

# Stillwater School Newsletter

December 17, 2021

## **Important Dates and Reminders:**

**Board of Education Meeting: 1/3 at 7 pm.** Check the school website, under the Board Office Tab and Stillwater School Announcements, for more information.

## **Reminder to the newsletter reminding the that there is NO After School Learning Center on December 21st & 23rd**

## **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).



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

### **Breakfast and Lunch Menus:**

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

### **Preschool News:**

Do you have questions about lights?

Ask a preschooler! Stillwater preschoolers are completing their study of lights within the next week. This study has been both meaningful and exciting for our little learners! We have discussed and investigated natural vs. artificial lights, day and night, shadows, and how light is reflected or absorbed. Our classrooms transformed into darkrooms to determine, "Will the object pass the light test?" As we investigated to determine if light passes through an object, children learned vocabulary terms such as translucent, transparent, and opaque. Brilliant! Then we brought our investigations outside the classroom to explore the natural sunlight and discover shadows and how they are made.

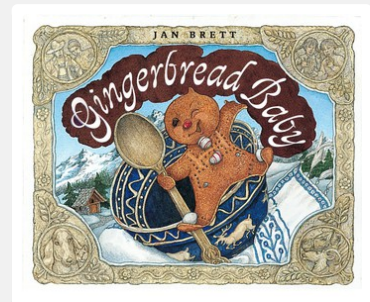
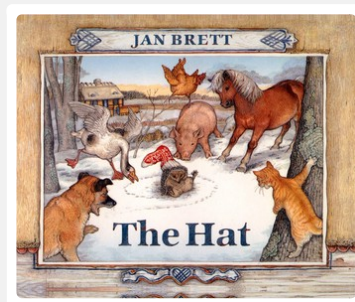
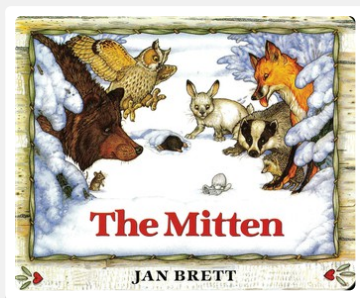
We will end the study right before break with refraction and rainbows. We are bright lights in preschool!

We have also been concentrating on experiencing the holiday season with songs and stories from different holiday traditions around the world. Learning and celebrating these traditions together is what makes this time of the year so special! We are learning kindness through giving, and it has been a rewarding lesson learned!

We appreciate all of the ways so many of you have shown your support this year. Preschool wishes our friends and families a Happy and Healthy New Year!

## Second Grade News:

Second graders are in the holiday spirit! We made cards to spread our holiday cheer with those living in an assisted living facility. We have also learned about various holidays that different cultures and religions celebrate. Some examples include Diwali, Three Kings Day, and Hanukkah. We continued our holiday and winter-themed fun this week by reading some books by one of our favorite authors, Jan Brett! Here are some of our favorites!



## Third Grade News:

To get into the holiday spirit the third-grade students have been reading and listening to holiday stories. One story shared was The Little Red Sleigh written by Erin Guendelsberger. The book reminds us that no dream is out of reach if you believe. Students wrote a descriptive paragraph about a holiday gift that could be received. The gift was not named in the paragraph because students guessed what the gift was when the writing was read aloud. Students had fun listening to the details in the writing and making their guesses. Next week we will be reading a favorite story, How the Grinch Stole Christmas! by Theodor "Dr. Seuss" Geisel. Students will identify positive and negative traits that portray the Grinch! Remember to take part next week in our Student Council's Holiday Spirit Week!

## Fifth Grade News:

In Math, the fifth graders are continuing to develop their understanding of division by using number sense and models to divide whole numbers up to 4-digit by 2-digit divisors. They will also use strategies such as rounding and compatible numbers to estimate quotients. Students will then use a standard algorithm to calculate the actual quotients. Here's a fun way to remember the steps: Does

In Science, the students are learning about the four earth's spheres which are the biosphere, atmosphere, hydrosphere, and geosphere. They have used a variety of resources to examine these spheres and are developing a three-dimensional model showing how two spheres interact and affect our world.

## **Music News:**

Congratulations to everyone who performed in this year's Winter Concert. You all did such a wonderful job. The second-grade concert was filled with Santa Claus classics. Great job remembering all 12 days of Christmas! The fourth graders did a wonderful job singing well-known songs and "Hot Chocolate" from one of my personal favorite holiday movies, "The Polar Express". I was very impressed with how the evening concert performances went. The sixth graders sang beautifully in both English and German and gave everyone a laugh with their silly version of "O' Christmas Tree". The Advanced Band played with such a strong sound and great confidence! And this year's Select Choir sang two songs with melody and harmony together. Each group did a fantastic job. I am so proud of everyone for their hard work. If you were able to join us for the live performances, thank you! A video recording was created for everyone to enjoy. The link is included at the end of this article and will also be posted on Ms. Franck's teacher webpage as well as Music Google Classrooms. We hope you have the opportunity to watch all the performances. Have a happy holiday! Concert Video link:

<https://www.wevideo.com/view/2495556873>

## **Sixth Grade News:**

### Math

After spending quite some time polishing up skills needed to work fluently with decimals and fractions, we have now added working with all rational numbers to our mathematics repertoire. Students have been working to extend their knowledge of positive numbers to now include understanding what it means to have a negative number. Students explored plotting numbers on a four-quadrant coordinate plane and used absolute value to find the distance between two points on that plane. This included the understanding that distance is always positive and that absolute value is the mathematical representation of a number's distance from zero. We have most recently begun to break down whole numbers into their prime factorization using factor trees. Knowing a number's prime factorization can help to determine the greatest common factor (GCF) that two numbers have in common. Knowing the GCF will help sixth graders solve more difficult math problems that require representing expressions in multiple ways. Solving for unknown quantities will be our next area of study in sixth grade and will include understanding what an equation represents and how to use the foundational skills we have learned so far to solve algebraic equations with one variable. Becoming good problem solvers continues to be embedded in all the math we do. After all, that is our purpose for learning math, to be able to solve problems!

### Science

After a unit learning about reproduction in plants and animals, students used the engineering process to solve the real-world problem of decreasing pollinator populations and the potential for impact on human diet and nutrition. Pollinators help provide people and other animals with nuts, fruits, and a variety of vegetables. Students were posed with the task to design a flower that would attract an animal pollinator and help strengthen our food supply. They researched a pollinator (of their choice) and designed a flower that would attract that pollinator. Students presented and explained why their

design would help solve the problem. Their solutions were creative and they had a great time with this hands-on activity.

## **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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### **MASK WEARING AND HYGIENE**

Please review the following video regarding proper mask wearing and hygiene. Students need to be changing and washing their masks daily.

#### **How To Wear A Mask In School**



### **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)

## **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)!

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

### **PTA Information:**

#### **PTA Reflections ART Contest-Click on PDFs for more information and on how to enter:**



Reflections Flyer.pdf

[Download](#)  
375.8 KB



Reflection Entry Form.pdf

[Download](#)  
53.9 KB

### **Sixth Grade Class Fundraiser:**

#### **SHOP FRESH ROASTED COFFEE & GOURMET SNACKS**

30% of your purchase will support the Sixth Grade Class of 2022.

<https://www.drivencoffeefundraising.com/ref/stillwater-class-of-2022>

Dear Parents and Families:

The 6th Grade Class is ready to kick off our 1st Big School Wide Fundraiser of the year! We request that each student participate in the fundraiser and ask families to help with the our campaign. Please sell to friends, family and people at your work. Historically, fundraisers have raised a lot of money for the 6th grade end of year party celebration, and we are very excited to fundraise this with all of you and have your support!

The fundraiser we are hosting will be:



We will be selling items from Coffee, Tea, Yummy Hot Chocolate as well as some syrups, honey sticks etc.

There is a form attached here that will have an order form on the back and show you all the great options to purchase and sell. Below is a link you can send out to friends and family near or far who would want to purchase as well to help support us!

<https://www.drivencoffeefundraising.com/ref/stillwater-class-of-2022/>

There is also an amazing feature with us selling this product for all orders that are **NOT** online sales, we were able to create our own logo to put on each bag of tea and coffee! So get your **EXCLUSIVE** bag today! Check it out:



**Also there is more, The Student that sells the most will win a prize!! The homeroom that sells the most will win an ice cream party!**

All monies collected should be sent by Venmo, Cash, or by check made payable to 6th Grade Recognition Fund. Checks should be back packed to school to attention: Mrs Steffens Homeroom: Dexton Morgan/Christine Casper no later than Friday November 8th. The QR code above will lead you to our Linktree Page

We appreciate your help in making this fundraiser a success.

**Thank you! 6th Grade Recognition Fund Committee**

THIS IS NOT A SCHOOL SPONSORED EVENT!

**CRAFT COFFEES, BEVERAGES & SNACKS \$16.00**  
Coffee is roasted fresh to order in small batches to ensure you get the best cup of coffee. Coffee arrives in 12oz resealable bags.

**Ground House Blend**  
Brazilian, Mexican, and Colombian  
Light Roast >>>  
Our signature blend is a bold powerhouse that is sure to delight even the most refined palate.

**Scandinavian Blend**  
Brazilian and Mexican  
Medium Roast >>>  
A well balanced blend of Mexican and Brazilian beans for a warm, earthy, and smoky cup. Available ground or whole bean.

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**Ground French Roast**  
Mexican  
Dark Roast >>>  
This timeless French Roast has been a staple coffee for years. Dark roasted to perfection.

**Ground Highlander Grogg**  
Brazilian  
Medium Roast >>>  
A mix of butterscotch, cream, caramel, and vanilla flavors that will bring out the highlander in you!

**Ground Vanilla Hazelnut**  
Brazilian  
Light Roast >>>  
A creamy and oh so satisfying combination of roasted hazelnut and vanilla flavors.

**Ground Chocolate Turtle**  
Brazilian  
Medium Roast >>>  
A rich combination of chocolate, caramel, pecan, and vanilla flavors added to our finest Brazilian beans.

**Prairie Passion Tea**  
Loose Leaf Tea - No Sachets Included  
3 oz. Bag  
A delicious blend of black tea and green tea with papaya, passion fruit, rose hip peels, and sunflower.

**Driven Hot Cocoa Mix**  
12 oz. Bag  
Cocoa blend with just the right amount of sugar, real vanilla, and real chocolate for a rich treat.

**Breakfast Blend K-Cups**  
Brazilian and Mexican  
Light Roast >>>  
Our classic breakfast blend, now with the convenience of recyclable K-Cups. 12 K-Cups per box.

**Driven Craft Syrups**  
3-4 oz Bottles  
Our handcrafted vanilla, chocolate, and caramel syrups are the perfect addition to any beverage.

**Hokey Pokey Gourmet Mix**  
12 oz. Bag  
Gourmet caramel corn with cashews, almonds, and pecans. A snack that is second to none.

**Caramel Apple Corn**  
12 oz. Bag  
Gourmet caramel corn with bits of apple and cinnamon give this treat the perfect flavor.

**HONEY STICKS \$12.00**  
We've partnered with a local apriary to provide exceptional honey products.

**Wildflower Honey Sticks**  
16 Straws  
Delicate wildflower honey packaged in easy to use straws. A great healthy snack or addition to any beverage.

**Assorted Honey Sticks**  
16 Straws  
Blue Raspberry, Peach, Pink Lemonade, and Sour Green Apple flavored honey sticks are a perfect zero-fat snack.

## Spirit Wear:

Below is the shopping link:

<https://twentyfourink.com/collections/stillwater-school?ref=1fxdrto0wui>



# STILLWATER SCHOOL

## SPIRIT WEAR 2021-2022

online ordering

### ITEMS AVAILABLE

T-SHIRTS  
HOODED SWEATSHIRTS  
WATER BOTTLES  
BAGS AND MORE

A PERCENT OF EVERY ORDER HELPS SUPPORT THE SCA

GO TO:  
[TWENTYFOURINK.COM/COLLECTIONS/STILLWATER-SCHOOL](https://twentyfourink.com/collections/stillwater-school)

### 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](mailto:stillwaterptapresident@gmail.com)

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Treasurer - Kami Britt-Pogue- [treasurerstillwaterpta@gmail.com](mailto:treasurerstillwaterpta@gmail.com)

Secretary- Christine Bello- [stillwatertwpppta@gmail.com](mailto:stillwatertwpppta@gmail.com)

### Community Information:

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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462.6 KB



YMCA Winter Break Vacation Camp Flyer.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/>

Oh, the weather outside is frightful...

# Coat Drive



is collecting **NEW** winter coats for men and women experiencing a housing crisis.

## TO PARTICIPATE:

Purchase a man's or woman's coat in size L, XL, or XXL from your favorite online retailer and have it shipped to our office at:

19 Church Street  
Newton, NJ 07860



But coats are so delightful!