



The Swift River Current

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NEW SALEM - WENDELL, MA

NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 22, 2021



Friday, October 1

8:45am-9:15am

Community Sing

9:15 am

Pinwheels for Peace

BREAKFAST: Granola
with Low-Fat Yogurt
& Fruit

LUNCH: Pizza Bites with
Marinara & Roasted
Broccoli



Become a hero to the kids!

We are looking for substitute teachers, after-school personnel, and paraprofessionals. If you have been looking for a job during school hours, and like working with children, please get in touch with us! Call 978-544-6926.

SWIFT RIVER CLEANS UP!

Meet the New Custodian!

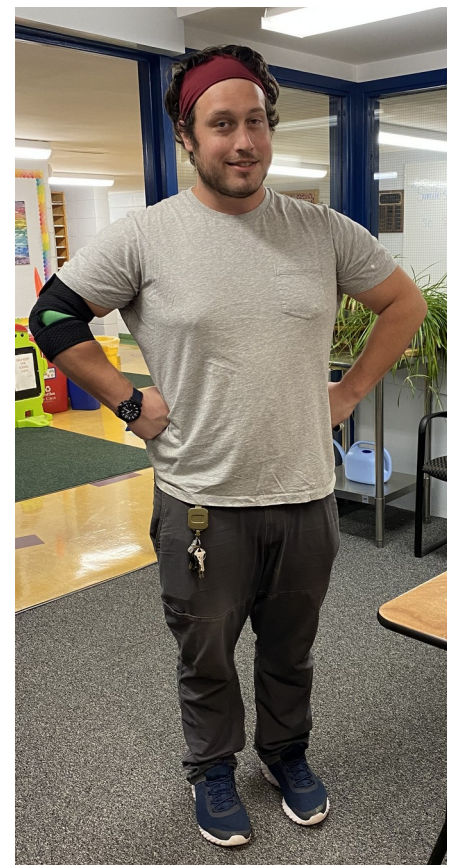
Hello! I'm Dana, the new evening custodian! I moved down here to New Salem this summer, and I'm LOVING the pastoral calm of the Pioneer Valley.

Prior to becoming a custodian, I was the Volunteer Coordinator for Friends of Acadia in Bar Harbor, Maine. Before that, I taught middle & high school English in Montana.

So far, I've really enjoyed cleaning Swift River School in the evenings. The students are polite and the teachers are tidy. Also, Eric is a great guy to work with! I'm looking forward to learning more about the school and being the best evening custodian I can be.

When I'm not cleaning the school, I'm usually hanging out with Rhubarb and Amy, my dog and fiancée, respectively. I enjoy sewing bags and backpacks in my spare time, but have been kept pretty busy lately with the fixer-upper we bought in July.

-Dana Petersen



September 28, 2021

Dear Families,

SRS sure has been busy with lots of activity. Candy Bar Bingo was a huge success on Friday night! Thank you to all of our bingo players and all those who sent in donations to support our sixth grade trip to Nature's Classroom. We filled the tents and enjoyed some tasty treats donated by our families. It was so much fun to catch up with everyone!



Also thank you to T.E.A.M. SRS and everyone who participated in the Hillside Pizza fundraiser. The fundraiser went even better than expected, and T.E.A.M. SRS divvied up the proceeds between each of the classroom's funds. We also appreciate everyone's patience as we delivered the pizzas in the pick-up line at dismissal. SRS staff, as always, jumped right in to help!

We have been so grateful for the warm weather we've been having, and yet we are still making do with rainy days as well! Please remember to send in a raincoat on those wet days, since we are still heading out to the pavilion and the tents for lunch. We also recommend sending in a coat or a sweatshirt as the weather gets cooler; many students are telling us they are cold during lunchtime! We plan to continue eating outside until the tent comes down in late November, and it is important that our students are warm and comfortable while outside. When we have to move inside for lunch, we will go back to the lunch schedule that gives each grade their own lunchtime in the cafe. However, we will still continue to spend a significant amount of time outside!

Please join us virtually on Wednesday, October 13 and Thursday, October 14 for Open House. We have staggered classroom meetings to accommodate families with multiple students. Each classroom teacher will give a 30 minute presentation to discuss their curricula and classroom goals and expectations, and to provide information about specials and support staff. If you have any questions after the presentations, please email teachers or call them the next day. This is not a time for student check-ins. Be on the lookout for a link to these Google Meets.

Wednesday, October 13
6:30 PM Kindergarten
7:00 PM Grades One and Two
7:30 PM Grade Four

Thursday October 14
6:30 PM Preschool
7:00 PM Grade Three
7:30 PM Grades Five and Six Combined

The SRS School Council for the 2021 - 2022 school year is looking for new members, and we encourage parents and community members to join. The work of the School Council centers on the development and implementation of the School Improvement Plan, a three-year document that guides the professional work of our school. School Council meetings will be held virtually on five Thursday afternoons (10/14, 11/18, 1/13, 3/10, and 5/12). If you are interested in participating in this important work, please email me at sullivan@swiftriverschool.org by Friday, October 1. We seek to represent diverse perspectives; families with diverse backgrounds are especially encouraged to participate.

Enchanted Forest is open again, and SRS will continue to run the program moving forward. After further consideration, we chose not to move forward with sourcing out the program operations to Healthy Kids. Currently, we are very short-staffed and we are looking for people interested in working with our EF team, for one or more days per week. The hours are from 2:45-5:30 on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, and from 12:45-5:30 on Wednesday. We ask that families please be aware that there may be days we cannot accommodate drop-ins if we are short-staffed.

We are also in need of paraprofessionals throughout the school. If you know anyone who loves to work with children and is looking for full-time work, please have them contact me.

Don't forget to join us this Friday after Community Sing to honor International Peace Day, when students, staff and guests will plant pinwheels on the island between the parking lots to create a visual representation of peace. We hope to see you there!

Fondly,
Kelley



Big Brothers Big Sisters.

OF FRANKLIN COUNTY

We have a range of different mentoring programs for everyone ages 6-12 with open opportunities now!



Virtual High School

Start as soon as possible

Curriculum focused on art, D&D, group games music with dancing and music video creation

In-person curriculum focused on individual activities and group play with support for social skill building and peer problem solving

Hybrid DA

Start off virtually in November and move to in-person January/February

Transportation from and to Greenfield and Turners Falls



In-Person NMH

Start in January

No transportation provided



Swift River School Menu - October 2021

Monday			Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
Breakfast	October	4	October	5	October	6	October	7	October	8
	Cereal Day: Assorted WG Cereals with Cheese Stick & Juice		WG Pumpkin Bread w/ Cream Cheese & Fruit		WG Smiley Breakfast Bar w/ Yogurt & Fruit		Cereal Day: Assorted WG Cereals with Cheese Stick & Juice		Curriculum Day!	
	Homemade Mac & Cheese w/ BBQ Pulled Pork, Corn Bread & Green Beans		Breaded Fish Sticks w/ French Fries & Carrots		All Beef Hot Dog on a WG Bun w/ Baked Beans & Chips		Pizza Quesadilla w/ Marinara Sauce & Broccoli		No School!	

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.



Swift River School

Serving the Towns of New Salem and Wendell

Kelley Sullivan
Principal

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Dear Parent or Guardian:

Your child will be able to receive free Breakfast and Lunch at school this year!

We are pleased to inform you that Swift River School will be participating in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs called the Provision 2 for school year 2021-2022

What does this mean for you and your children attending Swift River School?

Great news for you and your students! All enrolled students of Swift River School are eligible to receive a healthy breakfast and lunch at school at **no charge** to your household each day of the 2021-2022 school year. No further action is required of you. Your child(ren) will be able to participate in these meal programs without having to pay a fee or submit a meal application.

***If your child brings a home lunch and requests milk, there will be a charge for the milk!**

If we can be of any further assistance, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

Kelley Sullivan
Principal

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- (1) mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;
- (2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or
- (3) email: program.intake@usda.gov.

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NON-TRANSIENT NON-COMMUNITY CONSUMER NOTICE OF TAP WATER RESULTS – TEMPLATE

Lead and Copper Compliance Sampling Program

INSTRUCTIONS PAGE

A Public Water System (PWS) must provide the tap water monitoring results for lead and copper to all persons served by the sampling sites that are part of the PWS's monitoring program. These results will help occupants determine what actions they can take to reduce their exposure to lead in drinking water.

The following actions are required even if the PWS does not exceed the action level for lead:

- A PWS is required to provide the notification to the consumer **within 30 days** of when the system receives the results from the laboratory.
- A PWS shall include an explanation of the health effects of lead, steps consumers can take to reduce exposure to lead in drinking water, contact information for the PWS, the maximum contaminant level goals (MCLG) and the action level for lead, with the definitions for these two terms.
- A PWS must send the consumer notices by mail or other MassDEP approved methods (e.g., Non-Transient Non-Community water systems can post the results on a bulletin board in the tested facility to allow users to review the information).
- A PWS must submit a copy of the notification and a certification that the system met the delivery requirements to MassDEP **within 90 days** from the end of the monitoring period.
- A PWS shall provide a consumer notice of lead and copper tap water monitoring results to the persons served at the sites (taps) that are tested.

The following is a template Consumer Notice for use by NTNC systems and is generally designed for posting. This template has been adapted from the EPA document *Implementing the Lead Public Education Provision of the LCR: A Guide for Non-Transient Non-Community Water Systems* (EPA 816-R-08-008, June 2008).

Although this template has been set up for reporting results for up to five different sampling locations, you may add additional rows to the existing table using the "Tab key" to report more than five (5) lead and copper sample results. Please call your regional office if you require technical assistance.

Attention: The bolded language in this *TEMPLATE* letter is mandatory, which requires that it be included in this letter exactly as written. An electronic copy of this form is located on the MassDEP website at [https://www.mass.gov/lists/lead-and-copper-forms-and-templates#lead-and-copper-rule-\(lcr\)-forms-and-templates-](https://www.mass.gov/lists/lead-and-copper-forms-and-templates#lead-and-copper-rule-(lcr)-forms-and-templates-) (LCR Compliance Sampling Program – NTNC Results).

NOTICE OF TAP WATER RESULTS LEAD AND COPPER COMPLIANCE SAMPLING PROGRAM

PWS Name: swift river school
PWS ID: 1204001

Date: 9/27/21

Dear Consumer:

As you may know, swift river school is also a public water system (PWS) responsible for providing drinking water that meets state and federal standards. This notice reports the lead and copper results from the samples collected at this facility on 9/7,2021

(X) A total of 5 samples were taken and compliance is based on the 90th percentile for all of these samples. See the attached analytical report for the lead and copper results for each location that was sampled. The 90th percentile lead and copper levels in your water system are as follows:

LEAD: .0362 milligrams per liter (mg/l). This result is(X) above the Lead Action Level of 0.015 mg/l.
COPPER: .427 milligrams per liter (mg/l). This result is (X) below the Copper Action Level of 1.3 mg/l.

What Does This Mean?

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) set the **Lead Action Level¹ for lead in drinking water at 0.015 mg/l (or parts per million) and the Copper Action Level at 1.3 mg/l.** Because lead may pose serious health risks, the EPA and MassDEP also set a **Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG)² for lead of zero. The MCLG for copper is 1.3 mg/l.**

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. Our public water system is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. More information on lead in drinking water and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at: <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

We recommend the following tips to keep any potential lead and copper out of the water you drink:

- Most importantly – Flushing your water is the simplest way to reduce exposure to lead. When your water has been sitting for several hours, flush the tap until the water feels cold before use.
- Never use hot water from the faucet for drinking or cooking especially when making baby formula.
- Never boil water to remove lead or copper. Boiling water for an extended time may make the lead or copper more concentrated.

For more information on lead in drinking water visit:

- <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/overview-of-lead-in-massachusetts-drinking-water>
- <https://www.mass.gov/lists/lead-in-drinking-water>

For more information on copper in drinking water visit:

- <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/copper-and-your-health>
- <https://safewater.zendesk.com/hc/en-us/sections/202346427>

MDPH Lead and Copper in Drinking Water FAQ and Quick Facts:

- <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/sources-of-lead-besides-lead-paint>
- [Lead in Drinking Water FAQ \(https://www.mass.gov/media/1571266/\)](https://www.mass.gov/media/1571266/)
- [Copper in Drinking Water FAQ \(https://www.mass.gov/media/1571251/\)](https://www.mass.gov/media/1571251/)

¹ The Action Level is the concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements

² The Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG) is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

CDC: <http://www.cdc.gov/nceh/lead/default.htm>.

USEPA: <https://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/basic-information-about-lead-drinking-water>

If you have any questions regarding lead or copper in drinking water or your lead or copper sampling results, please feel free to contact : swift river school 978.544.6926 for contact information

Sincerely,

(PWS Signature Block)