

# *Stillwater School Newsletter*

February 26, 2021

## **Important Dates and Reminders:**

**Remote Learner K-3 Material Pick Up:** March 5th 12:00-2:00 in the **Science Room**

**Remote Learner 4-6 Material Pick Up:** March 12th 12:00-2:00 in the **Science Room**

**Board of Education Meeting: March 15th and 29th** at 7pm. Check school website, under Stillwater School Announcements, for more information.

**School Closed:** April 2nd - April 9th - Spring Recess

**Spring Pictures:** April 13th & 14th

### Morning Drop Off Procedures:

As the weather turns colder, we typically have more students being driven to school in the morning and temperature checks take a little longer some days. Please help us expedite this procedure by turning down your heat and saying your goodbyes while waiting in line as opposed to exiting your vehicle once stopped. For your child's safety, please remind him/her to go directly into the building once they are out of the vehicle. Please be patient while we follow these new procedures and work to ensure the safety of all students at school.

**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**

## Yearbooks are on Sale!

You can purchase online by clicking on the above link. Cost of the yearbook is \$21.00. Questions: please contact [michelle.gerkhardt@stillwaterschool.net](mailto:michelle.gerkhardt@stillwaterschool.net).

### Love of Reading Week: March 1st – March 5th

Show your love of reading by participating in our next school spirit week!

- **Monday, March 1st-** In honor of, *Fox in Socks*, wear wacky socks!
- **Tuesday, March 2nd-** Happy Birthday, Theodor Seuss Geisel! In honor of the legendary children's author, Dr. Seuss, wear red and white.
- **Wednesday, March 3rd-** In honor of, *The Cat in the Hat*, wear a hat!
- **Thursday, March 4th-** In honor of, *Oh, The Places You'll Go*, wear a college shirt, a trade shirt, or any other shirt that represents where you will go.
- **Friday, March 5th- Snuggle up with a good book!** Wear pajamas today!

### Third Grade Family Math News:

Families taking the 3rd grade Family Math Class enjoyed the Pentasquares and "How Close Can you Get" card game. Warm up activities included a Venn Diagram, a height activity, finding the secret message using multiplication table and clock activities. Congratulations to Chloe Bello who won the estimation jar of Cheez Its. We will meet again on Tuesday evening of next week.

### Fourth Grade ELA News:

Our Fourth Grade readers and writers are heating up in this cold weather! Students are enjoying a class novel, *The One and Only Ivan*. We are exploring many literary elements as we analyze the fun and lovable characters. In writing, students are developing their own narratives. We have been working so hard to add details and descriptions to make our work come to life! Reading and writing are bringing some fun suspense and drama to our February days!

### Phys. Ed. News:

Students have been enjoying doing some fun activities during Phys. Ed. classes. We love joining our classmates who are home in a fun little warm-up video that we can all do together. We have found a great resource of videos that have led us on a Snow Chase, Moon Mountain, Jurassic Chase, Ice Age, Shark Chase, Jungle Chase, Jurassic Chase Revenge, and hopefully coming out this week is Space Chase. Participating in these lives has helped us all to stay connected. Students have been participating in some cooperative games while at school where they need to work with their classmates to accomplish a task. We are looking forward to the snow melting so that we can get back outside soon! Keep up the great work!!

Miss Radimer



## Music News:

Third graders have begun their unit on recorder playing. Learning recorder is going to look different this year with hybrid and remote learners, as well as restrictions to keep us and our school community safe and healthy. Students have been given a recorder, music folder and new for this year, a "Covid-safe" recorder. This paper towel roll has been cut and hole punched to closely match that of the real recorder. These recorders do not make any sound and won't require any air, making them the perfect practice recorder for school at this time. While students are welcome and encouraged to play at home and follow along with the videos I make for weekly playing lessons, in the classroom, third graders and I will be using our "Covid-safe" recorders. To make the transition of not using real recorders in school easier for students, our most recent project was decorating our paper towel rolls and music folders. It was a fun way to make each recorder their own in their own creative way. Third graders, don't forget to check into the music google classroom for all the video materials I'm creating for you to play along with at home!



## Second Grade News:

The second grade is celebrating! Our young writers have completed a study of nonfiction writing. During the last several weeks, students have learned that they already know many things about different topics. This makes them "experts!" The students used their own knowledge to write "expert books." We focused on interesting leads, writing details with comparisons and description, adding steps and diagrams to teach, and elaborating our endings. Our celebration was shared through a Google Meet this week with special guests and our peers. We would like to thank everyone who attended! But most of all, congratulations Second Graders! We are so proud of your excellent writing!





## Makerspace News:

*What is Engineering Week? First celebrated in 1951, National Engineers Week is dedicated to ensuring a diverse and well-educated future engineering workforce by increasing understanding of and interest in engineering and technology careers.*

During Makerspace classes this week, students celebrated “Engineers Week” by viewing a video about engineers and the work they do. Then students were presented with a design challenge of their own - and they had to think like Engineers to create a solution to the problem. Some of these challenges included building a newspaper table, a free-standing tower with spaghetti, and lunar landers. The purpose of each project was to follow the criteria and constraints provided and utilize only the given materials and tools to design a project that could meet the challenge. Students learned patience and perseverance as they discovered that most often their first design did not work!

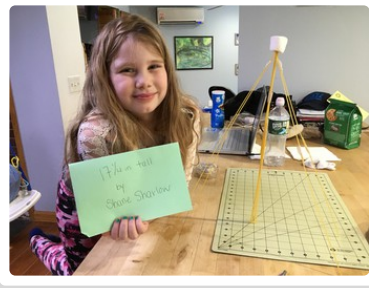
Here are a few links for more information about Engineering!

<https://pbskids.org/designsquad/parentseducators/index.html>

<https://www.dodea.edu/dodeaCelebrates/National-Engineers-Week.cfm>

Keep Engineering! ~ Mrs. Makarevich

Here are a few pictures of some of the results shared with Mrs. Makarevich!



## Yearbook reminder to all 6th grade students and families!

Each 6th grade student will have their current school picture, a baby photo and a biography in the yearbook. The students have already received a biography form and quite a few students have already completed and submitted the form! Please remind your 6th grade student to complete their biography as soon as possible. We are also asking all 6th grade students to submit a baby photo for the yearbook. The picture can be either brought in and given to Miss Radimer or Mrs. Riva, or sent in on a remote pick up day. An adult can also email the picture to:

[maureen.riva@stillwaterschool.net](mailto:maureen.riva@stillwaterschool.net) or [meghan.radimer@stillwaterschool.net](mailto:meghan.radimer@stillwaterschool.net)



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Please direct questions to the Maschio's Food Service Manager Michelle Molfetto at [michelle.molfetto@stillwaterschool.net](mailto:michelle.molfetto@stillwaterschool.net) 973-383-6171 ext.220

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**Community Section - The following are NOT school sponsored events:**






Parent of Special Education/ 504 /Title 1 Students  
Parent workshop on March 9th at 7:00—Virtual

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Girl Scout Daisy Troop 98267 is now forming! Info Session March 4, 2021 at 7 pm

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## Kittatinny Youth Lacrosse Open Registration:

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- Boys and Girls 1st - 8th Grade
- Earlybird pricing is now extended to March 1, 2021 .
- Early Bird code - earlybird2021 - must be entered.

- Direct link to registration is here. <http://bit.ly/kylcregister2021>



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Registration Open: December 23, 2020 through March 1, 2021

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Kittatinny Softball Flyer 2021.pdf


For more information: Anna Pascarella 973.202.4487  
HamptonSoftballRec@gmail.com. Online registrations only, register by 3/12/21.

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February is Heart Health Awareness Month. Here is a flyer about physical activity and its impact on heart health.

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FREE virtual series for girls in grades K-3. This is a great opportunity for girls to have fun and learn about Girl Scouts.

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