Wilkins Weekly 9-21-19

- Picture day went smoothly last Tuesday. I’m eager to see how the photos turned out! PLEASE note: ALL students were photographed for a class composite picture that will go home with each student. If the cost of a package presented a hardship for your family, NS can fund a limited number of F packages. Please contact me if you wish to take advantage of this offer.
- We had a great turn out at Open House last week. Teachers put a lot of time into preparing for this night, and it’s validating when people show that they care about their child(ren)’s education by showing up!
- Our annual PTA fundraiser is off to a great start! This fundraiser is what our yearly PTA budget is based upon. Yankee Candles are quality products and have proved popular in the past. There’s also MANY more quality products on line at [www.yankeecandlefundraising.com](http://www.yankeecandlefundraising.com) Enter our GROUP NUMBER from the form in the “Start Shopping” box. A bonus for online shopping is that it is shipped to your home – and arrives much earlier than paper-placed orders!!
- Other ongoing ways to help our school include:
  - **Boxtops** is keeping up with the times and eliminating paper coupons :(( on products - although keep looking for the ones that are left over. We can still collect them and send them in. Each is worth 10 cents. Monies from Boxtops goes to fund new playground “toys” that go missing, get deflated, or get lost in the woods throughout the schoolyear. Go to [https://www.boxtops4education.com/](https://www.boxtops4education.com/) to find out how to scan your store receipt. Any products that are a part of the program go automatically to our school.
  - **SMILE Amazon** works just the same as regular Amazon (Prime, too!) but you can designate a cause to which Amazon donates a percentage of your purchases. Easy-peezy – just change your page to smile.amazon.com choose North Salem Elementary and shop as usual.
  - **Hannaford Helps** – is another easy way to help the school if you shop at the Hampstead store. Just sign up for North Salem, shop as usual, and if any purchased items qualify you'll get “bucks” at the checkout for NS!
- Our first school store is this upcoming THURSDAY during recess. School supplies are sold for a VERY low price – anywhere from 10 cents to $1.00. Please do not send your child with more than two dollars. Thank you to our PTA for offering this to our students.
- Fall officially begins this week. And after last summer weekend is over, temps will begin to drop. This is the time of year when MANY sweatshirts and light jackets wind up in LOST & FOUND - and generally NEVER FOUND. Kids wear them in the morning, take them off at lunch recess and for some reason can't identify them when asked :)  PLEASE help us help you from spending more money on outerwear replacing lost items. Simply putting your child's initials on the tag will help!
- Salem Scramble is Saturday. I'm looking foward to seeing our children participate in this fun community event. There are a few more slots open for assistance. Please consider signing up for a block at [www.sau57.org](http://www.sau57.org).
- Harvest Fest is fast approaching - Sunday, October 6th is our date this year. Each classroom's families will be asked to contribute items for a teacher-chosen raffle basket theme. It's one way you can help our school.
- **Wednesday is a planned DELAYED OPENING.** On these days, our teaching and para-educators are all involved in advancing our work with students by participating in professional development activities. EVERYTHING (school, bus pick up times) starts 90 MINUTES later than usual. Drop off time for students will begin at 9:45 AM. Students will enter school at 10:15 AM.

Enjoy, enjoy, enjoy this stunner of a last-summer weekend,

Janice