

## The Swift River Current

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**NEW SALEM - WENDELL** 

SWIFT RIVER SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 27, 2021





Thursday, November 11
Veterans Day
No School



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Sunday, October 31



Wednesday, November 10 & Friday, November 12
Wednesday, November 17 & Friday, November 19
1:10 PM dismissal on all conference days!

Wednesday, November 24
Friday, November 26
Thanksgiving Break
No School





We ask that students be sent in with a spare mask! They are working and playing hard, and with coldseason upon us, it's helpful to have a second clean mask handy!

## EF Pickup

If students are not outside at Enchanted Forest, they will need to be picked up at the recess doors (located between the Cafe and the Gym)!



#### Dear Families,

Umass Amherst is offering free PFAS testing to local families on a first-come, first-served basis. The first 40 families who email Jodi Lyn Cutler at jcutler@umass.edu will be able to sign up for this resource.

We continue to encourage families who have not yet done so to sign their students up for covid testing at Swift River. We were able to roll out pooled testing yesterday, and we are pleased that this new development will help us better ensure a safe school environment for all.

Lastly, our Track-or-Treat event was a huge success. Thank you to all of the participants who showed up, wore costumes, earned laps toward their 100 Mile Club goals, and raised money for our 6<sup>th</sup> graders' upcoming trip to Nature's Classroom! We appreciate your support and your creative costuming! Happy Halloween to all.

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#### We need your help!

When sending in notes for the office, please include students' full names and their grades! We have new staff, and this will help ensure that everyone gets where they need to be!



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
November 1	November 2	November 3	November 4	November 5
Cereal Day: Assorted WG Cereals with Cheesestick & Juice	WG Muffin with Fruit	WG Smiley Bar with Yogurt & Fruit	WG Bagel & Cream Cheese with Fruit	Cereal Day: Assorted WG Cereals with Yogurt & Juice
Homemade Mac & Cheese with BBQ Pulled Pork, Corn Bread, and Green Beans	Fish Sticks with Tater Tots and Corn	Grilled Cheese with Tomato Soup and Carrots	Chicken Stew & Biscuits with Mixed Veggies	Pepperoni Pizza Sticks with Marinara Sauce and Broccoli

Please be aware...

All Charleston Wrap Fall Fundraiser orders MUST be made ONLINE only! The deadline for orders is Friday, November 5, 2021.

Please see the attached fliers for additional information!



**TEAM SRS PRESENTS** 

## CHARLESTON WRAP FALL FUNDRAISER

A great way to support the students of Swift River School!

### ORDERS DUE BY FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5!

TEAM SRS works together to host activities and events that promote student enjoyment and selfesteem, and to provide enrichment funds to classrooms. We are happy to offer this meaningful shopping opportunity to families, since all proceeds will directly fund our continued efforts. Thank you for your ongoing support, we couldn't do it without you!

## Help Support Swift River School!

## We need your help!

Every purchase makes a difference! Our organization receives profit for every item purchased using our Organization ID. Only with your help can we raise the funds we need!

## **| Shop online and invite friends, too!**

Enlist your friends, family, and relatives from all across the country to help your organization reach its goal. They can shop over 2,500 quality products including UltraHeavy™ gift wrap, wrap accessories, personalizable gifts, exclusive kitchen and home items, tasty gourmet goodies, and much more!



Participant Registration

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Registering Online is the first step to help us reach our goal. Simply scan the code to the left or visit registercw.com and fill out the registration form to sign up to become a participant! Orders placed using your Participant Link by November 5, 2021 will be credited to you and viewable in your Participant Dashboard. Your Participant Dashboard will also give you some great tools to spread the word about our sale.

Check Your Progress on your Participant Dashboard and share your unique shopping link via text, email and social media!







Organization ID: 17150



Use our **Sharing Tools** to email/text shopping links to friends and family so they can support! Don't forget to share your unique shopping link via social media, too!



WIN A PRIZE when you send out 10 shares and 20 shares!

After our fundraiser's deadline, our organization can still receive credit when you place orders through <u>December 3, 2021</u>.

Each order placed online will ship directly to the purchaser.

Prizes for online only sales will be sent to the organization.

\* Stock is limited, not all products featured in printed catalogs will be available for online purchase.

Online orders are subject to shipping and sales tax. \*FREE shipping available, see online for details.







# 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 Athol!

Drawing will be held on Friday, November 12th 2021 during the Community Sing.



You do not need to be present to win!



Please make checks payable to Swift River PTCA.





THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING TEAM SRS!







## **TEAM SRS**





## SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 14TH, 2021

## Order Form

\$10 / ticket

Get your tickets now! Only I50 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 I2th during Community Sing. You do not need to be present to win.

Please make your checks payable to Swift River PTCA.

Thank you for supporting TEAM SRS!

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Phone:	
Number of tickets:	
Amount enclosed:	

## **TEAM SRS**





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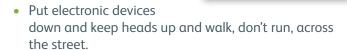
## Halloween Safety Tips

Everything you need to know to keep your kids safe on Halloween.

Everyone loves a good scare on Halloween, but not when it comes to child safety. There are several easy and effective behaviors that parents can share with kids to help reduce their risk of injury.

#### **Walk Safely**

- Cross the street at corners, using traffic signals and crosswalks.
- Look left, right and left again when crossing and keep looking as you cross.



- Teach children to make eye contact with drivers before crossing in front of them.
- Always walk on sidewalks or paths. If there are no sidewalks, walk facing traffic as far to the left as possible. Children should walk on direct routes with the fewest street crossings.
- Watch for cars that are turning or backing up. Teach children to never dart out into the street or cross between parked cars.

#### Trick or Treat With an Adult

 Children under the age of 12 should not be alone at night without adult supervision. If kids are mature enough to be out without supervision, remind them to stick to familiar areas that are well lit and trick-ortreat in groups.

#### **Keep Costumes Both Creative and Safe**

- Decorate costumes and bags with reflective tape or stickers and, if possible, choose light colors.
- Choose face paint and makeup whenever possible instead of masks, which can obstruct a child's vision.
- Have kids carry glow sticks or flashlights to help them see and be seen by drivers.
- When selecting a costume, make sure it is the right size to prevent trips and falls.

#### Drive Extra Safely on Halloween

- Slow down and be especially alert in residential neighborhoods. Children are excited on Halloween and may move in unpredictable ways.
- Take extra time to look for kids at intersections, on medians and on curbs.
- Enter and exit driveways and alleys slowly and carefully.
- Eliminate any distractions inside your car so you can concentrate on the road and your surroundings.
- Drive slowly, anticipate heavy pedestrian traffic and turn your headlights on earlier in the day to spot children from greater distances.
- Popular trick-or-treating hours are 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. so be especially alert for kids during those hours.



On average, children are more than twice as likely to be hit by a car and killed on Halloween than on any other day of the year.









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

or use the CNC QR to access the online form Contact CNC 413-422-0170 call/text with questions.

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, and donations from the community.

This program is supported in collaboration with the New Salem Library







# 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

October 26th: Fletcher and the Falling Leaves by Julia Rawlinson

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

**November 9th:** Greeting Seasons: Goodbye Autumn, Hello Winter by

#### Kenard Pak

- **REGISTRATION REQUIRED HERE:** <a href="https://bityl.co/94PH">https://bityl.co/94PH</a> or use QR Code to access the registration form. We will notify you 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

Funded by a grant from the New Salem Cultural Council, a local agency supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council and in collaboraton with the New Salem Library. 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, and donations from the Community.



### **Union #28 Community Network for Children**

## **CNC Programs**





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, inperson 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

The CNC Program is funded through the Union #28 schools by the Coordinated Family and Community Engagement Grant by the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care and Community Donations.









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Thursday, November 18th

Tuesdays, December 7th, January 4th, February 1st, March 1st

Contact Gillian @ CNC with any questions 413-422-0170 (call/text)





