

Stillwater School Newsletter

December 4, 2020

**12/7-12/11 will be Week 2 for Specials, 12/14-12/18 will be
Week 1 for Specials**

Important Dates and Reminders:

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

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

Board of Education Meeting: Dec. 14 at 7pm. Check school website, under Stillwater School Announcements, for more information.

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

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Congratulations to Mrs. Collier on being nominated for and receiving the Governor's Educator of the Year award for Stillwater School! Congratulations to Mr. Maggio on being awarded Support Staff Person of the Year! Thank you for helping to make our school a wonderful place to grow and learn!

Music News:

Sharing Music at Home: Winter Concert 2020 – for grades 2, 4, 6 and Advanced Band will be taking place remotely in your home through the weeks of November 30 – December 20. There are some changes now that all students are fully remote at this time. Due to the unfortunate circumstances of COVID-19, we will not be hosting an in-person winter concert this year. However, I believe that music is a big part of the winter and holiday season. Grade levels have been preparing at school and remotely for an at home concert performance! There is no set date or time to view a virtual performance; your children will have the freedom to practice, prepare and perform their personal concert at any time within the weeks stated above. This will be posted as an assignment on the music google classroom. Prior to being fully remote, some hybrid students created programs to share with you at home. Grades 2, 4, and 6 can follow along with the posted material "Sharing Music at Home." If you would like to record your children's at home performances, their personal concert can be shared on the grade-level music google classroom for other friends and families to enjoy! I'm looking forward to having the students "Share Music at Home" with you! If you choose to video or audio record, it can be emailed to katrina.franck@stillwaterschool.net or shared through the music google classroom.

Preschool News:

Do you have questions about trees?

Ask a preschooler! Stillwater preschoolers are completing their study of trees this week. They can identify foods that come from trees, animals that live in trees, the life cycle of a tree, parts of a tree, types of trees, things made from trees and much, much more! They have collected and identified leaves, sticks, bark and seeds. Nature hikes and scavenger hunts were enjoyed by all. You can say they are tree experts! The children are looking forward to their next study about lights. The children enjoyed learning about Pilgrims, their journey and the reasons we celebrate Thanksgiving. The children shared things that they are thankful for and helped create our thankful turkey displayed in the hall.

The preschoolers participated in our Veterans' Day celebration by singing patriotic song, and creating thank you cards and posters for the veterans. One of our student's fathers is presently deployed. The preschoolers, along with the entire Stillwater School created letters, cards, paintings and signs to send him and his unit. We received a thank you from the soldiers saying how much they enjoyed hearing from the students and thanked us for brightening up their day!

Wishing all of our Stillwater families a safe and happy holiday season!



Kindergarten News:

The kindergarten classes really enjoyed being in school every day. We learned about Native Americans and the First Thanksgiving. We are now learning about the different ways that countries celebrate the December holidays. We are doing very well with Reading Workshop - learning how to stretch out words, finding sight words in our books and using our "Super Powers" to help us read. In Writers Workshop, we have been writing books. We started writing pattern books this week - each page starts out the same and the last word changes. Our pictures have to match our words. We are having fun reading and writing books!

First Grade News:

The first grade students just finished unit 2 in reading workshop. They are now experts at reading nonfiction books. The students each made a flipgrid video sharing two facts from one of the books they had been reading. They are now applying these skills in writing workshop as they continue working on their nonfiction books.

Sixth Grade 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

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FREE LUNCH & BREAKFAST to all students in Stillwater Township Elementary School

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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:

Stillwater PTA INFORMATION:

Spirit Wear Link

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



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