Stillwater School Newsletter

February 18, 2022

Important Dates and Reminders:

Board of Education Meeting: 2/28 and 3/14 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:

IT'S A GREAT TIME TO REMEMBER THE TIMES

From the first time they crack it open to decades later, when they read their friends' hand-written messages for the hundredth time — there's nothing in the world quite like a yearbook. 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/

Student Council News:

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Student Council 100 Day of School Parent Letter 2022.pdf

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Preschool News:

Love and friendship are in the air this week in preschool! The students enjoyed giving cards and treats to one another during our Valentine's Day celebrations! They worked hard on creating their own seasonal artwork and special gifts for loved ones at home and even used patterns to make some festive jewelry for themselves. In addition, our preschool classes have been discussing ways to show kindness as we celebrate the character trait "caring" this month.

First Grade News:

The first-grade classes just finished their small moment writing unit. They have worked really hard since December learning all about narrative writing. The students had a writing celebration where they shared their published stories with the other class. All of the students enjoyed reading their stories and hearing their classmates' stories. They got to hear about all of their classmates' adventures from family vacations to birthday parties and sports! We are so proud of how they are growing as writers!









Fifth Grade Science and Math News:

Students are learning how energy use, deforestation, pollution, and manufacturing are processes that produce the products humans need, want, and use every day to survive. These processes take a toll on the natural environment. The impact these processes have is called the human footprint. Students are learning ways to reduce the human footprint to ensure our natural resources continue to grow. Students enjoyed an experiment highlighting how our groundwater can become contaminated if we aren't careful with how oils and gases are delivered and handled. Students also created posters showcasing ways we can start to make changes and the positive effects these changes will have on our environment.

The fifth graders are also busy learning how to add and subtract fractions with unlike denominators. This entails finding the least common denominator, equivalent fractions, and simplest form. This fraction unit is rich with vocabulary and quick recall of basic multiplication and division facts. Fractions also include mixed numbers which are challenging but fun to work with!

Fifth Grade ELA News:

This month in ELA, fifth-grade students are launching a monthly "Coffee Hour" where students choose a book to read and share with the class. Students are asked to write a summary and their opinion of the book including details and examples from the text to support their ideas. We will share our books during "Coffee Hour" during ELA on February 28, and hopefully interest one another in the books we have been reading. This is a great way for students to see what their classmates are reading and expose them to reading a variety of genres. We can't wait to hear about the books they have been reading!



Sixth Grade Math News:

Math students in sixth grade have been learning about ratios. Understanding that a ratio is a relationship between quantities that can compare a part to a part or a part to a whole, students learned what is necessary in order to compare these relationships; similar terms. They will move forward to use ratios as rates and unit rates and will use these rates with conversion tables to convert between customary and metric units of measure. We will expand on ratios and rates by learning about percentages in the next few weeks and then will move forward into Geometry and Statistical Analysis as the school year progresses. Problem-solving will continue to be a focus. Students have been making great progress using the mathematical practice standards to help them!

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 <u>maureen.riva@stillwaterschool.net</u> or <u>meghan.earley@stillwaterschool.net</u>!

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 is that 1-2 times per week the plastic bags are picked up at school and brought to the Newton store. 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 janet.mahedy@stillwaterschool.net.

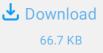
Nurse News:

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

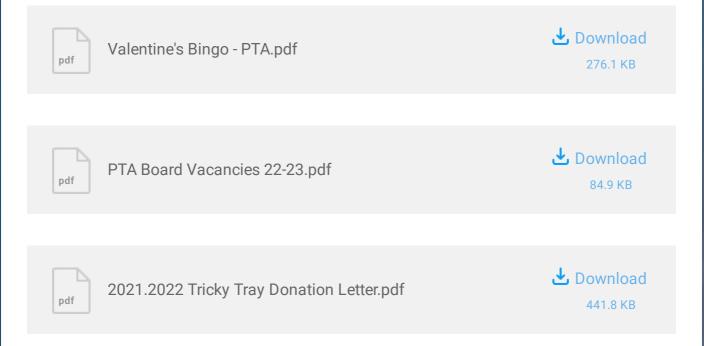


Dental Health Month.pdf



Community Section - The following are NOT school sponsored events:

PTA Information:



Spirit Wear:

Below is the shopping link: <u>https://twentyfourink.com/collections/stillwater-school?ref=1fxdrrto0wui</u>



Stillwater PTA

Please check this section of the newsletter weekly for PTA news, updates and special events* You can also visit our websites at <u>https://stillwatertwp.memberhub.com</u> Like us on Facebook: "Stillwater Twp. PTA" <u>2021-2022 PTA Executive Board Officers</u> President- Amanda Gilmore- <u>stillwaterptapresident@gmail.com</u> Vice President - Matt Bello- <u>stillwatertwppta@gmail.com</u> Treasurer - Kami Britt-Pogue- <u>treasurerstillwaterpta@gmail.com</u> Secretary- Christine Bello- <u>stillwatertwppta@gmail.com</u>

Community Information:

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. <u>Click here to register for this exciting opportunity today!</u>

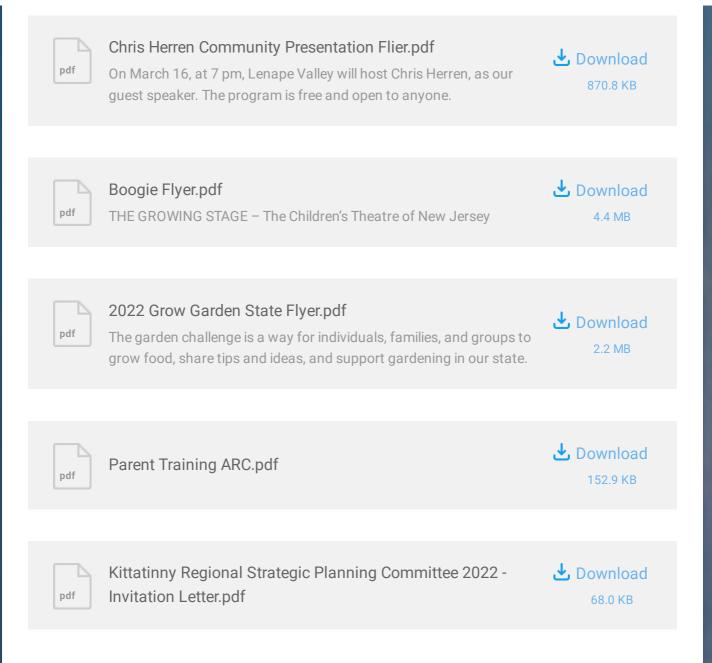
PARENTS AS CHAMPIONS FOR HEALTHY SCHOOLS

Acquire the tools needed to make a difference in your child's school! Join us for an inspiring 4-session virtual training where PAC trainers guide participants through the process of how school districts operate, brainstorm areas for improvement amongst your school community in regards to health and wellness, and discuss best practices to be an effective parent leader!



\$125

\$1,000 Grant



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 <u>kittatinnylax@gmail.com</u>. Sign up for the spring season at kittatinnylax.com. Be part of the fastestgrowing sport in America for the past 10 years.





