



## WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!

After a long, hot, soggy summer; we are so happy to see all of the students' smiling faces back in school again! We have already begun learning, cooperating, creating, and playing. There is time for playing in the fresh air, having art class,



technology class, music class, physical education, library time, as well as traditional and educational learning.



### Meet the Nurse!

My name is Anne Martin. I have been a lifelong resident and nurse in the area for over a decade now.

I still live in Franklin County, with my family and dog, Mush!

When I am not at school, you will likely find me with my family hiking, camping or being outside!

I am really looking forward to getting to know the SRS community, which really has been delightful so far and I am eager to support our students' health and wellbeing!

## Some parents may be eligible for reduced Broadband bills!

Two days ago the FCC announced that again this school year, households that can demonstrate participation in the free and reduced price school lunch program, including through the USDA Community Eligibility Provision, are also eligible for the Emergency Broadband Benefit that reduces monthly bills for broadband service accounts. Households without school aged children may also apply for the EBB monthly discount.

The announcement can be found here:

<https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/DA-21-1119A1.pdf>

More information and the link for the EBB program sign up can be found here: <https://www.whipcityfiber.com/wendell/>

Lou Leelyn, for the WendellNet MLP

## A Dog's Day:

School has started again. Mom brings me in to supervise the tea-cup people. They are nice to me, and give me things to eat when Mom isn't looking. I have a friend named Emmitt that I take on walks when I get bored. For a human he's ok. Well, gotta go; I'm late for a nap.



Ollie watches over the staff and students.





September 14, 2021

Dear Families,

I hope that you all are having an amazing summer and enjoying the sunshine when it peeps through! At least the flowers are happy this year, as this little peek at my garden demonstrates! I also hope you are finding time to relax and replenish.



I am so excited to introduce our new 5th grade teacher, Tylor McCallumore. Please see his letter below to learn a little more about him. Also, I am so excited to announce that Samm Osborne will be stepping up to the 6th grade teaching position this upcoming year. Our sixth grade families of course know Miss Samm already. And this year, our move to a 5th/6th combined classroom will allow the fifth grade families to get to know her too! Please read on to learn a little bit more about Miss Samm.

Additionally, as you know Tina Newman will be stepping into a new role as Media Specialist, and will take up her post in the library this fall. We are very pleased to introduce Samantha Marsh as our new 4th grade teacher. We also include a message from Sam below. This year we are thrilled to be welcoming so many amazing new staff members, and we hope you will show them what our Small School with a Big Heart is all about.

Summer feels like it is flying by, and I know that we will be seeing each other again soon. As always, I am so looking forward to seeing you all again. And in the meantime, I hope you have some more enjoyable summer times ahead before we're back to school!

Fondly,

Kelley



Dear Families of Swift River School,

I hope everyone is having an excellent and relaxing summer. My name is Tylor McCallumore and I am super excited to join your community as the new 5th grade teacher! When I was in high school, I knew I wanted to be a teacher. Being around people and seeing them excited to learn something new has always driven that inspiration. With this in mind, I went to Westfield State University (Go Owls!) to get my Bachelors in Elementary Education and Liberal studies, and I am really excited to begin my teaching career at Swift River School.

Outside of school, I tend to be an active person. I enjoy hiking mountains, playing sports with others, and going to arcades. Beyond these things, I have also been fortunate to travel as a professional yo-yoer, competing and teaching lessons to people of all ages. Yo-yoing has brought me around the world to see so many amazing sites and meet some really incredible people, and I hope to share some of the knowledge and experience I've gained with all of you. A strong community brings people together and teaches us about life. I am excited to bring my energy and passion for learning to this community and learn from the passion and energy of others as well. With this being said, I can't wait for the school year to start and to meet everyone.

Thank you,

Tylor McCallumore

---



# MEET OUR STAFF

---

Hello Swift River!

My name is Samantha Marsh and I am so excited to join the Swift River Community as the 4th grade teacher. I have been a classroom teacher for the last 5 years and I am looking forward to continuing my love of teaching and learning at Swift River School! My teaching philosophy centers around the idea that all students are learners with unique minds, and our individual learning styles and personalities are what make us grow. I earned my Masters in Elementary Education at UMass Amherst, and live in Leverett with my husband and pets! When I am not teaching, I love baking pies, experimenting in the kitchen, and getting to the beach whenever I can!

Looking forward to meeting you,

Ms. Marsh



# meet the TEACHER

Miss Samm



## Hello 5th/6th grade families!

I am looking forward to having your student, whether for the first time or again! Last year we were so isolated that I'm excited to mix things up and build relationships. We want this school year to be a fun one with so many wonderful learning activities to celebrate. An overarching goal of our classroom is to create a community of compassionate learners where each member is valued, trusted, and integrated as part of the 5th/6th combined class. In order to accomplish this, we have planned a variety of activities to emphasize and reinforce this journey. It is my hope that you will also support and encourage this shared vision at home.

## About Me

Hello! I am Samm Osborne and I am 30 years old. I attended UMass Amherst and earned a masters degree in elementary education. Growing up, I had hearing difficulties, and would often pantomime to communicate. This started my love of performing and I have been teaching acting at the Ja'Duke Center for the Performing Arts for 10 years now. Fingers crossed we can put on a 5th/6th play this year! When I'm not on stage, you can find me working out at F45, reading in my backyard, or grabbing an apple cider donut at Atkins (my favorite grocery store)!

## Contact Me

I welcome and value family involvement throughout the year. I would love to hear from you, and you are welcome to contact me with any questions, comments, or concerns.



**413-367-4673**



[osborne@swiftriverschool.org](mailto:osborne@swiftriverschool.org)

## My Favorites

Color: **Green**  
Animal: **Octopus**  
Dessert: **Lemon Squares**  
Hobby: **Musicals**  
Flower: **Sunflower**  
Subject: **Math**



# How do you want to see your newsletter?

In an effort to cut down on paper waste, we are asking you to consider an electronic option for the newsletter. We will only send paper copies to those families who opt in for paper copies.

PLEASE CHOOSE ONE AND RETURN THIS FORM TO THE OFFICE:

☐

I want to get the newsletter emailed to me at this email address (print clearly please):

---

☐

I want to receive a paper copy of the newsletter in my child's backpack:

---

Child

Grade



*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:

For now meetings will be held virtually.

Meeting dates are subject to change.

Please join us for our first meeting of the year on Tuesday 10/12/21 at 6:00PM. This meeting will be held virtually. Google Meet link information will be send to families few days prior to the meeting.



**"Unity is strength. When there is teamwork and collaboration, wonderful things can be achieved."**

**- Mattie Stephanek**

On behalf of the TEAM SRS, we would like to welcome everyone back to school!

We wish all our Swift River School Families an amazing and very Happy School Year!

Let's make it the best one yet!



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](mailto:teamsrs@swiftroverschool.org)

## TEAM SRS

TEAM SRS is a group of wonderful, dedicated volunteers. We work together to create events, activities and fundraisers to support Swift River School. It's a group of parents and teachers working together to support and enrich all students. We support school staff, help promote student self-esteem, and assist in efforts to solve school needs through volunteering and funding.

TEAM SRS is a small and busy group. This is where you can come in! We need your help, and so do your child(ren). A special thanks to all of our volunteers from past years for all their hard work and dedication. Here at Swift River School, we strive for excellence and what better way than to become involved today. We are in need of growth and are seeking volunteers to continue growing as a team. We currently are 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 in which we cannot succeed on our own. Please come and join us today!



Join us at October's virtual meeting  
where TEAM SRS will discuss its goals  
and upcoming events for this school year!



Like our Facebook page  
for updates!

Find us under: Swift River  
School PTO



\*\*\*\*\*



## TEAM SRS FUNDRAISER

TEAM SRS again is hosting a fantastic pizza fundraiser to help teachers raise money for the classroom funds. Grade that sells the most pizzas or

other items will be awarded with the delicious treat! Our goal is to sell 150 or more items (pizzas, cookie dough, gift certificates). Please help TEAM SRS to reach their goal and support our wonderful teachers and their classrooms. Please contact the school if you need more forms. Order are due Friday, September 17th. Thank you for your support!

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@swiftriverschool.org](mailto:teamsrs@swiftriverschool.org)





# TEAM SRS FUNDRAISER

Dear Swift River School Families,

Everyone loves pizza and cookies, right? TEAM SRS again is hosting a fantastic pizza fundraiser to help teachers raise money for the classroom funds. 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 the delicious treat!



Our goal is to sell 150 or more items (pizzas, cookie dough, gift certificates). Please help TEAM SRS to reach their goal and support our wonderful teachers and their classrooms.

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

**Friday, September 17.** Your order will be ready for pick up the following Friday, September 24 between 3:00-5:00 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 hormone-free Cabot cheddar, mozzarella, and parmesan top all our pizzas.

## get saucy

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



Large 16" Cheese - \$16



Large 16" Pepperoni - \$16.50



Large 16" Basil Pesto - \$16.50



Large 16" Asiago Almond Pesto - \$16.50



Large 16" Sundried Tomato Pesto - \$16.50



**3** Cheese Party Pack Medium 13" - \$36



**3** Basil Pesto Party Pack Medium 13" - \$38



**3** Gluten-free Cheese Party Pack Medium 13" - \$38

## \$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 the finest quality organic and natural ingredients. Each tub yields three-dozen one oz. cookies.



Chocolate Chip - \$13



Oatmeal Raisin - \$13



Maple Sugar - \$13

www.HillsidePizza.com  
HILLSIDE PIZZA FUNDRAISING

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

173 Russell Street  
Hadley, MA  
413-585-0003

77 Church Street  
Bernardston, MA  
413-648-0500



