# Stillwater School Newsletter

January 29, 2021

# **Important Dates and Reminders:**

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

**Board of Education Meeting: February 8th** 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.

Next week is Groundhog Day! Groundhog Day is celebrated on February 2nd every year. The first Groundhog Day was held in America, In Pennsylvania to be exact in 1887. Gobbler's Knob, in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania is where Punxsutawney Phil, the groundhog, comes out of his home and either sees his shadow or doesn't. If he sees his shadow, it is said that there will be 6 more weeks of Winter. If he doesn't see his shadow, Spring is right around the corner. Happy Groundhog Day!

### **Preschool News**:

Preschool students have embarked on the newest Creative Curriculum study about clothing. We have spent the past two weeks exploring the features of clothing and how we take care of clothes. Students have sorted clothing by patterns, sizes, seasons, and colors! We had the opportunity to discover different textures and learn about how some fabrics are made. We have had some pretty great handson experiences with clothing in the classroom-- using yarn in different ways to make prints and clothing, sewing fabric and buttons together to make pockets and purses, and even making clothes for wooden dolls! We now have a clothing art gallery up for display in our classrooms! Our little learners have morphed into fashion designers and are starting to use clothing terminology like fabric, stitch, sew, toggle, and weave!

What began as asking questions about clothing has quickly evolved into learning about fabric and what else fabric can be made into. In the upcoming weeks students will begin to explore topics such as how we take care of clothing, how is cloth made, where do we get our clothes, and what special clothing people wear?



#### 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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#### 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.



#### **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.

# 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 Download 124.5 KB



#### 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:**

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

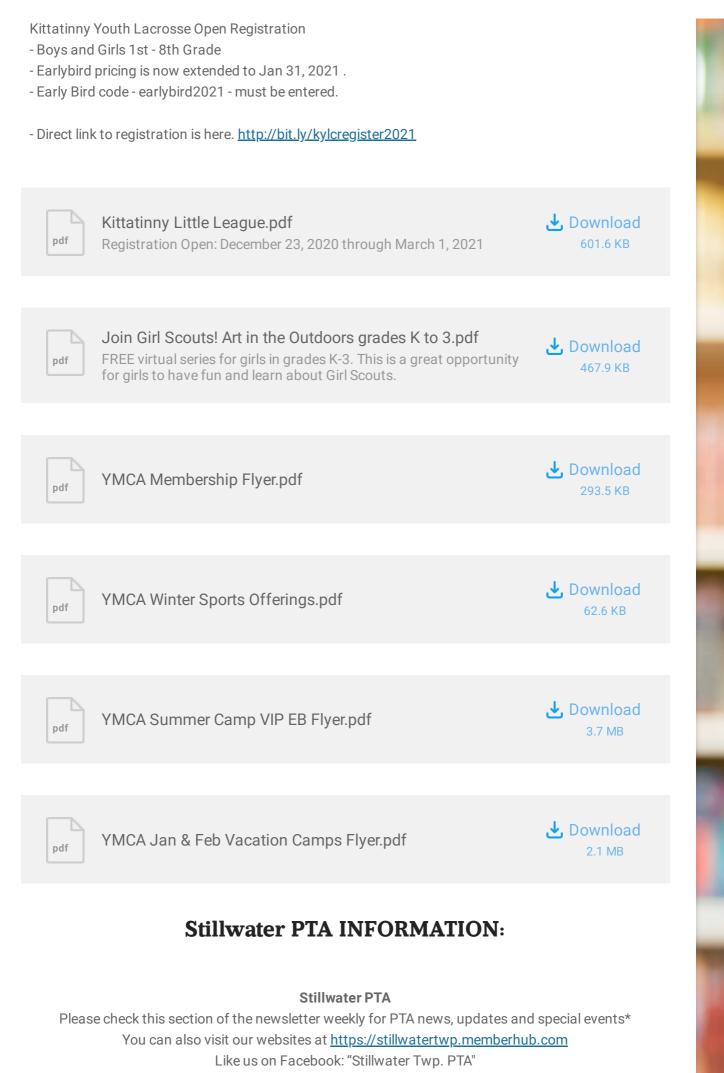
Child Initiative this *Parents as Champions Training* will provide participants the knowledge and confidence needed to build or enhance their leadership role within their school community.

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** <u>register today</u>! Please contact <u>Ashley@centerforprevention.org</u>



Kittatinny Youth Lacrosse Open Registration:



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