Stillwater School Newsletter

February 25, 2022

Important Dates and Reminders:

Board of Education Meeting: 2/28 and 3/21 at 7 pm. Check the school website, under the Board Office Tab and Stillwater School Announcements, for more information.

Spring Pictures:

Spring pictures will take place on Thursday, March 24th. All orders will be online ONLY. The link to order pictures will be provided as the date gets closer.

2021-22 Yearbooks are on Sale:

Order today! Click on below link to order your Yearbook:

https://www.jostens.com/apps/store/productBrowse/1124958/Stillwater-Township-Elementary-School/2022-Yearbook/20211112041525867130/CATALOG_SHOP/

Email Michelle.Gerkhardt@Stillwaterschool.net if you have any questions.

Breakfast and Lunch Menus:

https://stillwaterschool.nutrislice.com/menu/

Third Grade News:

Do you look like your mom? Dad? In science, third graders have been learning about inherited traits, which are traits that are passed down from your parents when you are born. Hair color, eye color, and the hand you write with are just a few examples. Students have enjoyed exploring their inherited traits

to see if they received more from their mom or dad. In math, students are getting ready to begin perimeter and area! This is a brand new skill, and they are eager to know what it is!

Sixth Grade Art Enrichment News:

Our 6th grade Art Enrichment students recently completed a landscape painting with acrylic on canvas titled, 'Winter Wonderland'. They enjoyed following a step-by-step video of Bob Ross and his simple brush stroke techniques. An understanding of Monochromatic Color and Texture was reinforced during this lesson.

The paintings below were created by: Laney Steffens, William Siegert, Rylee Gallagher, Savannah Norman, Lucas Rome and Brooke Seader.













Health and Physical Education News:

The month of February has been full of fun new activities in Physical Education. The students learned to play table football. They practiced for a week to get ready for a table football tournament held on the Friday before Super Bowl. On that Friday the students competed in several rounds of table football until there were two students to play in the Table Football Super Bowl. The winner left with a mini Super Bowl trophy and each student went home with a small prize.

The following week the students learned an activity called table ball. The students liked this new activity. It is a new way to teach students both striking skills and techniques. It also helps them work on small game strategies. This week and next week the students are participating in Winter Olympic stations. The stations include Lu projector Olympic puzzles, curling, bobsledding, ice skating, floor hockey, and Olympic torch run. It has been a great month and the students have been having a blast!

Speech News:

This month we've been learning a lot about Valentine's Day! February is a perfect time of year to learn about being kind, giving compliments, and being a good friend! We have also been focusing on Pronouns! At home, try to emphasize pronouns, pronouns, and more pronouns! This is a great month because there are many opportunities to practice when preparing and receiving cards! Use words like he, she, him, and her. Talk about your child's friends and their interests! Some examples include: "This one is for Josh. Can you write <u>his</u> name?", "She gave you a purple card!", "Let's give this card to <u>her</u>.", "<u>He</u> loves candy."

A fun activity to do together at home is to make cards! Layout different papers, stickers, and craft materials. You can decorate different cards for different people, and even write nice notes in them! This provides great practice in thinking of others. (and using your pronouns too!) Maybe you can deliver some to a local nursing home?

Finally, let's hear about the recommended book of the month in Speech Therapy. Check out Love Monster by Rachel Bright. It is a fantastic story about love and friendship! Your child will love the silly writing. Another wonderful benefit is that it has a positive message about being different.

Sixth Grade Yearbook News:

The 6th-grade students have all received a biography form to fill out via Google Docs. Many students have already turned them in! Please remind your child to complete it ASAP and share it with Mrs. Riva. 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 <a href="mailto:mai

What is Reading Stamina? Reading Stamina is your child's ability to focus and read independently for a longish amount of time, without being distracted or distracting others. Here are 5 tips to help read longer and stronger:

- 1. Warm up your reading brain before reading by taking a picture walking through your book, learning about the author, or making predictions about your book.
- 2. Set goals for your reading like deciding how many minutes you will read.
- 3. Use tools to help improve your reading like rereading, making connections, asking questions, and creating a "movie" in your mind.
- 4. Read books that are JUST RIGHT for you.
- 5. Re-read to build fluency needed to get you to read and to think in harder books.

Parents- If your child has lost a jacket, please have them check the lost and found by the stage in the cafeteria.

Volunteers Needed!

The Cafeteria Connections Club is in need of a few parent volunteers who would be willing to take recyclable bags/plastic from our Trex Plastic Recycling initiative to Newton. While we collect the plastic bags here, they need to be taken to Weis Markets in Newton to be recycled. All that would be required

They can be loaded into a shopping cart and taken to our contact inside the store. If you are interested in helping, please contact Elaine Makarevich <u>elaine.makarevich@stillwaterschool.net</u> or Janet Mahedy <u>janet.mahedy@stillwaterschool.net</u>.

Nurse News:

SUBSTITUTE SCHOOL NURSES NEEDED

Must be a licensed RN with Substitute Nurse Certification.

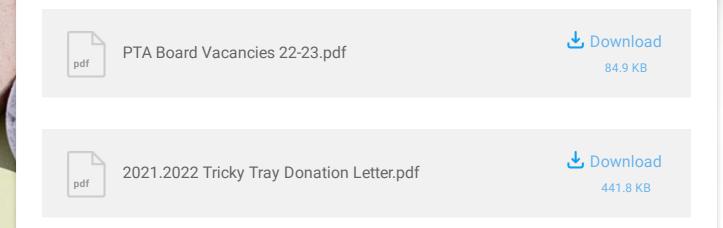
Please contact Colleen Hurley for more details.

973-383-6171 ex: 216

colleen.hurley@stillwaterschool.net

Community Section - The following are NOT school sponsored events:

PTA Information:



Spirit Wear:

Below is the shopping link:

https://twentyfourink.com/collections/stillwater-school?ref=1fxdrrto0wui

STILLWATER SCHOOL SPIRIT WEAR 2021-2022

online ordering



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

Like us on Facebook: "Stillwater Twp. PTA"

2021-2022 PTA Executive Board Officers

President-Amanda Gilmore- stillwaterptapresident@gmail.com

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Community Information:



Calling all Parents!!!

The Center for Prevention and Counseling's School Health Team is excited to invite all parents throughout the communities you serve to the 2022 Parents as Champions Training! The Center has provided this unique and engaging training to parents across Sussex, Warren, Essex, Bergen, Passaic, Morris, and Hudson county for over six years. This year, they are bringing it right to you via zoom! **This four-session** training will teach parents how a school system works and empower them to be a positive voice amongst their child's school community. Each parent who completes all four sessions will receive a **\$125 stipend** and the opportunity to apply for a **\$1,000 grant** to aid in implementing the project they create during the course. Some projects that have been successfully implemented in the past are; school gardens, outdoor classrooms, pet therapy programs, and staff wellness initiatives, to name a few. Click here to register for this exciting opportunity today!



MARCH 9, 16, 23 & 30, 2022

and wellness, and discuss best practices to



6:00-8:00 PM



VIA ZOOM

be an effective parent leader!

Limited Seats

Free Training and Supplies



will be awarded to each parent that completes all 4 sessions of the training

\$1,000 Grant Opportunity

Each team will be given the opportunity to apply for a grant of up to \$1,000 to promote a healthy school climate







CLICK HERE TO REGISTER
OR BY CONTACTING ASHLEY CAINE: ASHLEY@CENTERFORPREVENTION.ORG



Chris Herren Community Presentation Flier.pdf

On March 16, at 7 pm, Lenape Valley will host Chris Herren, as our guest speaker. The program is free and open to anyone.





Boogie Flyer.pdf

THE GROWING STAGE – The Children's Theatre of New Jersey

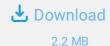


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2022 Grow Garden State Flyer.pdf

The garden challenge is a way for individuals, families, and groups to grow food, share tips and ideas, and support gardening in our state.





Kittatinny Regional Strategic Planning Committee 2022 - Invitation Letter.pdf

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Kittatinny Youth Lacrosse Club is currently having free Sunday clinics at the Fredon Civic Center for both boys and girls. Boys K-8th grade are from 10 to 11:30 am and girls K-8th grade are from 11:30 am to 1 pm. No gear is necessary for clinics. Come try it out and see if this great sport is for your child(ren). No signup is necessary, just show up ready to have fun. If you have any questions, email us at kittatinnylax@gmail.com. Sign up for the spring season at kittatinnylax.com. Be part of the fastest-growing sport in America for the past 10 years.







FREE Lacrosse Clinic

Clinics are held indoors at:
Fredon Rec Center on Route 94 in Fredon, NJ

Sundays - (Thru Feb. 27, 2022)

- ✓ Boys K-8 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM
- ✓ Girls K-8 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM



Questions about clinic or sessions, contact **KittatinnyLax@gmail.com** or our Facebook page **KittatinnyLax**.





This is not a school sponsored activity



Kittatinny Softball Flyer 2022.pdf





Kittatinny Little League 2022 Registration Flyer.pdf

