

Stillwater School Newsletter

January 28, 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.

2022 Yearbook is on Sale! Click on this YEARBOOK link to purchase. Cost is \$22.00. Forms were also sent home if you would prefer payment by check or exact cash. Email Michelle.Gerkhardt@stillwaterschool.com if you have any questions.

Breakfast and Lunch Menus:

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

Kindergarten News:

Can you believe that your child's kindergarten journey is half over? Now that all of the children are very familiar with kindergarten routines and expectations, we are really working toward getting ready for first grade! The children have thoroughly practiced every letter in the alphabet and should be able to easily name all of the upper and lowercase letters as well as identify all of the corresponding letter sounds. Your child's "sound power" is the strongest and most important of all of their reading "superpowers." Mastery of the letter sounds allows the students to read and write CVC words independently. In writing workshop, the kindergarten students have shifted from writing pattern books to writing "How To" books. Each child has to write step-by-step directions that teach how to do something they already know how to do. They are using the words first, next, then, and last for the different steps in their books. They also learned detailed pictures and labels are very important in a

“How To” book. Learning to read, write, act out and solve subtraction stories has been the focus of our math lessons throughout the month of January.

First Grade News:

The first grade is exploring a unit on the spinning sky. We are learning about the sun, stars, and the moon. They started by investigating shadows and recorded how shadows change throughout the day. This week the students will learn about constellations and try their hand at making their own. If you see a first grader ask them a question about the sky.

Second Grade News:

Matter, Matter Everywhere!

What do squirrels' teeth and nutcrackers have in common? Second Graders recently learned that scientists solve real-world problems by looking at nature and the properties of matter. Ask a Second Grader what the three states of matter are and they will easily tell you solid, liquid, and gas. They probably won't even stop there! Children have enjoyed learning how to describe matter by properties such as color, size, texture, and weight. In a recent investigation, students were challenged to create a hat to protect them from the sun on a deserted island using only materials that were washed up onshore. Paper towels, a paper plate, and a lunch bag--which have the properties that would be best to block the sun? or absorb sweat? How does it look like our young scientists did?



Social Worker News:

January 24-28 is designated in schools across the country as **The Great Kindness Challenge**. Stillwater students and staff accepted the challenge of performing as many kind acts at school and home. Our Summit Student Leaders continued to work on implementing our school-wide action plan to promote a positive school climate. This week they placed positive post-it notes on individual student desks in Kindergarten and 1st-grade classrooms to share kind words and uplifting messages.

In the month of February, with the support of our Core Team, each classroom will discuss the 6 Pillars of Character with a focus of the Caring Pillar. The Caring Pillar emphasizes compassion, gratitude, kindness, and forgiveness. Students who exemplify this Character Trait will be recognized at the end of February.

Our efforts to build social and emotional competencies in our youth can not happen without the support of our families and community partners. In honor of **The Great Kindness Challenge**, below are **Tips for Raising Kind Kids** and a **Family Checklist** attachment.

1. Use the language of kindness. "Would you be kind enough to help your sister with ____?" "Could you use kinder words to say that?" "Thank you for your kindness."
2. As a family, practice kindness. Discuss ways to put kindness into action. Discuss ways you can show kindness in your family, school, neighborhood, and so on.
3. Model kindness in word and deed. Treat children with kindness. Set an example of kindness and respect by how you treat and talk about other people outside the family. Set an example within your family by the way grown-ups talk to one another. Set the tone for uncharitable talk about other people and explain why such talk is not kind or respectful. Insist on kindness and respect in all family interactions. Correct unkind and disrespectful
4. behavior. "Can you kindly say that in a more respectful way?" Don't allow siblings to be unkind, disrespectful, or rude to one another. Don't allow children to be disrespectful to you, either in what they say or how they say it.
5. Teach kindness by giving responsibilities in family life - teach the spirit of helpfulness. Research demonstrates that children who are expected to be contributing family members develop greater concern for others.

(Psychology Today)



Great Kindness Challenge Checklist.pdf

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Fifth Grade News:

Fifth graders started a new writing unit this month on Argument Essays. This unit builds on our opinion essay unit, and now students will learn how to navigate the research process to add specific evidence from a variety of sources to support their claims.

In math, we have been diligently working on division, including whole numbers and decimals to hundredths, using the standard algorithm. Students have been also practicing division through a variety of math workshop activities. Keep practicing multiplication facts to improve fact fluency and accuracy in division.

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 maureen.riva@stillwaterschool.net or meghan.radimer@stillwaterschool.net!

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

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 elaine.makarevich@stillwaterschool.net or Janet Mahedy janet.mahedy@stillwaterschool.net.

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:



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Spirit Wear:

Below is the shopping link:

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Stillwater PTA

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

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2021-2022 PTA Executive Board Officers

President- Amanda Gilmore- stillwaterptapresident@gmail.com

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Community Information:

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.



KITTATINNY LACROSSE

Spring Registration is NOW!!!!

The Fastest Growing Sport in Sussex County
Kittatinny Youth Lacrosse Club would like to invite all Sussex County Residents in grades K-8 to join our lacrosse family.

- ✓ Boys And Girls Teams Available
- ✓ Spring Registration 2022 is Now Open!!!!
- ✓ Early Bird Specials through Jan. 30th, 2022
- ✓ See special pricing for certain teams
- ✓ Sibling Discount

To find out more or to register, visit us at www.kittatinnylax.com or search **Kittatinny Youth Lax** on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.



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KITTATINNY LACROSSE



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

 **Bring a friend!**

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



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Kittatinny Little League 2022 Registration Flyer.pdf

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Kittatinny Travel Baseball 2022 Flyer.pdf

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Volunteers needed: Junior & Regular FD members, EMT & EMR. See pdf for more information. Thank you!

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Fairview Lake YMCA Summer Camp Brochure.pdf

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Sussex County YMCA:

Current Program Offerings!



YMCA Kids Night Out Flyer.pdf

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2022 YMCA Summer Camp Flyer.pdf

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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.



Girl Scouts Winter Wonderland @ Home 2022.pdf

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