

Stillwater School Newsletter

December 18, 2020

**12/21-12/23 will be Week 2 for Specials, 1/4-1/8 will be
Week 1 for Specials**

Important Dates and Reminders:

Remote Learner Cohort A Material Pick Up: January 5th 12:30-2:00 in the Gym

Remote Learner Cohort B Material Pick Up: January 7th 12:30-2:00 in the Gym

Board of Education Meeting: January 4th at 7pm. Check school website, under Stillwater School Announcements, for more information.

Early Dismissal: 12/23 at 12:40 pm.

School Closed: 12/24 - 1/1 Winter Recess

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.

Art News:

Be sure to check your Google Art Classroom for the latest, most up-to-date information. If you are a hybrid student who has chosen to work remotely through December, you are responsible for completing the art project posted under 'classwork' on your own time. Please reach out to me if you have any questions or are in need of supplies.

The Hanoch Piven Inspired Portrait project was a success! Piven is a world-famous artist who is known for his three-dimensional portraits of celebrities. His designs are sculptural and made with found objects. Enjoy, "Portrait of Santa" by a 5th grade Stillwater student. Happy holidays!



Third Grade News:

Did you know that you can learn your multiplication facts by singing songs? Third graders recently began learning multiplication and to help learn their facts, they have been singing the multiples to

different tunes such as: "Jingle Bells" to count by 3, "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star" to count by 6, "Happy Birthday" to count by 7, and many more. Keep practicing those facts! In writing, students just finished writing their expert books. They brainstormed topics they knew a lot about, and chose one they wanted to teach to their classmates. Their books included an introduction, three chapters, and a conclusion. The students even included text features like bold print, photographs, captions, diagrams, and a glossary! This week they shared their expert books with their classmates, and everyone did a fantastic job! The third grade teachers would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas, and enjoy your break!

Speech News:

This month, we've done many activities about the change of seasons! We have been learning about winter, including the weather and popular winter activities. Some of our favorite things to discuss about the wintertime have been snowball fights and sledding! During the month of December, another subject to focus on at home can be identifying emotions. Label your child's emotions by describing what they seem to be feeling. Tell your child how you feel throughout the day. When watching TV, describe how the characters feel and why they might feel that way. example: "It looks like she is frustrated," "I am feeling tired!," "How do you think she feels? I think she looks happy," "You look excited!"

A fun activity idea for the whole family to enjoy: Take paper, crumple it up, and have an indoor snowball fight. For added fun, make a line between two teams. Start a timer and see who has the least "snowballs" on their side when the timer runs out! Want to be extra eco-friendly? Use old newspapers/ads.

Lastly, I love to provide book recommendations each month! There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed Some Snow is a perfect book for this season! Try to have your child retell the story back to you!

Fun and easy ways to keep students at the top of their learning game during the winter break!

Read for pleasure – stash away the textbooks and choose a favorite holiday story or book of choice, and read for fun with your child. Invite your child into the kitchen – all those half teaspoons, tablespoons, and quarter cups measurements are great for practicing fractions. Have a family game night – Many of your family's favorite games can reinforce counting, reading, and drawing skills. Maintain sensible bedtimes - students can turn into night owls when there is no school to worry about in the morning. Before school starts up again, ease your child back into a regular bedtime schedule to start the new year off on the right foot.

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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Community Section - The following are NOT school sponsored events:



Christmas Drive Thru Flyer.pdf

FREE family event taking place at Camp Auxilium this week and next week

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YMCA December Vacation Camp Flyer.pdf

Sussex County YMCA is offering a Vacation Camp at their facility in Hardyston over the course of Winter Break 12/28, 12/29, and 12/30!

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