

# Stillwater School Newsletter

January 14, 2022

## **Important Dates and Reminders:**

School closed Monday, 1/17

Board of Education Meeting: 1/24 at 7 pm. Check the school website, under the Board Office Tab and Stillwater School Announcements, for more information.

## **Breakfast and Lunch Menus:**

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

## **Second Grade News:**

Second graders are finishing up another math topic of regrouping two-digit numbers. Students have begun the challenging task of learning to “regroup” when adding or subtracting two-digit numbers. We know that we will apply this in our math classes for many years to come! So how are second graders strengthening this skill? Students have used Kahoot games to practice subtracting with regrouping. Others are learning to roll two dice and race against a partner to add and make the largest numbers. Some second graders are using virtual flashcards and playing cards to practice fluently adding and subtracting. Last, all students practiced two-digit subtraction by playing a class Jeopardy game! We will continue to have fun in math while getting ourselves ready for third grade!

Here is a website that you may use to practice with us:

<https://toytheater.com/bingo/>

## **Fourth Grade News:**

Fourth grade is finishing their unit on factors, multiples, prime and composite numbers. Next week we will begin our unit on fractions. In Language Arts, we are developing compare and contrasting essays while exploring various non-fiction texts. Science class has been studying the burning of fossil fuels and the increase of greenhouse gas. Our Social Studies class is finishing our unit on the Revolutionary War and next, we will be beginning our unit on the Civil War.

## **Phys Ed/Health News:**

As we begin this New Year we think it is important to set goals for yourself and have something to work towards. Goal setting is important and helps to keep you on track to do something that maybe you always wanted to do! Maybe you want to run a 5k this year, get better at doing push-ups, work on drinking more water, or eat healthier foods. The New Year is a great time to set a goal so think about something you want to accomplish and make it your goal. Students in Phys Ed this week and next week are going to be doing cooperative games. They will have to work together to complete tasks while having fun and engaging in Physical Activities.

Miss Radimer and Mr. Tiberi

## **Music News:**

Here are some updates on what various grade levels are doing in their music classes. Kindergarten is learning new songs, classroom instruments and focusing on beat and rhythm along with various themes such as bears, healthy eating, and dinosaurs. First grade has begun a unit on Peter and the Wolf; a classic story told through music. Students are learning themes and instruments based on the different characters within the story. Grade 2 is exploring the feelings and expression of music through "Carnival of the Animals". Everyone is sharing their thoughts and ideas about the music to guess which animal each song is written about. Grade 3 is preparing for recorders by reading music notes of the treble clef staff. Fourth grade is studying Spanish music through instruments, singing, and traditional Spanish music and history. The fifth and sixth graders are also learning about instruments, but these instruments are from all around the world. We're discussing instruments from Africa, China, Australia, India, and Japan. Stillwater is lucky enough to have some world instruments for the students to see and try during this unit! Band classes are beginning Spring Concert preparations. Due to the number of students in Beginning Band, students are being split up into two practice groups: fourth and fifth grade. These two groups will alternate weeks in full band practices which will be indicated on the lesson schedule. The plan is for everyone to perform together in May! We are off to a great start this year and enjoying all that music has to offer.

## **Mrs. McGowan's LLD Class News:**

Mrs. McGowan's class had some changes this past autumn. She and her family have welcomed a new baby boy! In the interim, Mrs. Graupe is back in our classroom through February.

A Math highlight we have had was baking and cutting a yummy pizza into slices to show fractions. To practice our writing skills, we each produced a research article on an animal of our choice. We can tell you lots about albino squirrels and Bengal tigers.

To get us in the holiday spirit, we sponsored the 4th Annual Holiday Pet Contest. We were able to judge dogs, cats, guinea pigs and even a horse: all dressed in their holiday finest! This contest provides us with reasoning and communication skills, addition practice and FUN!

We'd like to wish the Stillwater School community a very happy, healthy 2022.

# Makerspace News... #CS Everywhere! Notes and News from Mrs. Makarevich:

As 2021 came to an end, our Makerspace was quite a busy place! Here are a few highlights of the activities that took place, from Kindergarten through Grade 6. The goal was to keep everyone actively engaged in challenging activities as the winter holidays approached! On many occasions, it seemed like the room was filled with Engineers, Designers and Innovators (and even a few elves!) Enjoy the "visit" to our space through notes and photos!

## Kindergarten/First Grade/2nd Grade

### Hour of Code ~ Kodables

\*This site is an excellent place for our beginning computer science programmers to start learning about coding and how to talk to computers. Students have access to our free school account through the Makerspace Google Classroom if they wish to try more at home!

### 3rd Grade - Holiday Challenge

\*Students had to design a parachute to assist Santa (or any delivery person) with delivering toys on Christmas Eve. This Engineering Design Challenge created opportunities for children to explore the Engineering Design Process, using only the following materials: Coffee filter, Tape, String, Mini cup

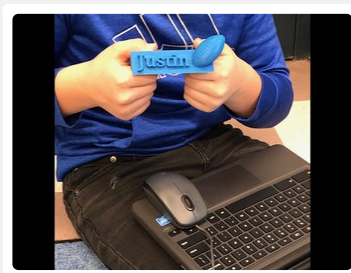
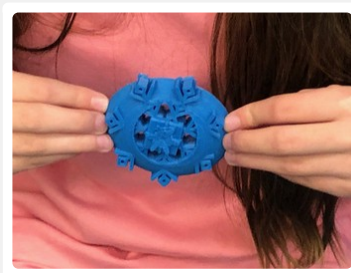
### 4th Grade - Holiday Challenge

\*Re-design a sleigh for a snowman or Santa to use this winter!

Students were required to design a new sleigh, utilizing specific materials, that could slide down a ramp and carry a snowman or Santa. Some very innovative designs were built by our future engineers!

### 5th/6th Grade - 3-D Printing Workshop

\*If you visited the Makerspace during the last weeks of 2021, you might have thought you entered a workshop near the North Pole! Students were busily designing holiday decorations, ornaments and gifts with our 3-D printing system. They have become experts with navigating Tinkercad (the computer program used to design the 3-D objects) and sending files to be printed. I hope that you enjoyed the surprises you received!



**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 [elaine.makarevich@stillwaterschool.net](mailto:elaine.makarevich@stillwaterschool.net) or Janet Mahedy [janet.mahedy@stillwaterschool.net](mailto:janet.mahedy@stillwaterschool.net).

## **Sixth Grade Yearbook News:**

One of our Stillwater Yearbook traditions is to have each 6th-grade student write a small biography for the yearbook. The 6th-grade students will have their current school picture, a baby photo and a biography in the yearbook. The students will be receiving a biography form to fill out in school in the next few weeks. Please remind them to complete it once it is received. 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](mailto:maureen.riva@stillwaterschool.net) or [meghan.radimer@stillwaterschool.net](mailto:meghan.radimer@stillwaterschool.net)!

## **Nurse News:**

**COVID VACCINE UPDATE....** Please be sure to send in your child's vaccine record after the 2 nd dose is completed. This will help us during contact tracing. Thank you. If you are looking for vaccination locations, please refer here:

**COVID vaccine finder:** <https://covid19.nj.gov/pages/finder>

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### **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](mailto:colleen.hurley@stillwaterschool.net)

**Community Section - The following are NOT school sponsored events:**



Vice President - Matt Bello- [stillwatertwppta@gmail.com](mailto:stillwatertwppta@gmail.com)  
Treasurer - Kami Britt-Pogue- [treasurerstillwaterpta@gmail.com](mailto:treasurerstillwaterpta@gmail.com)  
Secretary- Christine Bello- [stillwatertwppta@gmail.com](mailto:stillwatertwppta@gmail.com)

## Community Information:



DISTRICT FD VOLUNTEERS.pdf

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

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Fairview Lake Summer Camp Brochure.pdf

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## Tis' The Season to Clean Closets!

Donate to The Kittatinny Players' Annual *Clothing Drive!*



### Items Accepted:

Men's Clothing  
Women's Clothing  
Kid's Clothing  
Bedding (Comforters, Sheets, Blankets)  
Towels  
Pillows  
Stuffed Animals  
Belts, Handbags  
Shoes (must be bagged separately)  
Bicycles

Monies raised from this Clothing Drive will support the Kittatinny Players, and all clothing/items will be donated to needy families in NJ by the organization collecting them.  
Win-Win!



Items may be dropped off at the KRHS Auditorium from  
January 3rd - January 22nd, 2022  
Mondays-Fridays from 2:30-5:30pm & Saturdays from 8-11am  
(Deadline is 9am Sharp on 1/22/22!)



## Sussex County YMCA:

Current Program Offerings!



YMCA MLK Vacation Camp Flyer.pdf

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YMCA Youth Sports Jan 2022.pdf

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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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# Shawnee Mountain NEW 4th Grade Snow Pass program for this winter!

Click on the below link for more information:

<https://www.shawneemt.com/tickets-rentals/4th-grade-snow-pass/>

