

# Stillwater School Newsletter

February 5, 2021

## Important Dates and Reminders:

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

**Remote Learner K-3 Material Pick Up:** February 19th 12:00-2:00 in the **Science Room**

**Board of Education Meeting: February 8th and 22nd** at 7pm. Check school website, under Stillwater School Announcements, for more information.

**Spring Pictures:** March 2nd and 3rd

### 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](mailto:michelle.gerkhardt@stillwaterschool.net).

### **Preschool News:**

The Preschool classes completed their Snowman Study and are now busy learning about all aspects of clothes during their Clothes Study. The children are listening to stories, learning about how clothes are made, about different fabrics, how to care for clothes, features of clothes, and much, much more. After reading the story, Uncle Nacho's Hat, by Harriet Rohmer, the children designed their own hats. Centers are set up in the classrooms that allow the children to practice sewing on buttons, design mittens, sort clothes according to season, and many other activities. The big topic of discussion right now is the snowstorm that left us with a large amount of snow. During our morning meeting, the children were eager to share stories of their snow adventures with the class. This storm has left quite an impression on the children while providing fun memories. We are all looking forward to learning about President's Day, along with the fun that Valentines' day brings. Happy February!



## First Grade News:

The groundhog saw his shadow! Six more weeks of winter! The first grade had fun creating their own groundhog using a “groundhog” glyph checklist. Their groundhogs are quite colorful. We began a new topic in math. The children are learning about comparing two digit numbers.



Literacy Connections for First Grade.pdf

First Grade Families ONLY! Please see the attached flyer for more information about our virtual Literacy Connections program.



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## Third Grade News:

In reading, students are reading realistic fiction and studying characters. Children are reading, [Two Times the Fun](#) and [Ramona Quimby, Age 8](#) written by Beverly Cleary. Soon students will be taking a close look at characters in books of their choice. We have started our opinion writing unit. We are practicing stating an opinion and supporting it with reasons and examples. The next few weeks, we will focus on how to improve our writing and how to make our opinion stronger. In science, we looked at the traits we inherited from our parents. We will continue to practice our multiplication and division facts. A great resource to practice facts is [www.timestables.com](http://www.timestables.com). It is important to develop fact fluency when moving in to the next Topics: division and fractions. Keep up the great work third graders!



#### Family Math Brochure for Third Grade.pdf

Third Grade Families ONLY! Please see the attached flyer for more information about our virtual Family Math program.

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## Fourth Grade News:

Students have been learning about rock layers which offer geologists clues to the history of Earth. In science class, we have been taking a close look at fossils. Fossils are the preserved parts or traces of organisms that lived in the past. Through various articles, videos, hands-on demonstrations and a student show and tell, students have been extending their learning and understanding about rock patterns. As a culminating activity, students will be conducting research, and eventually giving a presentation, about a famous rock formation in the world. I am looking forward to hearing about these various rock formations in the upcoming weeks.

50 Essential Snow Day Activities

<https://www.todayparent.com/family/activities/50-essential-winter-activities/#gallery/50-essential-winter-activities-for-the-whole-family/slide-1>

26 Best Winter Activities That Will Make the Most of the Season!

<https://www.countryliving.com/life/g5087/winter-activities/>

## 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)



### 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

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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:

### Gertrude Hawk Fundraiser:

The Stillwater 6th grade is hosting a school-wide Gertrude Hawk Spring candy sale. All students should have received a candy brochure this week. You can sign up for an online account as well. (Instructions on flyer). Please have all brochure orders and money in by February 15, 2021. Thank you for your anticipated support. If you have any questions, please contact Kristin Oldenburg 973-903-7028.

\*This is not a school sponsored event.



### Gertrude Hawk.pdf

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**Pre-registration available for the COVID-19 vaccine**

### Parents as Champions Training:

The Center for Prevention and Counseling's School Health Team would like to cordially invite parents to our 2021 **Parents as Champions Training!** Created by the Statewide Parent Advocacy Network (SPAN) and funded by the New Jersey Department of Health's Whole School, Whole Community, Whole Child Initiative this **Parents as Champions Training** will provide participants the knowledge and confidence needed to build or enhance their leadership role within their school community.

The training will be held over four 2-hour virtual sessions on Thursdays beginning 2/4/2021 from 6:00 – 8:00 pm and is open to parents with school aged students attending school in the following

counties: Sussex, Hudson, Bergen, Essex, Passaic, Morris and Union County. Each parent who attends all four sessions will earn a \$125.00 stipend and will have the opportunity to apply for a \$1000.00 grant to benefit their school community!

Space is limited to 20 parents, **please be sure to register today!** Please contact [Ashley@centerforprevention.org](mailto:Ashley@centerforprevention.org)

LEARN HOW HEALTH PROMOTES ACHIEVEMENT IN SCHOOL AND LIFE

AS A PARENT, ACQUIRE THE TOOLS TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL

## PARENTS AS CHAMPIONS FOR HEALTHY SCHOOLS

Join us for an inspiring 4-session virtual training where PAC trainers guide participants through the process of how school districts operate, brainstorm areas for improvement amongst your school community in regards to health and wellness, and discuss best practices to be an effective parent leader!

A **\$125 stipend** will be awarded to each parent that completes all 4 sessions of the training

**When:**  
6:00-8:00 PM  
February 4th  
February 11th  
February 18th  
February 25th

Each team will be given the **opportunity to apply for a grant of up to \$1,000** to promote a healthy school climate

REGISTER TODAY BY FOLLOWING THIS LINK: [//IGFN.US/F/35WT/N](https://IGFN.US/F/35WT/N)  
OR BY CONTACTING ASHLEY CAINE: [ASHLEY@CENTERFORPREVENTION.ORG](mailto:ASHLEY@CENTERFORPREVENTION.ORG)

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NJ Health  
New Jersey Department of Health

## Kittatinny Youth Lacrosse Open Registration:

Kittatinny Youth Lacrosse Open Registration

- 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. <http://bit.ly/kylcregister2021>



Kittatinny Little League.pdf

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

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**VILLA CAPRI PIZZA  
DAY  
FRIDAY FEB. 12TH  
4-9PM**

**973-383-1777**

**Dine-in, Take-out or Delivery!**

**Each pie sold raises money  
towards the Kittatinny  
Regional theater programs!**



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.

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