

Stillwater School Newsletter

December 11, 2020

**12/14-12/18 will be Week 1 for Specials, 12/21-12/23 will be
Week 2 for Specials**

Important Dates and Reminders:

Remote Learner Cohort A Material Pick Up: December 15th 12:30-2:00 in the **Science Room**

Remote Learner Cohort B Material Pick Up: December 17th 12:30-2:00 in the **Science Room**

Board of Education Meeting: Dec. 14 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.



Board of Education Vacancy.pdf

Stillwater Township Board of Education is seeking a candidate from the Township of Stillwater to fill a vacancy on the Board of Education

[Download](#)
93.2 KB



Preschool Parent Night Flyer.pdf

December 16th at 6:00pm Live Google Meet, A Guide for Families of Remote Preschool Learners

[Download](#)
106.6 KB

Second Grade News:

Do you know what reindeer eat? Where they live? Or how they grow? Well our second graders do! Our students have been reading a lot of nonfiction books and learning many interesting facts! Now, as writers, we are learning how to write an informational book! Together, we are learning facts about reindeer and writing our own books to teach other people all about them! If you see a second grader, be sure to ask them to teach you about these amazing animals!

Third Grade News:

Reading- Third graders worked on using various nonfiction reading skills. This week, we started our new book [Christmas in Camelot](#) by Mary Pope Osborne.

Writing- Students are in the process of writing an Expert book. Each student chose a topic of their interest. They then wrote an introduction, chapters, closing, glossary, and included text features.

Math- We have learned strategies for solving multiplication facts. Now we are practicing becoming fluent in those facts. A great website to practice those facts is [multiplication.com](#).

Community Project- Students wrote letters to residents in an assisted living facility and were encouraged to create pictures, ornaments, or crafts for them. We will be delivering the letters and items to the facility the week before Christmas. We hope to bring smiles and joy to the residents at the care facility!

Six Grade Math News:

After spending quite some time polishing up skills needed to work fluently with decimals and fractions, we have now added working with all rational numbers to our mathematics repertoire. Students have been working to extend their knowledge of positive numbers to now include understanding what it means to have a negative number. Students explored plotting numbers on a four-quadrant coordinate plane and used absolute value to find the distance between two points on that plane. This included understanding that distance is always positive and that absolute value is the mathematical representation of a number's distance from zero. We have most recently begun to break down whole numbers into their prime factorization using factor trees. Knowing a number's prime factorization can help to determine the greatest common factor (GCF) that two numbers have in common. Knowing the GCF will help sixth graders solve more difficult math problems that require representing expressions in multiple ways. Solving for unknown quantities will be our next area of study in sixth grade and will include understanding what an equation represents and how to use the foundational skills we have

learned so far to solve algebraic equations with one variable. Becoming good problem solvers continues to be embedded in all the math we do. After all, that is our purpose for learning math, to be able to solve problems!

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!

Advice: helping children when & where they need it most

This week on childmind.org we're rounding up expert advice to help parents navigate common challenges with less stress and keep things a little calmer for everyone in the family.



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

[Download](#)
1.4 MB

Tips for Winter Weather Preparedness in New Jersey

As New Jersey residents and organizations continue to manage the effects of COVID-19, NJOHSP encourages everyone to prepare for winter weather. Winter weather hazards may include extreme cold, freezing rain, snow, ice, and high winds. Planning may be different this year because of the need to protect yourself and others from COVID-19. Below are tips from federal and State partners to help you and your family prepare and stay safe this winter season:

- [Stay informed](#) by visiting credible websites to get information about natural hazards and emergency preparedness.
- [Build a kit](#) and include items that can help protect you and others from COVID-19, such as hand sanitizer, soap, disinfectant wipes, and two masks for each person. For more information on how

- to select and wear your mask, visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) [website](#).
- Give yourself more time than usual to prepare your emergency food, water, and medical supplies. Home delivery is the safest choice to buy disaster supplies; however, if in-person shopping is your only choice, take steps to protect your health and that of others when [running essential errands](#).
 - Follow [social distancing recommendations](#) (at least 6 feet apart) and other CDC [guidance](#) when checking on neighbors and friends.
 - [Make a plan](#), and be sure to account for individuals or family members with special needs, as well as [pets](#). New Jersey's [Special Needs Registry for Disasters](#) allows residents with access and functional needs to share information with emergency response agencies, which are then able to better serve them in a disaster or other emergency.
 - Create an emergency supply kit for your [car](#). Include an ice scraper, a shovel, jumper cables, sand, a flashlight, warm clothes, blankets, bottled water, and nonperishable snacks. Keep a full tank of gas.

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



Download
689.9 KB



Center for Prevention-9th Annual Holiday Celebration.pdf

December 12th at 9:30 am. in Rear Parking Lot



Download
185.4 KB

Stillwater PTA INFORMATION:

Spirit Wear Link

Order link for school apparel! Makes a great holiday gift!



PTA Holiday Shop.pdf

Annual Holiday Shop for our Little Shoppers to shop Virtual and In Person!! Together with A Small World Gift Shop



Download
890.3 KB

Stillwater PTA

Please check this section of the newsletter weekly for PTA news, updates and special events*

You can also visit our websites at <https://stillwatertwp.memberhub.com>

Like us on Facebook: "Stillwater Twp. PTA"

2020-2021 PTA Executive Board Officers

President, Amanda Gilmore - stillwaterptapresident@gmail.com

Vice President, Christine Bello - stillwatertwppta@gmail.com

Treasurer, Alicia Gardner - treasurerstillwaterpta@gmail.com

Corr. Secretary, Kami Pogue - stillwaterptacorsec@gmail.com

Recording Secretary, Arlean Konar - arlean.konar@yahoo.com

