Make Checks Payable to: Swift River PTCA

Questions? Contact: Gosia Spooner at spooner@swiftschool.org

Participants use this link to Register and Sell Online:
<https://my.mcmfundraising.com/signup/MSWQ>

Strawberry Cream Cheese	Apple	Blueberry Cream Cheese	Bavarian Creme	Caramel Rolls	Cinnamon Rolls
Cinnamon	Raspberry				

	Name	Phone	Butter Braid Pastry - \$16.00						Total Items	Total \$
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Register Here to Sell Online



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Emma's Gourmet Popcorn
860-375-8138 - my.mcmfundraising.com



All products are produced in a plant that processes nuts.
All pies are certified Kosher
All cookie dough is certified Kosher



All cake rolls are certified Kosher

- All products are produced in a plant that processes nuts.
- Check our website for ingredient listings.

Sales Tips:

- Ask Family and Friends to help you!
- Introduce yourself and your organization.
- Smile, be polite and thank them for their order.
- Do not sell door to door without adult supervision.
- Collect money when taking orders.
- Bring a cooler for distribution of large frozen orders!



TEAM SRS FUNDRAISER

Dear Swift River School Families,

Everyone loves pizza and cookies, right? TEAM SRS is hosting a fantastic pizza fundraiser to support TEAM SRS. This delicious, local pizzas come frozen for easy handling and storage, allowing families to purchase extra for future meals. Each pizza comes with easy instructions and prepared on an oven-safe



paperboard tray in a freezer bag. Hillside Pizza offer large 16-inch pizzas and "party packs" of three 13-inch pizzas. Flavors for 16 inch pizzas include plain, pepperoni and then a variety of gourmet sauces. "Party packs" come in plain and basil pesto and also a plain cheese gluten-free option. Our fundraiser also offers "scoop and bake cookie dough". Available we have three flavors of frozen Cookie Dough: Chocolate Chip, Maple Sugar, and

Oatmeal Raisin. Each tub makes 36 one-ounce cookies. If you don't want to purchase pizza or cookie dough at this moment we offer \$25 Gift Certificates to Hillside Pizza as well. This could make a wonderful gift for someone.

Grade that sells the most pizzas or other items will be awarded with a prize!



Our goal is to sell 200 or more items (pizzas, cookie dough, gift certificates). Please help TEAM SRS to reach their goal and support our upcoming events.

Check the attached order form, call your family and friends and get as many orders as possible to help us reach our goal. When you are ready, fill out the order form and send it back with the total payment by

Wednesday, November 1st. Your order will be ready for pick up the following **Thursday, November 9th** between 1:00-3:30 PM. Please make your checks payable to Swift River School PTCA.

Thank you for your ongoing support for our wonderful school!

Fundraising Products

So tasty ... so easy! Your freshly made pizza will arrive on an oven-safe paperboard tray in a freezer-friendly bag. Bake it now, adding your favorite toppings, or freeze it for future pizza bliss. Or, enjoy one now and freeze another for a special occasion!



HILLSIDE PIZZA FUNDRAISING

quality crust

Organic flour, organic virgin olive oil, and sea salt: the little things make all the difference.

cheese, please

A blend of cheddar, mozzarella, and parmesan top all our pizzas.

get saucy

Choose from organic tomato, savory basil pesto, and nutty asiago almond pesto.



LG 16" Cheese - \$18



LG 16" Pepperoni - \$18.50



LG 16" Basil Pesto - \$18.50



LG 16" Asiago Almond Pesto - \$18.50



Cheese Party Pack
Medium 13" - \$38



Basil Pesto Party Pack
Medium 13" - \$39



Gluten-free Cheese Party Pack
Medium 12" - \$39

\$25 GIFT CERTIFICATES

Instant support, delayed gratification. Want to support the group but unable to make the pizza pick-up time? Purchase a gift certificate, redeemable at Hillside's Hadley, South Deerfield, and Bernardston locations.

COOKIE DOUGH

Enjoy freshly baked cookies whenever you want! Just scoop and bake for dessert, parties, or a midnight snack. Three fabulous flavors made from quality organic and natural ingredients. Each tub yields three-dozen one oz. cookies.



Chocolate Chip - \$15



Oatmeal Raisin - \$15



Maple Sugar - \$15

www.HillsidePizza.com
HILLSIDE PIZZA FUNDRAISING

265 Greenfield Road
South Deerfield, MA
413-665-5533

173 Russell Street
Hadley, MA
413-585-0003

77 Church Street
Bernardston, MA
413-648-0500



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October 20, 2023

Dear Caregivers,

The information included in this packet will contain beginning of the year data from Fall academic screenings for your child. Students were assessed in English Language Arts (ELA) and mathematics as required in Massachusetts regulation 603 CMR 28.03(1)(f), which requires all public schools in the state to assess students' reading skills in grades K-3 at least twice a year.

Students were assessed for ELA benchmarks using the DIBELS 8 Screener (Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills) and the Universal Screener for Number Sense for mathematics benchmarks. These screeners offer a snapshot into your child's learning and offer insight into students' strengths and areas of growth for students.

Both the DIBELS and the Universal Screener create reports for families that communicate each student's performance on these measures. When you receive these reports from your child's school please remember that this is one snapshot of your child. We use these reports to identify students who may need additional support beyond the general classroom experience. This support may include intervention materials as provided by core content curriculum, or it may include the use of specialized intervention programs that target specific skills, as reflected in the Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS) model (Multi-Tiered Systems of Support). This model ensures that all students receive appropriate levels of support based on their needs at any given time and in any given area.

Please keep in mind that these assessments were conducted in the first few weeks of school. It is normal that some students experience some academic regression due to the many weeks of summer vacation. At this point, students have been actively participating in 8 weeks of instruction. Many students have already shown advancement in various indicators that may have been flagged as areas of concern in early September. *We encourage you to take these results to your family conference that will be occurring in the next few weeks.* Our staff will be able to answer any questions you may have, as well as share a current progress update on your child.

If you have any questions about this information, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Sincerely,

The Union 28 Leadership Team

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Superintendent

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Union 28 Community Network for Children Program September - December 2023



The Union #28 Community Network for Children program is funded by the Coordinated Family and Community Engagement (CFCE) grant awarded to the Union #28 Schools by the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care, Union 28 schools and donations from the community.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
OCTOBER 	Shutesbury Tales & Tunes @M.N. Spear Mem Library @10am. 2nd	New Salem Tales & Tunes @ New Salem Library @10am 3, 10, 17, 24, 31	Wendell Library Playgroup @10am 4, 11, 18, 25 Leverett Library Playgroup @10:30am 4, 11, 18, 25	CNC Children's Closet 8:00am-Noon 5, 12, 19, 26 PJ Story Time @ Erving Public Library 6:00-6:45pm 12th	Shutesbury Tales & Tunes @ Shutesbury Elementary School @10am 13, 20, 27	Visit the Wendell Free Library on Saturdays from 10-3! 	Family Playtime 10:00-11:30 @Erving School 22nd
NOVEMBER		New Salem Tales & Tunes @ New Salem Library @10am 7, 14, 21, 28	Wendell Library Playgroup @10am 1, 8, 15, 22 Leverett Library Playgroup @10:30am 1, 8, 15, 22	CNC Children's Closet 8:00am-Noon 2, 9, 16, 30 PJ Story Time @ Erving Public Library 6:00-6:45pm 16th	Shutesbury Tales & Tunes @ Shutesbury Elementary School @10am 3, 17	Visit the Leverett Library on Saturdays from 10-3! 	Family Playtime 10:00-11:30 @Erving Elementary School 19th
DECEMBER 	Visit the M.N. Spear Memorial Library on Mondays from 11-1 and 3-6! 	New Salem Tales & Tunes @ New Salem Library @10am 5, 12, 19	Wendell Library Playgroup @10am 6, 13, 20 Leverett Library Playgroup @10:30am 6, 13, 20	CNC Children's Closet 8:00am-Noon 7, 14, 21	Shutesbury Tales & Tunes @ Shutesbury Elementary School @10am 1, 8, 15, 22	Visit the New Salem Library on Saturdays from 10-2! 	Family Playtime 10:00-11:30 @Erving Elementary School 17th
	M.N. Spear Memorial Library 10 Cooleyville Rd Shutesbury	New Salem Library 23 S Main St New Salem	Leverett Library 75 Montague Rd Leverett Wendell Library 7 Wendell Depot Rd Wendell	Children's Closet 4 Montague Rd, Leverett Erving Public Library 2 Care Drive, Erving	Shutesbury Elementary School 23 W Pelham Rd Shutesbury	We love our local libraries! 	Erving Elementary School 28 Northfield Rd Erving



Contact the Community Network for Children. 413-422-0170 call/text budine@erving.com Most programs are drop-in with registration optional. Special events marked with an * require registration. <https://form.jotform.com/21215759871158>

Please note: Ongoing programs may not occur during school vacations or holidays. Please check the schedule! If inclement weather is a concern, contact CNC, check Facebook or the CNC Website for info.

Find us on 

QR Code Registration

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WENDELL FREE LIBRARY

GHOST TOWN AT SUNDDOWN

POP-UP TRICK OR TREAT

VILLAGE ON THE

COMMON

SATURDAY OCTOBER 28

AT 6PM*

*RAIN DATE SUNDAY OCT. 29



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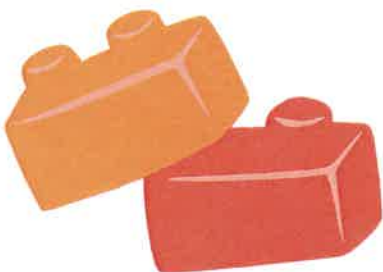
Wendell Free Library



LEGO CLUB

**FRIDAYS AT 4P.M. BUILD
AND DISPLAY YOUR
CREATIONS FOR ALL TO SEE.**

**THIS IS A DROP-IN
PROGRAM, KIDS IN 3RD
GRADE AND BELOW
ACCOMPANIED BY A
CAREGIVER.**



FREE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL YOUTH ACTING WORKSHOP

November 4, 2023

10:30 am – noon

Wendell Meetinghouse

(1 Morse Village Rd.)

Grades 3-6, equivalent ages welcome

***Theater games and creative exercises ...
a fun way to learn about acting!***



Email courtcdorsey@gmail.com to register
Contact, questions: Court Dorsey (413-325-7587)

*This event is made possible with support from the Wendell Cultural Council
and the Mass Cultural Council. It is not an official Swift River School event.*



**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