

# Stillwater School Newsletter

OCTOBER 29, 2021

## IMPORTANT DATES AND REMINDERS:

**Board of Education Meeting:** 11/1 & 11/15 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](mailto:colleen.hurley@stillwaterschool.net)

## PRESCHOOL NEWS:

The Preschool students enjoyed their field trip last week to Ideal Farms where they went on a hayride, harvested pumpkins, ventured through a hay maze, and feasted on apples, apple cider, and cider donuts. They have been getting into the spirit of Halloween with songs, fingerplays, art projects, and celebrations. Preschoolers have now begun their new unit on trees. As we study trees, we will investigate how trees grow, the parts of a tree, and why we need trees. This unit will include hands-on investigations, literacy, math, the arts, and technology to explore the topic in depth.

## FIRST GRADE NEWS:

First grade has been hard at work in Writers Workshop. The students began their unit on how to writing by working together to write a book on how to carve a pumpkin. The students are now writing a how-to book on a topic of their choice. We can't wait to learn about all of the different activities they are going to teach us how to do!

## 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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## 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!

## FIFTH GRADE NEWS:

Fifth Graders wrapped up their Personal Narratives this week and finished working on drafting a strong ending, revising to make their writing more clear and editing for spelling, grammar and punctuation. We worked through the Writing Process with the goal for 5th graders to publish 1-2 pages for their finished narratives. In math, students are working on multiplication of 2-digit by 2-digit numbers and 3-digit by 2-digit numbers. To improve their multiplication fact fluency, they can log in to their Freckle account and choose Fact Practice. The ability to recall basic facts quickly and accurately will help them with larger multiplication problems, including multiplying decimals.



## 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

### GARDEN NEWS: WE'RE GROWING GARLIC!

Last week the Green Thumbs Garden Club welcomed a special visitor to our school garden. Mr. Dennis DeGroat, a Stillwater Community member, Board of Education member and former teacher met with the student group to teach them how to plant and grow garlic.

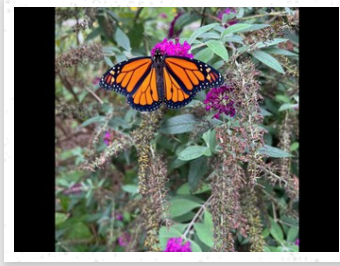
We learned about the different types of garlic and how to prepare the garden bed for planting. He also showed the students how to prepare a garlic bulb for oven roasting with olive oil - yummy for garlic bread! More than 30 cloves of garlic were planted and covered with soil and straw for the winter months. Next July, the crop will be harvested, hung in bunches to dry, and shared with staff and students in the fall.

A very special thank you to Mr. DeGroat for volunteering to meet with us and for sharing his garlic and garden expertise!



### GARDEN NEWS: BUTTERFLIES

Over the past two weeks, 10 monarch butterflies have been released from the 1st grade classrooms! The caterpillars were brought inside in September, and the students witnessed the life cycle of the butterfly in action with their teachers and classmates. Each day, they witnessed this amazing transformation, ending with beautiful butterflies. After successfully releasing them into our pollinator garden, children have observed that the butterflies continue to spend time here at Stillwater School! We expect them to begin their journey south when the weather begins to cool.



## PHYS ED NEWS:

Phys Ed classes have been off to a great start this year. We have a new addition to our Gymnasium this year - Lu Interactive Playground. Through the NY Jets and NJ Department of Agriculture, we received a grant last year and were able to purchase an interactive projector. We are the first ones in the state of New Jersey to have this system. The students have been enjoying playing all the games on it. Also this year we have done a cooperative games unit, soccer unit, four square, and most recently fun Halloween Stations. We also began a mileage club this year. Students complete laps during phys ed class to complete a card. Once their card is completed they have completed 5 miles and they get to hang their card on our wall and also receive a special foot token they can put on their shoe or a keychain. Keep up the great work!

Miss Radimer and Mr. Tiberi



## COMMUNITY SECTION – THE FOLLOWING ARE NOT SCHOOL SPONSORED EVENTS:



### KPBC Poinsettia Sale 2021-2022.pdf

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

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### 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"

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### Rec. Basketball Registration Flyer 2021 2022.pdf

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## 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. See below flyer for more information:



### Girl Scouts Membership.pdf

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## SUSSEX COUNTY YMCA HAS SOME WONDERFUL PROGRAM OFFERINGS COMING UP:

The first is our Family Fall Festival on Saturday, October 30th from 12-2 PM at our facility in Hardyston! Family Costume Contest, Swimming with pumpkins, Pumpkin Bowling, Sports Class Demonstration, Archery, AND MORE! Families who pre-register will have a chance to win a FREE 3-MONTH YMCA Membership!

The second is our Vacation Camps are back for NJEA Convention Weekend, November 4 & 5! **SPACE IS LIMITED. MASKS ARE REQUIRED. Program is for children ages 4-11 years old, in Grades Pre-K through 5th.**

**Attached are the flyers:**



Family Fall Festival Flyer.pdf

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YMCA NJEA Vacation Camp Flyer.pdf

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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](mailto:rene.dalling@gmail.com)

*\*This is NOT a School Sponsored Event*

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!

## 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](mailto:kamipogue@gmail.com) or Gina Capano [ginacapano1126@gmail.com](mailto:ginacapano1126@gmail.com)

"Not a School Sponsored Event"

The Stillwater PTA has a lot of fun events planned for this school year. For insurance purposes, certain events such as the family fun nights, Daddy/Daughter Dance and such require at least one attendee within the family in attendance to be a PTA Member.



All of this information should have been sent home with families this week, including instructions on how to become a PTA Member.

We are here to tell you that if you or anyone you know in the community would like to be a PTA Member but are currently experiencing a hardship, please know that we are here to help!

Simply send us an email to [stillwatertwppta@gmail.com](mailto:stillwatertwppta@gmail.com) with the name of the individual you would like to have signed up within your family, and we will take care of the rest!

We want everyone to have the same opportunities and would never exclude anyone from these activities should they have a need for assistance. We understand that these times have caused many struggles and we are here to help.

A special shout out to the good samaritan who has donated 20 memberships to the people in our community, we thank you.

**Stillwater Twp. School - 2021-2022 PTA Membership**  
Please print clearly - Thank you!  
\$5 per member - Payments should be made to "Stillwater PTA" by cash or check

<b>Think your kids are too old to need your help at school?</b>	<b>Member(s):</b>
<b>When parents are involved ...</b>	First Name _____ Last Name _____
<b>Grades and test scores improve</b>	Address _____
◆	Telephone _____ Email _____
<b>There are fewer discipline problems at home and school</b>	First Name _____ Last Name _____
◆	Address _____
<b>Kids are less likely to use tobacco, drugs or alcohol</b>	Telephone _____ Email _____
◆	Relation to Stillwater Twp. School
<b>Middle school students are more likely to continue on and graduate from high school</b>	<input type="radio"/> Parent <input type="radio"/> Staff Member <input type="radio"/> Community Member <input type="radio"/> Other
◆	<b>***My child(ren)(s) picture is allowed in social media and print</b>
<b>Kids are more likely to attend great colleges and universities</b>	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No

Thank you for supporting our annual PTA Membership Drive and making a difference in the educational experience for the children at Stillwater Twp. School!

## 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**

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**CRAFT COFFEES, BEVERAGES & SNACKS**  
\$16.00  
*Coffee is roasted fresh to order in small batches to assure you get the best cup of coffee. Coffee arrives in 12oz reusable 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 smooth cup. Available ground or whole bean.

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COFFEE FUNDRAISING  
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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 fine 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 petals, and sunflower.

**Driven Hot Cocoa Mix**  
**12 oz. Bag**  
Cocoa blended 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.

**Hockey 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 optery to provide exceptional honey products.*

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

**Assorted Honey Sticks**  
**16 Sticks**  
Blue Raspberry, Peach, Pink Lemonade, and Sour Green Apple Flavored honey sticks are a perfect mess-free snack.

## SPIRIT WEAR:

Below is the shopping link:

<https://twentyfourink.com/collections/stillwater-school?ref=1fxdrro0wui>

# STILLWATER SCHOOL

## SPIRIT WEAR 2021-2022

online ordering

### ITEMS AVAILABLE

T-SHIRTS  
HOODED SWEATSHIRTS  
WATER BOTTLES  
BAGS AND MORE



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"

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