

STILLWATER SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 25, 2020

NEXT WEEK WILL BE WEEK 2 FOR SPECIALS

**COHORT B WILL ATTEND IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION
ON FRIDAY 10/2**

**FULLY REMOTE LEARNER MATERIAL PICK UP FOR
GRADES 4-6: 10/2, 12:30-2 IN THE SCIENCE ROOM**

IMPORTANT DATES AND REMINDERS:

Board of Education Meeting: 9/28 at 7pm. Check school website for more information.

School Pictures: 9/29 and 9/30 (to accommodate the 2 cohorts).

Fully Remote Learner Material Pick up for Grades K-3: 10/9, 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.

CHILD CARE TUITION ASSISTANCE:

Families can now apply for child care tuition assistance to help with the care for children who have remote learning schedules due to the COVID-19 public health emergency through the NJ Department of Human Services. Eligibility requirements, how to apply, and more information about the program can be found at: www.ChildCareNJ.gov or by clicking [here](#).

This program ends December 30, 2020 and applications will be considered until funds for the program are exhausted. In order to meet eligibility you must:

- Be a NJ resident with a school-age child 5-13 years old
- Your household income does not exceed \$75,000 a year
- Your child is attending school with either a part-time or full-time remote learning schedule

This is state-sponsored program. All applications and questions about the program should be submitted to the NJ Department of Human Services by visiting www.ChildCareNJ.gov

Please click on the below flyer for more information:



Child care tuition assistance.pdf

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AUTUMN IS OFFICIALLY HERE!

On Tuesday, September 22nd, the autumnal equinox took place. That means the day and night times were exactly equal. It is because the sun is lined up exactly with the equator (which is the imaginary line that breaks Earth in half. That only happens twice a year! In ancient times, people would thank the summer for the harvest and prepare for shorter days and darkness of the fall and winter. So be ready for fall because it is upon us. Get your blankets and sweaters out!

PRESCHOOL NEWS:

Making Health and Nutrition a Priority In Preschool

I think it's safe to say that the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic has affected every aspect of our lives-- from virtual classrooms to outright quarantining, we must observe public health measures to reduce exposure to the virus and slow the spread of this disease. No one knows how long these safety measures will need to stay in place, but it presents a perfect time to protect and improve your health while practicing social distancing. Healthy eating is especially important for keeping your immune system in top condition.

Preschool students have been taking trips to the school's garden to put this notion into action. We spent a great deal of time not only talking about safety measures to reduce the risk of exposure to the virus, but also the importance of eating healthy to build strong immunity.

We discussed in our classrooms the kinds of foods we can eat to stay healthy, and then we went straight outside and picked them from the school's garden to bring home. Turns out the

best medicine may just be at the end of a fork and right outside your door! It's important to teach our young learners to "eat the rainbow"-- meaning that they should choose to fill their plates with nature's colorful foods. Choosing to eat healthy ensures the body and mind function at it's best, which is just what we need to maintain good health during these unforeseen times!

THIRD GRADE NEWS:

All third grade students have been doing an excellent job this year! In math, we have been reviewing place value and multi-digit addition and subtraction. We will continue to work with larger numbers next week! Beware of regrouping. In Reading class, we are wrapping up our book, "A Boy in the Doghouse" which everyone has enjoyed reading. We will start our next book soon. In Writing, students are working on writing strong sentences that build even stronger paragraphs. Don't forget to use capitalization and punctuation! Our Social Studies lessons will focus on our location in the world. We will be talking about community, our state, our country, and even our planet Earth. Keep up the great work third grade!

FOURTH GRADE NEWS:

Fourth grade is off to a great start! In math class, students have been learning how to compare and round whole numbers, identify place value relationships and how to construct math arguments. During science, students have been learning about germs and viruses and how to stay healthy. Our science activities and research was sparked through student inquiry. Fourth graders have been busy creating posters about what they have learned and are hoping that these posters will be displayed throughout the building to promote the importance of practicing good hygiene.

FAIRVIEW LAKE YMCA CAMPS:

Fairview Lake YMCA Camps is working with the Stillwater School District to continue to provide a safe and secure environment for learners to complete their virtual classes. At camp, students have not only been attending classes, but have also been getting time outside to learn and play!

Financial assistance is available to families. Families who receive free or reduced lunch from the school district automatically qualify for 80% assistance from the Y. We also recognize that many family circumstances and incomes have changed, and encourage all families who may need assistance to contact the Y to discuss their options. See below flyer for more information:



NEWS FROM SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER:

As the new school year is well underway, I want to remind families that I am here to support students' social, emotional, and academic development whether they are attending school remotely or in-person. In order to be accessible to all students, dedicated virtual office hours have been established daily from 12:30 -1:30 to meet individually with students who may be remote that day. These appointments will be held through google meet. If you feel your child is struggling and may benefit from speaking to me, please contact me via email at jeanne.smetana@stillwaterschool.net to establish an appointment. I am also available to support parents/guardians and families with resources and guidance.

A note on Separation Anxiety: In any typical school year, separation anxiety is a very common challenge for students especially during transition years. For most kids new-school year worries fade with time and anxious behaviors are transient. Students who have a history of anxiety may be more prone to being anxious returning to school especially after so many months being home. Being back into routine and establishing structure has seemed to have eased the concerns of many students and parents/guardians alike. Most students just need time to adjust, but if your child is experiencing significant distress let your child's teacher or me know. The earlier we work together to support your child in feeling more comfortable the more successful they will be in managing anxiety.

I look forward to working with Stillwater families and students to ensure that they are well connected and supported.

The link below are some tips for families in supporting their child's learning home.

[Strategies for Supporting Learning at Home](#)

COMMUNITY SECTION - THE FOLLOWING ARE NOT SCHOOL SPONSORED EVENTS:

KITTATINNY PLAYERS BOOSTER CLUB INFORMATION:

"It's Pizza Fundraiser Time And We Really Knead The Dough"

October is National Pizza Month! Please celebrate with us as a community and visit one of these 6 amazing local restaurants. They will generously donate to our program for each Pizza Pie sold! Support local business, for a great cause! Take-out, Dine-in or Delivery! **Tues Oct. 6th, 4pm-9pm**

Participants this year:

Carlos Pizza and Catering- Fredon

Cescos - Fredon

Dominicks- Newton

Jimmy's Pizza- Branchville

Layton Hotel Tavern- Layton/ Sandyston

Villa Capri- Newton

The KPBC is a not for profit organization, which raises funds for the Theater Program at Kittatinny Regional High School. This allows for future performances and an enriching experience in the theater arts for our student population at Kittatinny Regional High School.

" Bringing The Community Together One Spoonful At A Time "

We are excited to announce **The Kittatinny Community Cookbook** will be available for pre-purchase on 9/21/02, at \$13 each these make a great keepsake and gift idea for the Holidays! Please visit www.theKPBC.org for easy checkout via PayPal or send payment and form attached to **KRHS Main Office. Attn: KPBC 77 Halsey Road, Newton NJ 07860**



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The Kittatinny Community Cookbook Information

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Nalaxone giveaway.docx

Free Nalaxone Kits Sept. 24-26 at local pharmacies from NJ Human Services to help battle opioid addiction

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PTA INFORMATION:

NEEDED: VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WITH TRICKY TRAY:

We are in serious need of volunteers to help with the Tricky Tray. Attached is the link to sign up to help with the event,

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4EADAB28A4FCC25-hybrid>

STILLWATER PTA TRICKY TRAY:

The Stillwater PTA is excited and enthusiastic about the ability to host our tricky tray on Saturday, September 26th, 2020 at the Stillwater Community Center @ 931 Swartswood Rd. Newton, NJ 07860, in light of these unprecedented times. This event is by sign up only. We are confident that with proper guidelines in place and an adjusted way of operating, this event can be a safe and successful one.

This year's tricky tray will be limited to 250 attendees, that's how many time slots will be available to fill. Attendees will sign up for a time slot, starting at 8:00am. 25 time slots will be available every 30 minutes until all slots are filled, should we reach the max number of attendees. Time slots will end at 12:30pm. Attendees will need to arrive 30 minutes prior to their designated time slot to check in, retrieve/purchase raffle tickets, sign the Covid-19 waiver and rip their tickets prior to entry to allow for an efficient flow of traffic during ticket dropping. During your designated time slot you will utilize provided hand sanitizer prior to entrance and be sure to have your mask on while inside. You will have 30 minutes to drop your tickets and then exit the Community Center so that the next group of 25 attendees can enter. You may choose to stay until calling, or come back. Calling will start around 1:00pm. Seating will be outside on the lawn of the community center, please bring your own chair/tent depending on the weather. Should we get rained out, the event will be held Sunday, the 27th and all times/slots would remain the same.

Due to the limitations that we faced during the stay at home orders and the burden placed on business, we must be forthcoming in saying that we will not have the same number of prizes to raffle as we have in the past. This is not to say that we don't have plenty of great prizes to win, because we do, we just don't have hundreds. We will still be having our fantastic 50/50 drawing which in the past and under normal conditions has been no less than \$1600 to the winner, 4 tiers of prizes, ranging in value from \$50->\$350, a mystery prize, and a mega sandwich board of lottery tickets.

We hope that you are just as excited as we are to be able to share this event with you all. We are so grateful for the support of our attendees and our donors and our township for without that, as a non-profit, we would have no funding to be able to provide for the children of the Stillwater Twp. School. Now more than ever, our involvement and support is so vital due to the budget cuts the state has imposed on our rural community. Thanks again! Stay safe, be well and good luck!

Refunds will not be given due to the inability to be able to attend the event for any reason
(This applies to pre-sales)

*Pre-sales are no longer available, tickets will be available for purchase at the event.

*There will be parking detail and use of the neighboring church parking lot is permitted, please be respectful of their property.

*If you are experiencing any COVID-19 related symptoms, please do not attend our event.

*Masks are required while inside the building and outdoors if you can not maintain proper social distance.

*Hand sanitizer will be provided.

****NO ONE UNDER THE AGE OF 18 WILL BE PERMITTED TO ATTEND THIS EVENT.**

*****This event is sponsored by the Stillwater Twp. PTA. This is not a school or Stillwater Twp. sponsored event.**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4EADAB28A4FCC25-stillwater>

Stillwater PTA

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Box Tops for Education update: Box Tops are moving to a completely digital format! You can still cut out and send in any remaining paper box tops however the program is moving to a digital format. You can download the Box Tops for Education app and scan your receipts right from your smart phone. Please continue to support this excellent programs which has raised over \$20,000 for the PTA over the years!