



Swift River Current

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Important Dates

Thursday, September 27(6:30 to 7:30): Open House
Tuesday, October 2: Picture Day
Monday, October 8: No School – Columbus Day
Tuesday, October 9 (6:00): T.E.A.M SRS Meeting
Friday, October 19: No School – Curriculum Day
Wednesday, October 24: Parent/Teacher Conferences
Friday, October 26: 1:05 Dismissal – Parent/Teacher Conferences
Friday, October 26: Monster Dash
Wednesday, October 31: Parent/Teacher Conferences
Friday, November 2: 1:05 Dismissal – Parent/Teacher Conferences
Tuesday, November 6: Picture Retake Day
Monday, November 12: No School – Veterans Day
November 21-23: Thanksgiving Recess

Our schoolhouse is humming away with magic. I love walking around in the morning to listen to and see how teachers are establishing relationships with their students, setting classroom expectations, and building routines and community with morning meetings. Each classroom has a different approach, but the end result is always a cohesive unit that trusts each other and relies on one another to problem-solve.

I'd like to give a big shout out to our new staff and welcome them to our wonderful community! In April we welcomed Emily Neuburger, Art Teacher and Shelly Sylvester, Student Support Teacher. September brought us Peter Nolan, Student Support Teacher; Michelle Connolly, long-term substitute for Kindergarten; Cameron Lewis, Physical Education Teacher; and Michelle Wolfe and Erica Barnes, Paraprofessionals. Please stop in and say hello!

Be sure to come to Open House on Thursday, September 27th from 6:30 - 7:30 PM. We are changing the structure this year to make it more student driven. Students are excited to take you on a tour of their classrooms and to meet all the specialists. We are hoping this new format will allow the children to showcase their classrooms, what they are currently learning, and introduce you to all the teachers that work with them. Don't forget to sign up for Parent/Teacher Conferences in the wing of each hallway before you leave.

Happy Autumn!
Kelley

We will be sending digital copies of the Current, please let the office know if you would like a paper copy.

NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Greetings,

Welcome back to a new school year! Where did the summer go? It's hard to believe the 9-week summer break has ended and we are now completing our first month of school. I hope everyone had an adventurous summer. I certainly had plenty of adventures with my family!

T.E.A.M. SRS Update

TEAM SRS is excited to announce a change to our *Fall Raffle Baskets* Fundraiser. In the past, classrooms have created their own individual baskets to raise money for classroom supplies and activities. This year we will join forces to create three substantial baskets. We are hoping by streamlining our baskets, they can be bigger, better, and more bountiful! Baskets will be raffled off at the annual Monster Dash fundraiser on Friday, October 26th. The proceeds from the raffle will be divided equally among Preschool through Grade 6 classroom accounts.

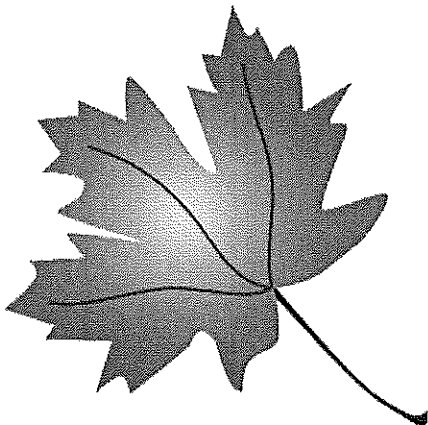
In previous years teachers have used their funds for specialty items in their classrooms and special projects aligned to the curriculum standards. This year some wish list items are alternative seating and tables for classrooms and funding for the Preschool Bear Curriculum.

Donations will be accepted from all students, Preschool through Grade 6 to benefit the classrooms. The two baskets we are collecting donations for are Family Fun Night and Chocolate Confections. Our third basket, Dinner & a Movie, is already generously donated by Ms. Sullivan and Larry.

Don't forget that we have tee shirts, sweatshirts and Dean's Beans coffee for sale in the office!

Our next meeting is Tuesday, October 9th at 6:00 p.m. Childcare is provided by Mahar Key Club and as always we love to see new faces and hear new ideas. Come join us!!!

Thank you for helping TEAM SRS fund our children's classrooms!



Music Update

As the year starts up, the Music Room is already alive with exciting activity. We are looking forward to having our largest student band this year, with over 30 students participating. Lessons for students and band rehearsals start the week of September 24th.

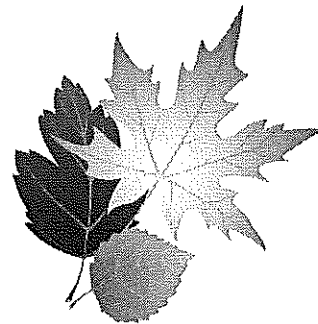
In other news, Swift River's music program recently acquired the resources to teach African Drumming during the school day. Students will be learning to play on a variety of Western African instruments, reading notation, and playing as a group. With Drum Circles being such a popular activity in our community, we are excited to bring it to our students on a regular basis.

I am very excited for a musical year with Swift River!

-Michael Cortina

Enchanted Forest

Enchanted Forest is looking for individuals to teach 6-8 week enrichments programs afterschool. If you are looking to work with children teaching a program or skill please contact Jessalyn Zaykoski at zaykoski@swiftriverschool.org or call the office.



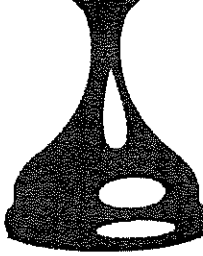
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These announcements and events are not school-sponsored.

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.

At Hope & Olive Restaurant, on the corner of Hope & Olive Street, Greenfield MA

H & O PRESENTS

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**2018
NIGHT 2019**

EAT! DRINK! PLAY GAMES + RAISE SOME DOUGH!

OCT 1 COMMUNITY NETWORK FOR CHILDREN
A hub for support systems for kids 5:00-7:30pm

AUTHOR/ ILLUSTRATOR VISIT
HERE THEY COME!

with Author & Illustrator David Hyde Costello

FREE!



Thursday, October 25, 2018

6:30 - 7:30pm

at the Leverett Library



★David Hyde Costello will be reading *Here They Come!* and will draw some of the characters and talk about the story. Two young monsters are getting ready for a good scare at their family's Halloween party.

★FREE Book for each child

★Small snack

★FREE, fun family event.

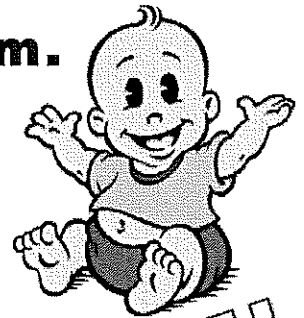
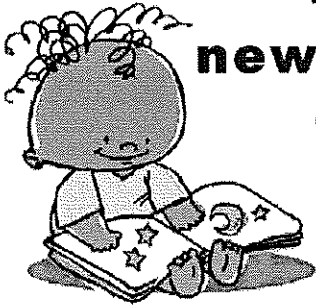
Contact CNC 978-544-5157 or the Leverett Library 413-548-9220 for more information.

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TALK, READ, & PLAY

Help build the foundation for your child's learning with this ***FREE*** home visiting program.

Families with young children newborn - 2 years of age are invited to take part in this program.



Participants will receive-

FREE books, toys and learning materials

- Help your child be ready for school
- Share this information with a friend in Erving, Leverett, New Salem, Wendell, or Shutesbury who has a child under 2 years-of-age.

FREE!

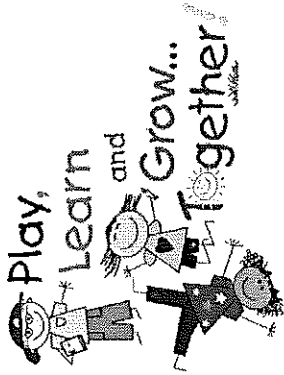
When Children Talk, Read, & Play they build skills that prepare them for a lifetime of success.

Questions??

Call 978-544-5157 and ask about the Talk, Read, & Play Program.

This program is made possible with the support and special thanks to the Friends and Family of Frank "Michael" Sokolosky and with collaboration from the CFCE grant through the Department of Early Education and Care, the Union #28 Community Network for Children Program and community donations.





Union #28 Schools
Community Network for Children
PROGRAM SCHEDULE

July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019

Find us on
Facebook

All programs suitable for newborns through preschool age.

Combination of free play, music, movement, books, and nursery rhymes at all programs! Come join us!

	FRIDAY SUMMER Outdoor PLAYGROUP Northfield 10:00-12:00pm	MONDAY Shutesbury TALES & TUNES 9:30 - 11:00am Katie T.	TUESDAY New Salem PLAYGROUP 8:45 - 10:15am Emily J.	WEDNESDAY Erving PLAYGROUP 10:00 - 11:30am Emily J.	WEDNESDAY Wendell PLAYGROUP 10:00 - 11:30am Sylvia W.	WEDNESDAY Leverett TALES & TUNES 10:30 - 12:00pm Heleen C.	FRIDAY Shutesbury PLAYGROUP 8:45-10:15am Joie C.	SUNDAY Erving Family Playtime 10:00- 11:30 Gillian B.
JULY	13, 20, 27	2, 9, 16, 23, 30	NONE	NONE	11, 18, 25	11, 18, 25	NONE	NONE
AUG	3, 10, 17	6, 13, 20, 27	NONE	NONE	1, 8, 15, 22, 29	1, 8, 15, 22, 29	NONE	NONE
SEPT	X	10, 17, 24	11, 18, 25	12, 19, 26	5, 12, 19, 26	5, 12, 19, 26	14, 21, 28	NONE
OCT	X	1, 15, 22, 29	2, 9, 16, 23, 30	3, 10, 17, 24, 31	3, 10, 17, 24, 31	3, 10, 17, 24, 31	5, 12, 26	14
NOV	X	5, 19, 26	6, 13, 20, 27	7, 14, 28	7, 14, 28	7, 14, 28	2, 9, 16, 30	4
DEC	X	3, 10, 17	NONE	5, 12, 19	5, 12, 19	5, 12, 19	NONE	2
JAN	X	7, 14, 28	8, 15, 22, 29	2, 9, 16, 23, 30	2, 9, 16, 23, 30	2, 9, 16, 23, 30	4, 11, 18, 25	20
FEB	X	4, 11, 25	5, 12, 26	6, 13, 27	6, 13, 20, 27	6, 13, 20, 27	1, 8, 15	10
MAR	X	4, 11, 18, 25	5, 12, 19, 26	6, 13	6, 13, 20, 27	6, 13, 20, 27	1, 8, 15, 22, 29	17
APR	X	1, 8, 22, 29	2, 9, 23, 30	10, 24	3, 10, 17, 24	3, 10, 17, 24	5, 12, 26	28
MAY	X	6, 13, 20	7, 14, 21, 28	1, 8, 15, 22, 29	1, 8, 15, 22, 29	1, 8, 15, 22, 29	3, 10, 17, 31	19
JUNE	X	3, 10, 17, 24	NONE	NONE	5, 12, 19, 26	5, 12, 19, 26	NONE	NONE
	Northfield Mt. Recreation & Environmental Center 99 Millers Falls Rd. Northfield, MA	M.N. Spear Memorial Library 10 Cooleyville Rd. Shutesbury, MA 413-259-1213	Swift River School 201 Wendell Rd. New Salem, MA 978-544-5157 (CNC Office #)	Erving Elementary School 28 Northfield Rd. Erving, MA 413-423-3326	Wendell Library 7 Wendell Depot Rd. Wendell, MA 978-544-3559	Leverett Library 75 Montague Rd. Leverett, MA 413-548-9220	Shutesbury Elementary School 23 West Pelham Rd. Shutesbury, MA 413-259-1212	Erving Elementary School 28 Northfield Rd. Erving, MA



Please note: Ongoing programs may not occur during school vacations or holidays. Please check the schedule!

If inclement weather is a concern, call the CNC office for message/update, check Facebook or the CNC Website for info.

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 These programs are also supported by the Friends of the M.N. Spear Memorial Library, Friends of the Leverett Library, Friends of the Wendell Free Library,
 Shutesbury Elementary School, Erving Elementary School, Swift River School, and donations from friends in the community.*

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