

Stillwater School Newsletter

January 8, 2021

Important Dates and Reminders:

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.



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:

Happy new year Stillwater families! The second graders welcomed back their friends this week. Did you know we have a lot of experts in second grade? We have begun a new nonfiction writing unit. Students are discovering that by using the information they already know a lot about, they can write books that teach others about interesting topics. The children are practicing writing expert books on topics that they know a lot about. The second graders are writing a table of contents with five chapters. Students are also using keywords, writing interesting facts, and adding diagrams and pictures with labels to their expert books. Second graders are working hard!

Third Grade News:

Third grade students continue to master their multiplication facts. Soon, students will be introduced to division. In Language Arts, students will be starting a new unit on biographies. We will be reading about various impactful figures throughout history. In our upcoming Social Studies unit, third grade students will be learning the basics of the United States Government and the role they play within it. Starting Monday, we will be transitioning to a typical Specials schedule. Teachers will review this schedule with students this week.



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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Phys Ed/Health News:

Happy New Year! I hope that everyone had a relaxing and enjoyable break! As we begin this New Year I think it is important to set goals for yourself and have something to work towards. Goal setting is important and helps to keep you on track to do something that maybe you always wanted to do! Maybe you want to run a 5k this year, get better at doing push ups, work on drinking more water, or eating healthier foods. The New Year is a great time to set a goal so think about something you want to accomplish and make it your goal.

Makerspace News:

Welcome to Winter Gardening at Stillwater School!

During December students in grades K-2 learned about where Christmas trees are grown. The lesson included details about Christmas Tree Farms and how to grow Norway Spruce Seeds. We are currently growing some tiny trees in the Makerspace - we hope to plant them on the school grounds when they are large enough!

Students in grades 3 & 4 were introduced to wheat seeds and the difference between whole grains and white flour. Wheat seeds were planted and are growing well, hopefully we will move them to the greenhouse near the end of winter and eventually into our garden space.

Finally, for our last set of winter gardening lessons, students in grades 5 & 6 learned about cotton. The lessons included information about how to grow cotton and what it is used for. Our seeds are sprouting and the plan is to move them along to our greenhouse and eventually our garden space in the spring!

Music News:

I hope everyone had a safe, healthy and wonderful winter break and are ready to start the new year! Here are a few reminders for everyone:

- 1) Check the classwork tab in your music google classroom. Make sure none of your assignments are missing and to read any comments I may have left for you.
- 2) For students who will be completing music assignments remotely, look for "To earn credit" within the instructions of each assignment. That is what you will be graded on.
- 3) Advanced Band students are encouraged to continue playing your instrument. Review notes and rhythms and play some of your favorite pieces of music or pages in the lesson book. A new piece will be sent home soon for you to begin learning along with your weekly instrument videos.
- 4) For anyone looking to do some more music at home, each music google classroom has one or both of the following posts on the mainstream: "Extra Music Activities" and "Google Doodles". You may have to scroll down the main page to find the post, but there are links that will bring you to various music games, lessons and music-creation apps.

Mrs. Graupe's Class News:

Mrs. Graupe's class had a fast, fun and furious end to 2020. For a short time last fall, we exchanged our first names for Native American names. We studied the culture, homes and customs of several tribes. We've incorporated more Life Skills such as Grocery Store Math, weekly Book Club, Word Problem Wednesdays and mindfulness activities into our everyday academics.

In December, we sponsored and judged the 3rd Annual Holiday Pet Contest for the staff. Once again, this provided us the opportunity to use math and language skills. There were more entries than ever before! Prizes were presented to the winners and all pets received a special treat. To celebrate the holidays, we had a Virtual Party. From our homes to our classroom, we played games, ate snacks and waved 2020 goodbye.

We would like to wish everyone a safe and wonderful new year.

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?fbclid=IwAR2RRSiDx_vv1oaCdkDqLuXEDfh3EPBUaINtgDB-EphkI4JMnr56mvpGkE8

Sixth Grade Yearbook News:

One of our Stillwater Yearbook traditions is to have each 6th grade student write a small biography for the yearbook. The 6th grade students will have their current school picture, a baby photo and a biography in the yearbook. The students will be receiving a biography form to fill out in school in the coming weeks. Please remind them to complete it once it is received. We are also asking all 6th grade students to submit a baby photo for the yearbook. The picture can be brought in and given to Miss Radimer or Mrs. Riva. An adult can also email the picture to maureen.riva@stillwaterschool.net or meghan.radimer@stillwaterschool.net!



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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.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



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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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