# STILLWATER SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

= MAY 14, 2021 =

#### **IMPORTANT DATES AND REMINDERS:**

Remote Learner K-3 Material Pick Up: 5/21 12:00-2:00 at the end of the 6th grade hallway Remote Learner 4-6 Material Pick Up: 5/28 12:00-2:00 at the end of the 6th grade hallway

**Board of Education Meeting:** June 7 and June 21 at 7pm. Check school website, under Stillwater School Announcements, for more information.

Sixth Grade Move Up Day: May 17th

#### **Morning Drop Off:**

Thank you for your patience and cooperation during Morning Drop Off. Please note, we make every effort to keep Stillwater Road open to through traffic. Our security staff may ask you to briefly pull into the church parking lot if necessary.

**Attendance:** If your child will be absent for either in person learning or remote learning, please call the attendance line at **973-383-3227.** It is imperative that you report your child absent prior to the start of the school day if they are unable to participate in remote learning due to illness or other reason. Those students who are not called in absent will be expected to complete their remote learning assignments. A failure to do so will be reflected in their marking period grades.

If your child is absent from their in person cohort, they will be marked absent. If they are able to complete work remotely, the work will be considered as their make up work for the day but the absence will still be marked.

# PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN. FREE TO ALL STILLWATER RESIDENTS! PLEASE CONTACT MRS. BERGER FOR MORE INFORMATION 973-383-3998

#### **KINDERGARTEN NEWS:**

The kindergarten classes have been enjoying the spring weather and settling back into the school routine. They have been working on applying their sight-word vocabulary and their phonetic skills to help them read fluently and write on their own. In math, the children have been working on sorting and identifying 2 and 3 dimensional shapes. Last week the children spent time pouring their love into projects for Mother's Day. They also had the opportunity to go on a virtual field trip to the Tamerlaine Animal Sanctuary. It was a treat to meet and learn about all the rescued farm animals! It was the perfect way to launch our current farm theme. We will continue to be very busy as we begin to enter the final month of our kindergarten journey.

#### **FIRST GRADE NEWS:**

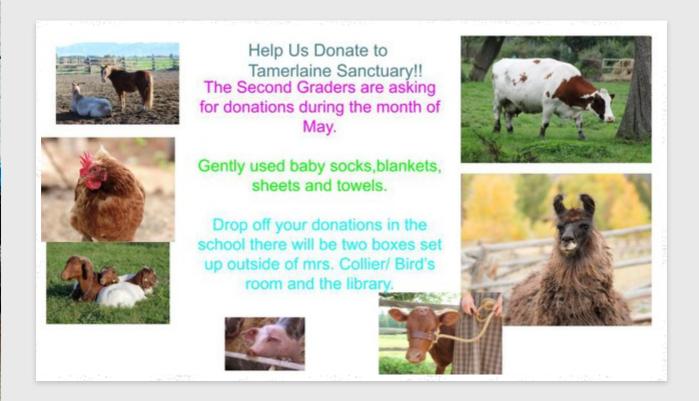
First Graders enjoyed a virtual field trip to see Circle in the Square Theater perform Aesop's Fables. This was a kickoff to our Fairy Tale unit in Reader's Workshop. Throughout this month the children will be learning about characters, setting, plot and morals through various fairy tales. If you see a first grader ask them which fairy tale they liked best.

#### **SECOND GRADE NEWS:**

#### Second Grade Needs Your Help!

Recently, Second Graders traveled to Tamerline Sanctuary & Preserve, virtually of course!! They enjoyed meeting Peter Nussbaum, co-founder of the sanctuary, and hearing stories about how each animal at the farm was rescued. From a pig relocated to the country from Brooklyn, New York to turkeys saved from being sent to the slaughter house, each story was unique. Located on 336 acres of preserved farmland, the sanctuary is home to over 250 animals. Cats, pigs, horses, bunnies, cows, goats, sheep, chickens, swans, ducks, peacocks and turkeys live their best life on the farm. Second Graders fell in love with the animals and are asking for donations to help!

Do you have gently used baby socks, towels or sheets at home? Please consider donating them to Tamerlaine Sanctuary & Preserve. Second Graders will be collecting in the month of May. Drop off boxes are located in the library and outside of Mrs. Collier's Classroom. Thank you!



#### 10 Tips to Help Kids Get Organized

As the end of the school year approaches, it's important to help students finish out the year strong. Getting organized can make life easier for kids and parents alike. It might take some effort in the beginning, but it's worth it in the long run. Below is a list of tips and tricks to get organized at school and at home.

- 1. Break tasks into chunks.
- 2. Make checklists and to-do lists.
- 3. Teach calendar and time management skills.
- 4. Establish daily routines.
- 5. Introduce idea organizers.
- 6. Use color-coding.
- 7. Create fun memory aids.
- 8. Create an organized work space.
- 9. Do regular backpack audits.
- 10. Help your child think ahead.

#### **SOCIAL WORKER NEWS:**

Social Emotional Learning lessons on empathy and gratitude were held in March to recognize national **SEL Day.** Stillwater students engaged in classroom discussions and created posters to recognize the importance of SEL.



**Mental Health Awareness Week runs from May 10-16**. In honor of raising awareness and fighting stigma it is necessary to talk about the importance of Mental Health. During the pandemic many people have experienced new or increased difficulty with their own mental health. Many of us have watched a loved one struggle. As we begin to emerge from this unique and challenging year, let's be attentive to taking care of the whole person, body, mind, and spirit. Have we been surviving or thriving?

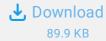
What is mental health? Mental health includes our emotional, psychological, and social well-being. It affects how we think, feel, and act. It also determines how we handle stress, relate to others, and make choices. Mental health and wellness is important at every stage of life and is just as important as our physical health. It allows people to realize their full potential, cope with stressors, be productive and have meaningful relationships.

Resource Spotlight: Family Partners of Morris and Sussex Counties is non-profit organization that provides support, education, and advocacy to families with children who are experiencing mental health challenges. They have a warm line to connect you to available community resources **Simply call 973-940-3194 to be connected to a Peer Support Partner** or check out their website <a href="http://www.familypartnersms.org/home.htm">http://www.familypartnersms.org/home.htm</a>.



#### NJ\_PEBT\_FlyerGeneral.pdf

Pandemic EBT — P-EBT for short — helps families buy groceries when students are learning remotely (from home) during COVID.





#### Letter Regarding Free Meals.pdf

Please direct questions to the Maschio's Food Service Manager Michelle Molfetto at michelle.molfetto@stillwaterschool.net 973-383-6171 ext.220 **J** Download
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#### Free Lunch & Breakfast.pdf

FREE LUNCH & BREAKFAST to all students in Stillwater Township Elementary School

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# COMMUNITY SECTION - THE FOLLOWING ARE NOT SCHOOL SPONSORED EVENTS:



KITTATINNY PLAYERS SUMMER THEATER AND DANCE CAMP:

The Kittatinny Players are running their summer theater and dance camp again this year. This is our 8 years of summer camp for the theater. We have always partnered with the 4 sending district schools to promote the camp. I am asking if you can get approval from your superintendent to send home with the 4th-6th graders and or put in your newsletters.



Updated Summer Theater Camp 2021 Registration Form.pdf



#### STOCKER BUS DRIVERS NEEDED:

School Bus Driver: Kittatinny, Sandyston, Hampton, Stillwater, Fredon, High Point, North Warren & Blairstown area school routes. Class B CDL req'd, will train. Stocker Bus Company EEO-A/A. 973-383-2786. See below PDF



Stocker Bus Company -Help Wanted -Drivers.pdf



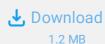
COME ONE, COME ALL (well almost all)!!!!!!!

COVID VACCINE ELIGIBILITY HAS OPENED UP TO ALL INDIVIDUALS 16 YRS AND UP.

NJ COVID Vaccine Eligibility



Summer Soccer Camp Information.pdf

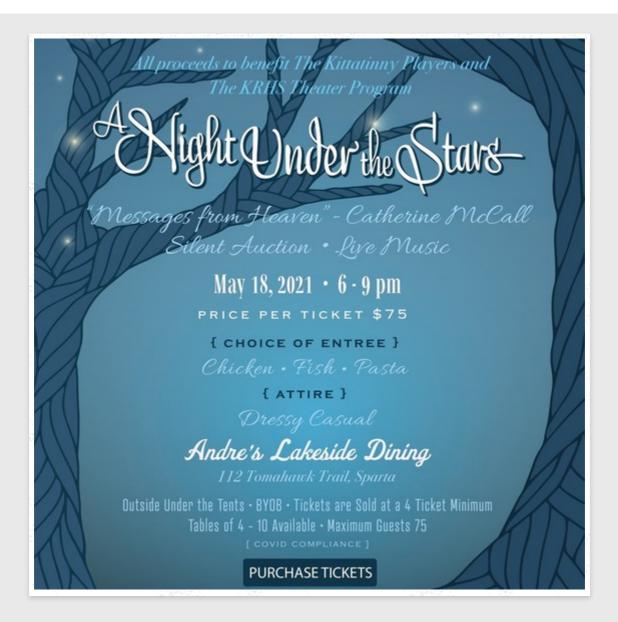




A Night Under the Stars Information.pdf

Fundraiser benefiting KRHs Theater Program. Messages from Heaven with Catherine McCall, Silent Auction, Live Music, 5/18/21 6-9 pm. See below flyer:





# THE SUSSEX COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT NEWS:

Mental health services during COVID. If you or someone you know is having difficulty, please give them a call.

The Rutgers University Behavioral Health Care Covid Connect program will provide and expand behavioral health treatments and supports to individuals who are experiencing mental health and substance abuse issues related to the spread of the Covid-19 virus. A series of screening tools will be used to assess the caller's mental health/addiction needs. University Behavioral Health Care will provide a warm handoff to licensed treatment providers throughout the state that offer Telehealth services. To ensure successful service linkage, our staff will follow up with you. Call us today at (833) 223 - 0011

#### STILLWATER PTA INFORMATION:

#### SPIRIT WEAR:

Below is the shopping link:

https://twentyfourink.com/collections/stillwater-school?ref=1fxdrrto0wui





#### PTA Spring Flower Fundraiser flyer.pdf

PTA has partnered with C&C Growers, Fundraiser runs 4/1- 5/22. Present the flyer and receive 10% off your total purchase, 10% of sales go to the PTA



#### Stillwater PTA

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