Stillwater School Newsletter

February 11, 2022

Important Dates and Reminders:

Board of Education Meeting: 2/14 and 2/28 at 7 pm. Check the school website, under the Board Office Tab and Stillwater School Announcements, for more information.

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:

Student Council has 2 fun events coming up! The first is the 100th Day Collection that we do each year and the other will be a canned food collection for "Souper" Bowl. Check out the below 2 flyers for more information:



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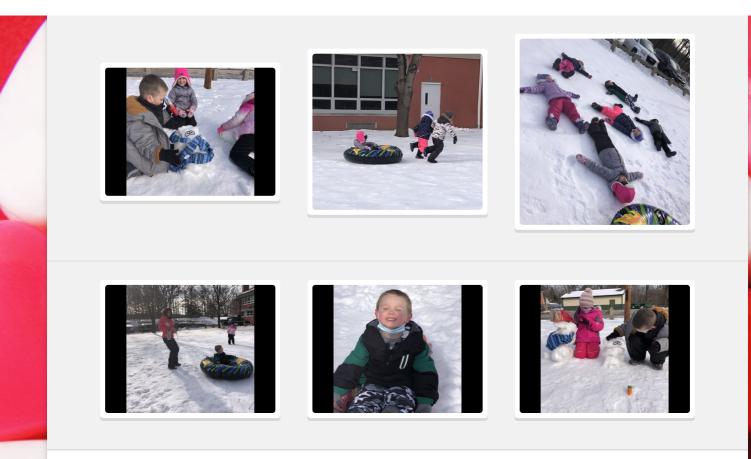
Preschool News:

The preschool classes enjoyed their study of SNOW. The children were so excited when it finally snowed, and they were able to experience the fun activities they were reading and singing about. During their study, the children worked on identifying story characters, setting, story problems and solutions. Story pictures were used to sequence the events of the stories read. Snowmen activities involved counting and number and shape recognition. The children had to identify numbers and add the corresponding number of buttons to their snowman. The children also had to identify and count shapes hidden in snowmen pictures. New vocabulary words were introduced such as: snow, melt, ice, hail, icicle, hibernate, migrate, sledding, precipitation, thermometer, snowflake, snowman, hot cocoa, mittens, scarfs, skates, boots, and coats. Creative snowmen were made using a variety of materials. Some of the materials used were Play-doh, paper plates, paint, Styrofoam and wooden beads. The children even transformed themselves into snowmen using dress-up clothes. When the snow was not available outside, the children created their own snow by experimenting with a product called "InstaSnow". The fake snow was used as a sensory center. A great culminating activity for our Snow Study was having a SNOW DAY in school where they played outside in the snownduring their school day. Fun was had by all!

The children learned about Dr. Martin Luther King. Class activities helped the students to understand that we are all equal, we are all different and we need to celebrate our differences.

The children made predictions as to whether Punxsutawney Phil would see his shadow or not on Groundhog Day. They were thrilled with Phil's prediction of 6 more weeks of winter in the hopes there would be more snow to play in this winter!





First Grade News:

It's Groundhog's Day! The students in first grade learned how a groundhog's shadow can tell us if we will have six more weeks of winter or an early spring. They completed a Groundhog Glyph. The colorful groundhogs were created based on the child's birthday, favorite season, and snack.



Third Grade News:

In third-grade reading, we started our Character Study unit. In this unit, students are getting to know their characters. We will learn about their traits, feelings, changes, motivations, and challenges. Students will read multiple books throughout the unit and meet many characters. Students were able to visit the library and brought home a book. Third graders are always encouraged to read daily to build fluency and comprehension.

In writing, we are working on writing opinions that are supported by reasons and examples. We started the unit by reading, <u>I Wanna Iguana</u> by Karen Kaufman Orloff. We discussed what pet would be the best to have and why. Students went on an opinion scavenger hunt around the classroom and wrote their likes, favorites, and dislikes on posters. We have had many conversations about our opinions on topics. We are learning multiple strategies to create well-developed and strong opinions supported by reasons and examples. The classes will be working towards their goal for opinion

writing, which will be to type three to five well-developed paragraphs on a given opinion writing prompt.

Keep up the hard work third graders... we are proud of you!



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.radimer@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. 973-383-6171 ex: 216 colleen.hurley@stillwaterschool.net



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Community Section - The following are NOT school sponsored events:

PTA Information:



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PTA Valentines for Sale!

The sale will be during lunch periods 2/14 - 2/16 for \$1.00 each. Not a school-sponsored event.



The Stillwater PTA needs your help showing our students some love during the Valentine's Sale running 2/14, 2/15 and 2/16. Not a school sponsored event!

The Daddy Daughter Dance planned for February will be rescheduled for the spring.

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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:

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. <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!





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

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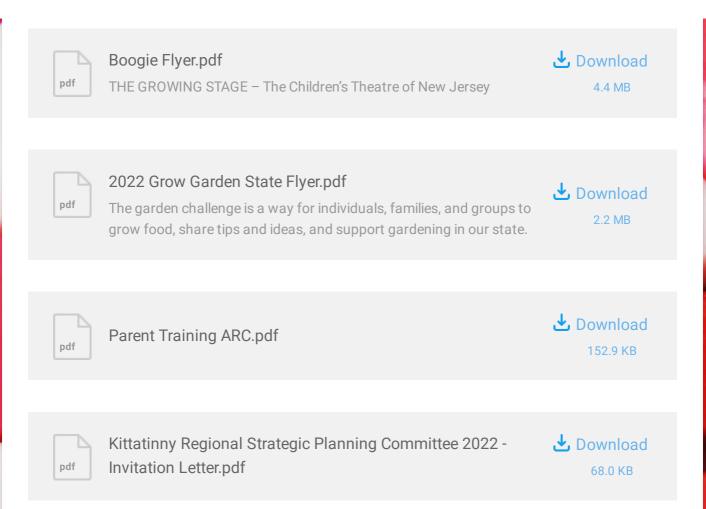
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THE GROWING STAGE – The Children's Theatre of New Jersey



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 fastest-growing sport in America for the past 10 years.

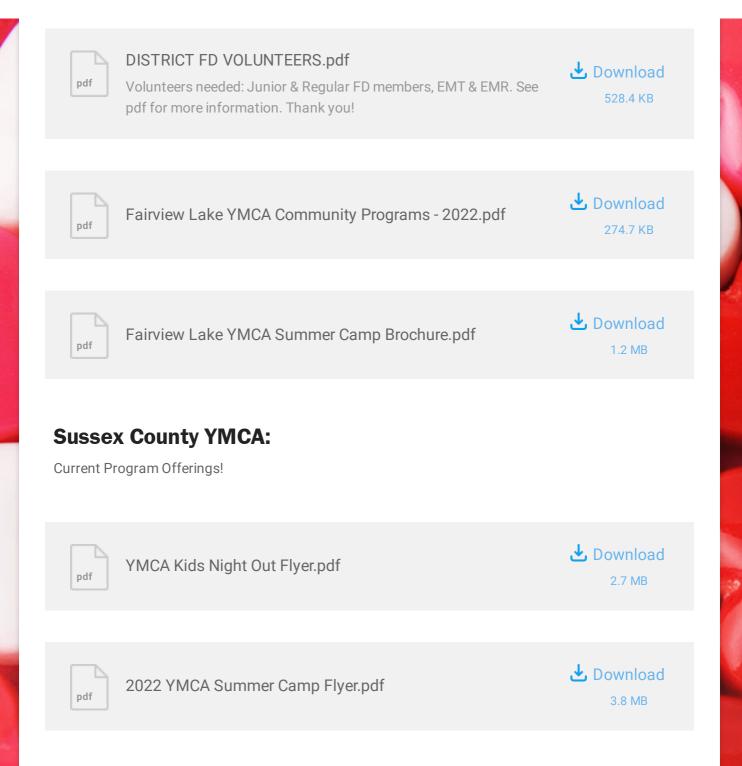




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Girl Scout Information:

Girl Scouts of Northern New Jersey, which serves girls in Bergen, Morris, Passaic, Sussex and Warren counties, will "Press Play" with an exciting start to the 2022 Winter Season.

Winter Wonderland at Home will consist of five weeks of virtual activities. It will be a great new event for girls who are interested in joining Girl Scouts and are currently in Kindergarten through fifth grade. This program is for girls who are new and are not yet Girl Scout members and is also open to Girl Scouts who'd like to renew their membership.

Girls will focus on the foundation of the Girl Scout Leadership Experience while having lots of fun and making new friends.

They will receive a special activity box filled with lots of activities to do at each session. Boxes can be picked up at our drive-thru pickup at our Riverdale Service Center on Saturday, January 8th from 12-2pm. Click on the below PDF for more information.



