

Stillwater School Newsletter

January 15, 2021

Important Dates and Reminders:

Remote Learner K-3 Material Pick Up: January 22nd 12:00-2:00 in the **Science Room**

Remote Learner 4-6 Material Pick Up: January 29th 12:30-2:00 in the **Science Room**

School Closed: January 18th - Martin Luther King Jr. Day

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.

Check It Out! With the winter weather upon us, it's a great time to learn more about the weather! Started by meteorologist Crystal Wicker, this site allows children to find more out about the fascinating world of weather. This wonderful educational website for gives students the tools to explore the different types of weather. <https://www.weatherwizkids.com/>

First Grade News:

The first graders have been working really hard this winter. They just finished Unit 3 in Reader's Workshop, where they learned different tools to help make their reading sound the very best. The students recorded themselves reading their favorite story on Flipgrid using all of the tools they learned. Students were able to enjoy an afternoon snack while listening to all of their classmates' favorite books! In Writer's Workshop, students are at the end of their unit on nonfiction books. We are looking forward to learning about all of the different topics the students wrote about when they share them on Flipgrid! In science, students have been learning about light and sound. They were able to do some fun experiments exploring the different ways you can communicate with light and sound.



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.

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Fifth Grade News:

Fifth grade students have been busy learning about Argumentative essays in ELA class. Argumentative essays are one of the most popular types of essays that students will write in school. An Argumentative essay requires students to take a position on an issue. Fifth grade students are learning how to research facts about issues and then use those facts to support their opinions. These essays can be powerful tools for making someone agree with their point of view. During our writing unit, students are able to choose topics of their own interest to help build excitement.

Sixth Grade News:

This November, the 6th grade ELA students read a novel of their choice and completed a Winter Book Review. They were asked to record themselves on the Class Dojo and share predictions as they read, deep thinking questions about the text and characters, as well as a sequel to their story! The students were challenged to find five items around their homes, or to create these items that represented their books. Their explanations and creativity were excellent! Their presentations were great practice for public speaking in the future. Keep up the great work 6th graders!

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.

[https://readingandwritingproject.org/resources/supports-for-families?](https://readingandwritingproject.org/resources/supports-for-families?fbclid=IwAR2RRSiDx_vv1oaCdkDqLuXEDfh3EPBUaINtgDB-EphkI4JMnr56mvpGkE8)

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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 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



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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!

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| 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 |
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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



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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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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