

Stillwater School Newsletter

January 22, 2021

Important Dates and Reminders:

Remote Learner 4-6 Material Pick Up: January 29th 12:00-2:00 in the **Science Room**

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

Board of Education Meeting: January 25th 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.

Social Worker News:

As we all know, the continued stress and uncertainty of the pandemic has presented daily challenges to the well-being of families and children. COVID has affected children and adults both directly and indirectly. The social, emotional, and mental well-being of our youth has been impacted in unique and individual ways. As adults and teachers it is imperative that we work together to recognize and address fear, stress and behavior changes that may manifest in children. Not all children respond to stress in the same way. Some common behavior changes to watch for are: excessive worry or sadness, changes in eating or sleeping habits, difficulty with attention and concentration, reduced interest in previously enjoyed activities, increase in irritability or "acting out," being withdrawn, changes in school performance (effort, motivation, academic achievement), school avoidance, unexplained somatic complaints (belly aches, headaches, body aches), and in younger children returning to behaviors that were outgrown and excessive crying. If you notice these signs in your child seek assistance from your family doctor, your school, or a mental health professional.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me to discuss concerns about your child. We can work together to support your child. I can be best reached through email: jeanne.smetana@stillwaterschool.net. It is important to continue to keep up with regular routines, develop a schedule for learning and fun activities, and make time with your child to do meaningful activities. Let your child know that it is okay to feel upset, share with them positive ways that you cope with stress, develop a plan with your child to help them with their concerns/challenges, and limit exposure to news and social media that is distressing.



PreK Parent Night Flyer.pdf

Wednesday, January 27th 6:00pm. Learn about our preschool curriculum, assessment system, and ways you can help support your child at home!

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Kindergarten News:

Welcome back kindergarten! January is a very busy month. We are finishing up all of the letter sounds and symbols from the Wilson Foundations program and the children are starting to incorporate those phonetic skills into their reading and writing. In Readers Workshop, the children are continuing to practice the "super power" reading strategies that will help them become "Super Readers." In Writers Workshop, they are now the proud authors and illustrators of several of their own pattern books. In math we finished our unit on addition, and we will now turn our focus to subtraction. Keep on learning and growing kindergarten kids!

First Grade News:

First grade is beginning Unit 4 in Reader's Workshop. In this unit they will be learning about story elements such as characters and setting. In Math, they are beginning to learn about place value in two digit numbers. In Social Studies, they learned about Martin Luther King and completed a project demonstrating how we are all alike.



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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Second Grade News:

Our second graders have been seeing science in action! We have been learning about the different states of matter: solids, liquids, and gases. We have watched some great experiments to help us understand the difference between these states of matter. For example, our balloon experiment taught us that when an empty balloon pops, the only thing inside is air! This air floats around as tiny atoms that we cannot see. On the other hand, have you ever popped a water balloon? When a balloon is filled with water, we know the water takes the shape of its container, a balloon shape! But be careful when you pop it! That water does not remain in the shape of the balloon any more! Lastly, we tried freezing a water balloon. Do you think the ice kept its shape? It sure did! We know ice is a solid!



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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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

Parent Resources for Reading and Writing Workshop!!

Lucy Calkins and her team at the Teachers College have developed wonderful resources to assist parents as they navigate helping their children gain success in the workshop model. In addition to valuable information and videos, the Teachers College is offering free live Zoom sessions on various topics with Q&A opportunities. Click the link below for access to the parent resource page.



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:

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

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

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Clothing Drive Flyer.pdf

Kittatinny High School Theater Program is holding a Clothing- Shoe- Linen Drive starting this Friday 1/8/21 till 1/23/21



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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 Jan 31, 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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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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