

Stillwater School Newsletter

NOVEMBER 13, 2020

**11/16-11/20 WILL BE WEEK 1 FOR
SPECIALS, 11/23-11/25 WILL BE WEEK 2
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IMPORTANT DATES AND REMINDERS:

Board of Education Meeting: Nov.16 at 7pm. Check school website, under Stillwater School Announcements, for more information.

Fully Remote Learner Material Pick Up for Grades K-3: Nov. 20, 12:30 - 2 in the Science Room

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

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

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

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.

PRESCHOOL NEWS:

The Preschool students are now into the middle of their study about Trees. We have been learning about what food comes from trees. The students got to explore lemons, limes, oranges, grapefruits, apples, pears, and kiwis with their five senses. They also had fun planting Bonsai trees in each of our classrooms. Additionally, the students enjoyed participating in all of our Veterans Day activities at school! We want to thank and remember all of the men and women who are working or have worked in the military to defend our freedom! Happy Veterans Day!!!



KINDERGARTEN NEWS:

The kindergarten classes made the adjustment to coming to school for in-person learning 4 days a week. While the children were surprised to meet the other half of their class on Monday, by Thursday they were thrilled to have twice as many friends! As we continue to move through the fall, please make sure your child comes to school everyday with their Chromebook, their red communication folder, their dark blue writing folder and their green math folder. It is also a good idea to send a reusable water bottle to school each day. The drinking fountains in our classroom are turned off but we can refill a water bottle if your child is still thirsty at gym time or at snack. All other items should be left at home. This includes their plastic dry-erase writing sleeve, their light blue paper supply folder and any other school supplies. Their backpacks are quite full as it is. Thanks for your continued support during this unique year of kindergarten.

FIRST GRADE NEWS:

Last week first graders worked hard to learn different strategies for addition. This week they will be exploring different ways to subtract. They are now able to make addition and subtraction fact families. In Social Studies, we are beginning to learn about the Thanksgiving holiday and discussing what we are thankful for. We will be decorating our school halls with the reasons why we are thankful for Stillwater School.

THIRD GRADE NEWS:

This week, third grade students are completing Unit 1 in Math class: Introducing Multiplication and Division. In our next unit, students will be learning different multiplication facts. Keep practicing those multiplication facts at home! In Language Arts, students are reading and writing nonfiction. Students are both learning and sharing lots of interesting facts. In Science class, students are finishing their unit on Hazardous Weather. We have been learning all about extreme kinds of weather.

STILLWATER SCHOOL HONORS VETERANS!

While Veteran's Day looks different this year at Stillwater School, the students and staff know how important it is to honor our veterans and thank them for their service. Students have been hard at work in their classrooms creating a variety of projects that honor and remember veterans. Miss Radimer has put together a video that showcases all that the students have prepared. The video will be posted soon, so please be on the lookout! Be sure to share the video with the special veterans in your family and community! Stillwater School thanks all veterans for their service!

GUIDANCE NEWS:

October was a busy month at Stillwater. During the Week of Respect students emphasized respect for others and community. Staff and students engaged in their first service project collecting nonperishable food donations for Benny's Bodega. For School Violence Awareness Week, students participated in "Buddy Day" by sharing positive messages with a buddy. Staff members also shared positive messages with other staff members. Respect for others continued with antibullying lessons in classrooms and learning ways to be an upstander. All 6th grade students and 6th grade teachers participated in the 20th Annual Anti-Bullying Summit called **Connect with Kindness**. The Summit was held virtually through videos. We listened to powerful messages about the power each one of us has to make a difference and make others feel that they matter and belong. We learned what we think is what we become. We learned we can make every day better by being real and not living in fear. We learned about finding balance. As the week progressed, when asked "how are you doing?" students and staff started to say "Better than good!" All throughout the week 6th grade students were encouraged to participate in daily kindness challenges. Currently Summit Student Leaders are beginning to put this all in to practice by developing our schoolwide Action Plan to **Connect with Kindness**. Our efforts to build social and emotional competencies in our youth can not happen without the support of our families and community partners. In keeping with this year's theme Connect with Kindness, below are tips for Raising Kind Kids.

1. Use the language of kindness. "Would you be kind enough to help your sister with ____?" "Could you use kinder words to say that?" "Thank you for your kindness."
2. As a family practice kindness. Discuss ways to put kindness into action. Discuss ways you can show kindness in your family, school, neighborhood, and so on.
3. Model kindness in word and deed. Treat children with kindness. Set an example of kindness and respect by how you treat and talk about other people outside the family. Set an example within your family by the way grown-ups talk to one another. Set the tone for uncharitable talk about other people and explain why such talk is not kind or respectful.

4. Insist on kindness and respect in all family interactions. Correct unkind and disrespectful behavior. "Can you kindly say that in a more respectful way?" Don't allow siblings to be unkind, disrespectful, or rude to one another. Don't allow children to be disrespectful to you, either in what they say or how they say it.
5. Teach kindness by giving responsibilities in family life - teach the spirit of helpfulness. Research demonstrates that children who are expected to be contributing family members develop a greater concern for others.

(Psychology Today)

WHAT'S YOUR ANTI-DRUG? CONTEST WINNERS ANNOUNCEMENT!

This year's 20th annual "What's Your Anti-Drug?" contest had over **400 entries representing 24 schools** in Sussex County. All the entries were wonderful and the judges had the tough job of selecting 55 winning entries! These winning entries will be featured on **Monday, November 9th**, in the "What's your Anti-Drug?" supplement inside the New Jersey Herald that day.

Do you have a student from your community that was selected? Make sure to thank them for their creativity and get the NJ Herald on Monday, November 9th to check out their entry along w/ all the other students from Sussex County. This contest has been going on for 20 years and students like the message and are proud to share their anti-drugs! At our office, we all enjoy seeing the great things that the kids have to say about what helps to keep them drug free!

2020 What's Your Anti-Drug Winners from Stillwater Elementary School are:

Ella Pietrodangelo

Gianna Goedeke

Madeline Redshaw

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>



Letter Regarding the 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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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!

COMMUNITY SECTION - THE FOLLOWING ARE NOT SCHOOL SPONSORED EVENTS:

HELLO 6TH GRADE FAMILIES!

We will be having our first major fundraiser beginning November 17th. We will be selling Gertrude Hawk candy bars. There are 48 bars per box and each bar is \$1. We would appreciate it if each family would sell at least 1 box. If you are able, payment in full (\$48) would be appreciated when you pick up your box. If you are unable to prepay, we can certainly work something out.

Please text me at 973-903-7028 and let me know how many boxes you would like to sell. Pick up of the bars will be on Tuesday, November 17th 3:30-4:30 pm at the flagpole. (I will be in a gray Suburban).

Your participation in this fundraiser will help us to provide our 6th grade students with a great sendoff celebration.

Any questions, please contact:
Kristin Oldenburg 973-903-7028

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STILLWATER PTA INFORMATION:



PTA Holiday Shop.pdf

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

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PTA Talent Show.pdf

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