# Stillwater School Newsletter

February 19, 2021

# **Important Dates and Reminders:**

Remote Learner 4-6 Material Pick Up: February 26th 12:00-2:00 in the Science Room Remote Learner K-3 Material Pick Up: March 5th 12:00-2:00 in the Science Room

**Board of Education Meeting: February 22nd** 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.

# 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.

#### **Health News:**

The students learned about the heart last week during their Health class. They had an opportunity to jog in place in order to increase their heart rate and learned how to find their pulse, as well as, find out their resting and active heart rate. In addition, they got to cut out the shape of a Valentine's Day heart and write or draw pictures on the heart of what they can do to take care of their heart and keep it strong and healthy. The students had fun, enjoyed the activity, and got into the Valentine's Day spirit! ~Mr. Reed

# Third Grade Family Math News:

Families taking the <u>3rd grade Family Math Class</u> enjoyed the M&M and Create a Puzzle activity using geometric word vocabulary. Warm up activities included a Birthday graph and a weight activity. Congratulations to Charlotte Norman who won the estimation jar of candy hearts. We will meet again on Tuesday evening of next week.

## **Third Grade News:**

Do you have a favorite season? What animal is the best pet? In Writer's Workshop, third graders have been busy writing their opinions about various topics! They have done a fantastic job hooking their reader, stating a clear opinion, and giving reasons and examples to support their opinion! In math, students are working hard to master their multiplication and division facts! We just began our next topic on Area! In Reader's Workshop, we kicked off our Character Study Unit reading Ramona Quimby, Age 8, and reviewed key comprehension skills. Currently students are learning how good readers get to know their character by what they say, how they act, and their likes and dislikes. Then they can use this information to identify character traits to describe their characters. Students are enjoying reading their own independent-character study novels!

## **Art News**:

Our 1st grade artists recently completed an activity called 'A Positive Heart'. The Element of Design SPACE was introduced in this lesson. Students first created a non-objective/abstract design while experimenting with a wet on wet watercolor technique. This process enabled students to explore and create unique original work. **Positive and Negative SPACE** was discussed while students cut out half a heart shape from the edge of a black piece of paper. Both negative pieces were glued down on opposite sides of the dry watercolor painting, while connecting the positive to the negative, making a complete heart shape. Below are some of our student's artwork. Fiona Gely proudly submitted her work on our Goggle Classroom.







# **Speech News:**

This month, we've been learning a lot about Valentine's Day! February is a perfect time of year to learn about being kind, giving compliments, and being a good friend! We've also been talking about cards, candy and flowers! Throughout February, emphasize pronouns, pronouns, and more pronouns!! This is a great month because there is tons of practice when preparing and receiving cards! Use words like he, she, him and her. Talk about your child's friends and their interests! "This one is for Josh. Can you write his name?" "She gave you a purple card!" "Let's give this card to her." "He loves candy." An activity idea for this month is to make cards together! Lay out different papers, stickers, and craft materials. You can decorate different cards for different people and even write nice notes in them! This provides great practice in thinking of others. As always, my book recommendation for this month is to Check out Love Monster by Rachel Bright. It is a fantastic story about love and friendship! Your child will love the silly writing and it has a positive message about being different.

# **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, <u>Oh, The Places You'll Go</u>, 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!

# 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 or meghan.radimer@stillwaterschool.net



#### 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





#### Free Lunch & Breakfast.pdf

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



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

Pre-registration available for the COVID-19 vaccine

# **Kittatinny Youth Lacrosse Open Registration:**

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- Boys and Girls 1st 8th Grade
- Earlybird pricing is now extended to February 15, 2021 .
- Early Bird code earlybird2021 must be entered.
- Direct link to registration is here. <a href="http://bit.ly/kylcregister2021">http://bit.ly/kylcregister2021</a>



#### Kittatinny Little League.pdf

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





#### Kittatinny Softball Flyer 2021.pdf

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





#### Heart Health.pdf

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





#### Join Girl Scouts! Art in the Outdoors grades K to 3.pdf

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





YMCA Membership Flyer.pdf





YMCA Winter Sports Offerings.pdf





YMCA Summer Camp VIP EB Flyer.pdf





YMCA Jan & Feb Vacation Camps Flyer.pdf



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#### **Stillwater PTA**

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