

STILLWATER SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 11, 2020

**NEXT WEEK WILL BE WEEK 2 FOR
SPECIALS & COHORT B STUDENTS ATTEND
IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION ON FRIDAY**

IMPORTANT DATES AND REMINDERS:

Board of Education Meeting: 9/14 and 9/28 at 7pm. Check school website for more information.

Virtual Back to School Night: 9/17 at 7pm.

Fully Remote Learner Material Pick up for Grades 4-6: 9/18, 12:30-2 in the science room.

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

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.

SIXTH GRADE NEWS:

Sixth grade at Stillwater School is off to a great start! The first two days of school were a bit chaotic with learning new procedures while in the building and logging onto the Chromebooks from both home and in school. All of the kids worked hard and showed great effort! Students

in school were practicing physical distancing and checking out each others' cool masks and reuniting with teachers and friends from all the way back in March! Sixth grade is a special year here at Stillwater Elementary. Although this year will look a bit different from those years passed, we are determined to have a year to remember!

FIFTH GRADE NEWS:

Although the year started in a very different fashion, the level of excitement in students could be felt in the air! Fifth grade students were so excited to get into school, either in person or remotely, to see their friends and meet their teachers. We are off to an awesome start of the year! Thank you to all the students and parents for working with us to help make this year a success!

SECOND GRADE NEWS:

Our second graders are off to a terrific start this school year! We are excited to get back onto our favorite reading websites, RAZ Kids and EPIC! We are also excited to try some new websites such as Freckle, as well as interactive math and Foundations tools online! Speaking of Foundations, our friends Echo the Owl and Baby Echo are SO excited to have students back in the classroom, learning and practicing their phonics skills!



TIPS FOR BACK TO SCHOOL 2020: REMOTE AND IN-PERSON:

1. Create a schedule for morning, school day and night routines
2. Build a routine around your kid's needs
3. Create an appropriate learning workspace for Remote Learning
4. Establish zones in your home (Backpacks, Important Papers, Sports Equipment)
5. Take time to meal plan.
6. Establish a bedtime and stick to it. (Ages 6-13 need 9-11 hours of sleep)

7. Plan ahead the night before to make the morning go smoother.

(Choose clothes, prepare lunches/snacks, organize backpacks, set up Chromebook)

School Garden News!



Students visited the School Garden this week to view the caterpillars and harvest vegetables to take home!



Monarch Caterpillars have moved into the School Garden! Last fall, 1st grade classes released Monarch Butterflies into the School Garden. This year, they returned, creating an opportunity for 1st Grade students to observe the life cycle of the butterfly in our Pollinator Garden!



COMMUNITY SECTION - THE FOLLOWING ARE NOT SCHOOL SPONSORED EVENTS:



Kittatinny Players Cookbook Fundraiser.pdf

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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>

PTA INFORMATION:

Stillwater PTA

Please check this section of the newsletter weekly for PTA news, updates and special events*

You can also visit our websites at <https://stillwatertwp.memberhub.com>

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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!

Shoparoo - while you are scanning your receipts for Box Tops, don't forget to add them to the Shoparoo app as well! This is another easy fundraiser for the PTA, all you need to do is download the app, select Stillwater School and scan your receipts!

