

Stillwater School Newsletter

November 20, 2020

**11/23-11/25 will be Week 2 for Specials, 11/30-12/4 will be
Week 1 for Specials**

Important Dates and Reminders:

Fully Remote Learner Material Pick Up for Grades 4-6: Nov 24, 12:30 - 2 in the Science Room

Fully Remote Learner Material Pick Up for Grades K-3: Dec 4, 12:30 - 2 in the Science Room

Early Dismissal: 11/25 at 12:40 pm.

School Closed: 11/26 & 11/27 Happy Thanksgiving

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.



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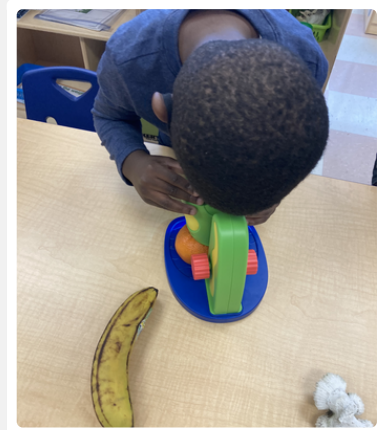
Stillwater Township Board of Education is seeking a candidate from the Township of Stillwater to fill a vacancy on the Board of Education

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Preschool News:

November has been a busy month for our preschool students! We are well into our tree study and it has been unbe-leaf-able!! Students have been exploring everything about trees from the trunks, branches, bark, and leaves to the fruit, nuts and even seeds! Trees offer us so many things that are wonderful, diverse, tactile, sensory, and engaging. The nice weather has provided us time to take nature walks outside and explore the trees up close. We loved collecting leaves, twigs, conkers, and acorns for crafts and activities. Our investigations have provided us with opportunities to discover characteristics of trees, who lives in trees, what food comes from trees, and who takes care of trees! Our little scientists have even made predictions about different types of fruit that come from trees and then explored the insides of the fruits to see if their predictions were correct. We are looking forward to beginning the "Lights Study", just in time for the holiday season! Wishing everyone a Happy and Safe Thanksgiving!



Second Grade News:

What an exciting week we had in Second Grade! Students have been working hard in both Reading and Writing over the last several weeks and it was time to celebrate their accomplishments! Children became non-fiction experts in Reading and shared their gift of knowledge with others by creating a digital Expert Museum using Flipgrid! The students did such a wonderful job reading several books on one topic and putting together the information they learned to "grow knowledge!" In Writing, Second Graders have become accomplished narrative writers and chose one small-moment story to publish and share with others. Children had fun using Breakout Rooms in Google Meet to help each other edit their spelling and punctuation before finally sharing virtually with a small group. We couldn't be more proud of our accomplishments!

Music News:

Sharing Music at Home: Winter Concert 2020 – Due to the unfortunate circumstances of COVID-19, this year’s in-person winter concert will not be taking place. However, I believe that music is a big part of the winter and holiday season. While I plan to incorporate some of these music traditions into the general music classroom, some grade levels will be preparing for an at home concert performance!

Grades 2, 4 and 6, as well as the Advanced Band are scheduled to perform in the winter concert each year. Remote and hybrid lessons are planned for these students to prepare a mini concert for your family and friends at home. There is no set date or time to view a virtual performance; your child(ren) will have the freedom to practice and prepare for their personal concert to take place during the week of November 30th and December 7th . If you would like to record your child(ren)s at home performance, their personal concert can be shared on the grade-level music google classroom for other friends and families to enjoy! Look out for fully-remote student lessons as well as practicing materials for everyone on the music google classroom. Hybrid students will be bringing home materials when they are ready to perform! 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.



Celebrating Thanksgiving Safely

Please read the following tips and recommendations from the CDC on how to enjoy the holiday while keeping everyone safe and healthy:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/holidays/thanksgiving.html>

November

Comes and
November goes,
With the last red berries
And the first white snows.

With night coming early
and dawn coming late,
And ice in the bucket
and frost by the gate.

The fires burn
and the kettle sings,
And earth sinks to rest
Until next spring.

By Elizabeth Coatsworth




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!



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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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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:

Rutgers Fall Reading Programs

Rutgers University, Division of Continuing Studies, is proud to offer the Fall Reading Skills Programs. Since 2003, these programs have helped students build strong reading skills and develop a deep love of books and reading.



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Stillwater PTA INFORMATION:


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PTA Talent Show.pdf

Come share your talent at the Community Center!! Email to sign up: arlean.konar@yahoo.com

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