

Stillwater School Newsletter

OCTOBER 30, 2020

**TUESDAY, 11/3 WILL BE A FULLY REMOTE
DAY FOR ALL STUDENTS AS PER GOV.
MURPHY'S EXECUTIVE ORDER 177**

**11/2-11/4 WILL BE WEEK 1 FOR SPECIALS
11/9-11/13 WILL BE WEEK 2 FOR
SPECIALS**

IMPORTANT DATES AND REMINDERS:

Board of Education Meeting: Nov. 2 & 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. 4, 12:30 - 2 in the Science Room

Fall Picture Make Up Dates: Cohort A Nov. 4, Cohort B Nov. 12

School Closed: 11/5 and 11/6 for NJEA Convention

Fully Remote Learner Material Pick Up for Grades 4-6: Nov. 13, 12:30 - 2 in the Science Room

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.

PREK NEWS:

October has been a very busy month for our Preschool students! We started our study on trees. The children have been learning about the characteristics of trees and which animals live in trees. We also enjoyed a nature hunt where we found acorns, seeds, bugs, leaves, branches, birds, and much more! The students made their own trees from branches we found! We will be learning about what food comes from trees, the people who take care of them, how trees change, and what objects are made from trees. The students also enjoyed participating in all of our Halloween festivities at school! We also want to thank the Stillwater PTA for organizing a pumpkin patch where each student got to pick a pumpkin and decorate it with spooky stickers! We hope everyone has a safe and happy Halloween!!!



SECOND GRADE NEWS:

Our second graders have been working very hard in math! We have learned many strategies to add two-digit numbers. Some examples are the break-apart strategy to add the values of tens and ones, using a hundreds chart to add tens and ones, open number lines, and even compensation! We will soon learn how to do two-digit addition with regrouping. We are so proud of our mathematicians!

FOURTH GRADE NEWS:

The fourth-grade class is consistently impressing us. Fourth graders are working hard to find evidence to support their answers. They are writing paragraphs to respond to material they have read. This week, fourth grade students began writing four-paragraph essays!! They know how to get things accomplished and still have fun. In reading, we are discussing Tiger Rising

with a profound level of maturity. Great job fourth graders! This weekend is Daylight Savings. Don't forget to change your clocks!

FIFTH GRADE NEWS:

Fifth graders are off to an exciting start to their school year. Their enthusiasm for learning has shined in their attitudes and work. Students recently finished reading the book, Honus and Me, by Dan Gutman. Honus and Me is the first book in Dan Gutman's Baseball Card Adventures Book Series. The fifth graders learned and practiced the key reading skills of character, plot, inferring, setting, summarizing and many more as they enjoyed this book. They also discovered the genre of historical fiction and learned about a great American baseball player. If they love this book, there is an entire Baseball Card Adventure book series they can keep reading.

TIPS TO HELP SUPPORT YOUR CHILD WITH MATH:

- Explore math in everyday life – counting out forks to set the table, pouring from a gallon of milk, telling the time when their favorite TV program begins. When kids realize that math is all around them, they begin to relax and see its meaning in their lives.
- When helping your child, ask questions to guide them through the process, such as “Where do you begin?” “What do you need to find out?” “Can you show me in a drawing how you got the answer?”
- Encourage your child to explain their problem-solving process so you can understand their reasoning.
- It's OK to say that you don't understand a problem. It gives you an opportunity to review the lesson together to see if you've missed an important piece of information.

SIXTH GRADE NEWS:

Halloween is a little different this year for our 6th graders. They still had a nice time pumpkin picking and decorating their pumpkins in their classrooms. The trees are so beautiful in the back of the school where students take mask breaks. They are finding joy in the little things like playing in the leaves, running around to get some pent up energy out, and even an occasional game of duck, duck, goose! The students just finished learning how to write a sequel to a spooky story that we read in class! Each child recorded themselves reading on our Class Dojo, and they added them to their portfolios to share with their teacher and families! We are so proud of how resilient the students are so far this year! Happy Halloween, everyone!

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:

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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GIRL SCOUTS OF NORTHERN NEW JERSEY

Girl Scouts of Northern New Jersey has new created virtual programs for girls who are new to Girl Scouts in grade K-3 in your community.

Girls in grades K-1st will learn about Girl Scout traditions and have separate fun activities from girls in grades 2 and 3 with separate meeting dates. Grades 2 and 3 will also have age-appropriate activities.



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STILLWATER PTA INFORMATION:

The Stillwater PTA has the following Executive Board vacancies effective immediately:
Treasurer and Recording Secretary.

These positions will run through June 30, 2021.

Interested candidates are asked to submit a letter of interest to ptavpstillwater@gmail.com for consideration no later than Wednesday, November 4, 2020.

An official announcement of the vote will be made on Thursday, November 5, 2020.

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Stillwater PTA

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Recording Secretary, Vacant - TBD