Stillwater School Newsletter

NOVEMBER 12, 2021

IMPORTANT DATES AND REMINDERS:

Board of Education Meeting: 11/15 & 12/13 at 7 pm. Check the school website, under Stillwater School Announcements, for more information.

BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENUS:

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

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

PRESCHOOL NEWS:

The Preschool students are well into their Trees study! We have been observing and comparing trees to learn about the types and parts of trees. The children can tell you that trees have a trunk, roots, branches, leaves, seeds, flowers, and twigs. They learned these facts through music and movement and hands-on investigations. Next week we will begin to learn about what animals live in trees and make homes in them. The children are really enjoying exploring nature! They have also been enjoying collecting tree parts and sharing them with their peers. Happy Fall!!

SECOND GRADE NEWS:

Second graders are learning how to add two-digit numbers! We have learned several strategies so far such as adding using a hundreds chart, adding using an open number line, and adding using place value blocks. We are now beginning to learn how to add while regrouping. We also made addition scarecrows in math as another way to make our learning fun!



FOURTH GRADE ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS AND SOCIAL STUDIES:

The students have been growing tremendously as we develop new skills and explore new concepts! In reading, we have been enjoying *The One and Only Ivan* by Katherine Applegate, and fourth graders have loved seeing these complex characters develop and change. In writing, our short answer response paragraphs are expertly demonstrating our writing and analytical skills! In Social Studies, we have utilized many sources to begin establishing a full knowledge of New Jersey history and culture. It is clear that these hard-working students are going to soar this year!

FIFTH GRADE NEWS:

The 5th-grade students have started reading the novel *Shiloh* in language arts. *Shiloh* is a Newbery Medal-winning children's novel written by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor. While reading <u>Shiloh</u>, the students will learn about the theme of honesty and determining what is right and wrong. They will also review the skills of cause and effect, point of view, figurative language, facts and opinions, and many others. The students are very excited to continue our novel during reader's workshop and find out more about the plot of *Shiloh*.

SIXTH GRADE NEWS:

In 6th grade, ELA classes students are thinking deeply about the characters in their novels. Along with a whole class read-aloud, students are also reading their own independent books and tracking their reading through note-taking, diagrams, timelines, t-charts, webs, and drawings! Students have been doing a great job showing off their creativity and then sharing their daily reading goals and character work with a partner. This has been a great way for the kids to show off their reading and recommend books to their classmates, without giving too much of the story away. It is also prompting the students to get through more books this year in order to share their character work with friends! I am so proud of your hard work, 6th graders!

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 <a href="mailto:

MUSIC NEWS:

Happy Holidays! This year's Winter Concert will be taking place on Thursday, December 9th (snow date: Tuesday, December 14th). To help with keeping students and families healthy, the schedule will look different this year, but allow for in-person performances! The second grade will be singing at 1:30 and the fourth grade will perform at 2:10. Sixth grade, Advanced Band and Select Choir will perform in the evening beginning at 7:00 pm. Guests are limited to two adults and siblings for each student performing. Concerts will also be recorded for families and friends to watch at a later date. All performances will take place in the Stillwater gym. An additional notice with information will be sent home with students involved. We hope to see you there to start off the holiday season!

CONGRATULATIONS STILLWATER ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL PLANT THE PROMISE RECIPIENT

We are happy to announce that our school has been selected as a winner to receive one of the Plant the Promise prize packages from the Center for Prevention and Counseling's Countywide Red Ribbon Week Contest. Our school was selected to receive a toolkit, which included all the items needed to plant red tulip bulbs in our outdoor garden space, along with a sign for the garden and special giveaways for the children.

The Green Thumbs Garden Club (6th-grade students) met students in grades K, 1 and 2 in the garden and taught them how to plant the tulip bulbs correctly, using the bulb planting tool and hand shovels. Our student garden club members are quite the experts, after planting more than 200 bulbs throughout the Schoolyard Garden earlier this month as part of their Garden Club work!

The Plant the Promise Program provided a fun activity, allowing students to plant red flower bulbs which will bloom in the Spring, and served as a reminder of the importance and the beauty of living a drug-free life. The younger children especially enjoyed the chance to spend extra time in their garden with older students.

We thank the Center for Prevention and Counseling for their generous toolkit and for giving our school the opportunity for our students to work together in our garden space. We are already looking forward to spring - students will be looking for the tulips to grow and brighten our days!













STUFF THE STOCKING!

Are you looking to spread some holiday cheer? The student council is beginning their annual Toy and Gift Card Drive! The students will be collecting new, unwrapped toys and gift cards for Project Self Sufficiency's Stuff the Stocking event this year. Our collection runs November 1st-19th. Please consider helping us meet our school wide goal of 400 items. There will be bins

set up at the school for these items. Thank you so much for helping support the Student Council!

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NURSE NEWS:

Vaccines are now available for children ages 5-11
Please see the attached link to find a location near you!

NJ Vaccine Appointment Finder

NOVEMBER RECYCLING NEWS:

America Recycles Day-November 15th

Our student recycling group, *The Cafeteria Connection*, will kick-off America Recycles Day by launching our next school and community recycling initiative. We have partnered with the TREX decking company and have received recycling bins for the collection of plastic film, something we have not been able to recycle here at school in the past. The bins are located in the vestibule, the Makerspace and the Staff Room.

Information will be shared with students and families so that we may all take part in another effort to reduce waste that travels to landfills! As part of this program, we are entered into a contest where the school that recycles the most will receive a garden bench made of plastic! The contest will run until April, so we will be collecting all year! Please share the news with friends and neighbors in the community - we welcome all recyclers! Please see attached flyers for more information and specifics regarding what can be recycled in these bins and the school contest.

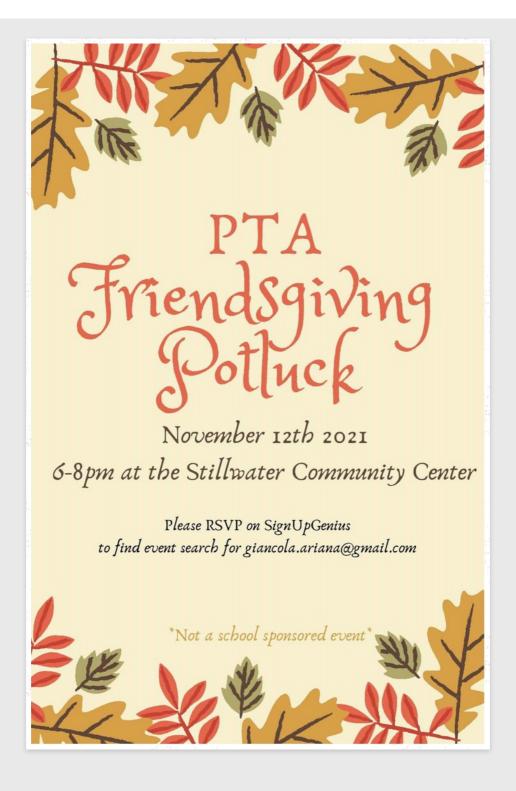
Keep Recycling!

PLASTIC FILM RECYCLING INFORMATION SHEET

FLOW OF PLASTIC FILM FROM RECYCLING TO BIN

COMMUNITY SECTION - THE FOLLOWING ARE NOT SCHOOL SPONSORED EVENTS:

STILLWATER PTA INFORMATION:



STILLWATER PTA HOLIDAY VENDOR FAIR:

Calling all crafters and direct sales representatives: The Stillwater PTA Holiday Vendor Fair wants you! This year's Vendor Fair is being held on December 4th, 2021 from 10 am to 3:30 pm at: Stillwater Township School 904 Stillwater Road Stillwater, NJ 07875.

Spaces are still available for 25.00 each, 6' tables are available to rent for an additional 10.00. To sign up, reach out to either Kami Pogue kamipogue@gmail.com or Gina Capano ginacapano1126@gmail.com

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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

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!



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 usl
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:



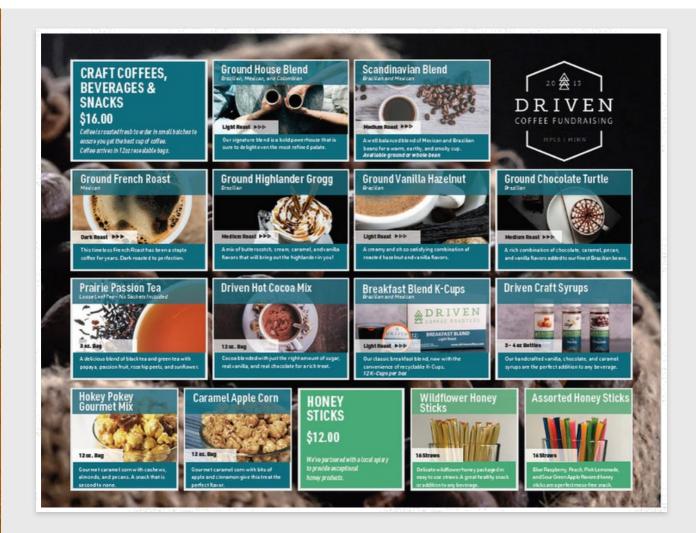


Also there is more, The Student that sells the most will win a prize!! The ho sells the most will win an ice cream party!

All monies collected should be sent by Venmo, Cash, or by check made payable to $6^{\rm th}$ Grade Recogniting. Fund. Checks should be back packed to school to attention: Mrs Steffens Homeroom: Dexton Morgin Christine Casper no later than Friday November 8th. The QR code above will lead you to our Linktr.ee Page

Thank you! 6th Grade Recognition Fund Committee

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SPIRIT WEAR:

Below is the shopping link:

https://twentyfourink.com/collections/stillwater-school?ref=1fxdrrto0wui



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- <u>stillwaterptapresident@gmail.com</u>
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Stillwater Area Volunteer Fire Company

November 3 at 8:42 AM · 🔇

It is getting close to that time of year again that we will be doing our FREE Thanksgiving meal program again. All you have to do is contact us and give us your address, phone number, and how many meals you are requesting to be delivered to your home and we will do all the cooking and deliver! We will be cooking and delivering on Wednesday November 24th in the evening. You can Private Message us on Facebook, leave a message on our answering machine at 973-383-1329 or email us at stillwaterfire@yahoo.com with the above requested information and we will put your address on our list with the number of meals requested. Please spread the word to our residents who may not be on facebook or the internet. Thank you for continuing to support us and help us give back to our residents!

Chief Steven Sugar

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/



KPBC Poinsettia Sale 2021-2022.pdf

Gorgeous Blooms to add that holiday touch to your home! Poinsettias make the perfect gift for Holiday gatherings!





Pizza and Paces Flyer.pdf

Project Self-Sufficiency's Pizza & PACEs series will feature "Talking Trauma with Tierney: An In-Depth Look at the Impact of Trauma on Children"





Rec Basketball Registration Flyer 2021 2022.pdf





Breakfast With Santa 2021.pdf

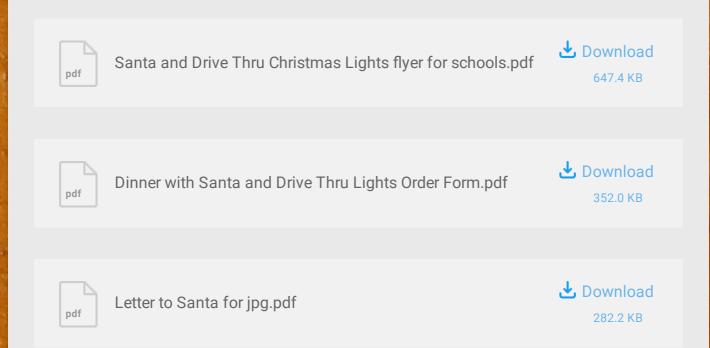
Stillwater Volunteer Fire Department-Breakfast with Santa 12/12, 8 am - 11 am. Click on pdf for more information.



CAMP AUXILIUM 2021 DINNER WITH SANTA EVENT AND DRIVE THRU CHRISTMAS LIGHTS!

Below is the flyer and ticket order form in PDF format. Also attached is a copy of the letter to Santa format; this includes a place for an email address so Santa can respond to each child.

The dinner will be Thursday, December 9th from 6 - 8 PM. Santa will be here to take pictures with the children, everyone can enjoy a delicious Italian dinner, mail their letters to Santa and can pre-view the Drive-Thru Christmas Lights. Open to the public between 6 - 9 PM, Friday, December 10 - 8 Sunday, December 12th.



GIRLS SCOUTS OF NORTHERN NEW JERSEY INFORMATION:

Girl Scouts of Northern New Jersey, which serves girls in Bergen, Morris, Passaic, Sussex and Warren counties, is kicking off the Fall season with an exciting new event for girls who are interested in joining Girl Scouts and are currently in kindergarten through 3rd grade. This Girl Scouts Fall Fun Days will be 4 weeks of virtual activities. They will focus on the foundation of the Girl Scout Leadership Experience while having lots of fun and making new friends. This program is for girls who are new and are not yet Girl Scouts. Girls will receive a kit filled with lots of activities to do at each session. Activity Kits can be picked up by families while spending an afternoon at our camp at Lake Rickabear in Kinnelon. She below flyer for more information:



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The Stillwater-Fredon Wrestling Program is looking for people to take over and lead the new generation of future wrestlers. Please advise if you have interest in running the program. The program comes complete with new mats, uniforms, and a tremendous history of successful wrestlers. If you have interest, there will be assistance for a safe and positive program transition. Board positions, coaches, and parent volunteers are all needed and welcome. Please also reach out if your child will be interested in wrestling this year. With your help and leadership, we hope this program can continue to serve our youth and provide a solid foundation for Kittatinny High School Wrestling. Rene and Steve Dalling have given 13 years to this program and have children at the high school level. Please contact Rene Dalling Via email or cell- (973)-903-4975 or rene.dalling@gmail.com

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