Stillwater School Newsletter

OCTOBER 1, 2021

IMPORTANT DATES AND REMINDERS:

School closed 10/11, Columbus Day-Staff In-Service
Board of Education Meeting: October 12 at 7 pm. Check the school website, under Stillwater
School Announcements, for more information.
Fall Conferences: 10/27, 4-7 pm. and 10/28, 5-8 pm.

PRESCHOOL NEWS:

Our preschoolers have fallen into the new school year routine quite well this year! With our beginning of the year study, we are exploring and investigating answers to questions such as "What names do we need to know at school? What do we do if we get sad or scared at school?" "What are our rules at school?" Finding the answers to these questions through activities and discussions is leading our preschoolers down the path to becoming well-adjusted and contributing members of the school community! We have been taking advantage of the beautiful fall afternoons spending as much time learning outside as possible! In October, we will begin our next study.. "The Tree Study". Stay tuned for some "tree-refic" outdoor and nature-based activities with this one!

FOURTH GRADE NEWS:

In fourth grade, students are finishing our first unit in Math, Understanding Place Value. Next week, we will be starting our second unit which is focused on adding and subtracting multidigit numbers. In Language Arts, students are choosing free-read books and being assigned book clubs they will be reading in. Science class is learning about various animal and plant structures and the functions they serve. Our current social studies theme focuses on the geography of our state, New Jersey.

FOURTH GRADE SCIENCE NEWS:

Students in fourth grade have been learning about the internal and external structures of plants and animals. They have been discussing how different structures of both plants and animals help the organism to survive, grow and reproduce. All students were asked to select a specific animal's structure and create a Google Slide to teach their classmates about different plants and animals. Students were then asked to share their information to their classmates in the form of an oral presentation. We all learned so many interesting facts about so many different plants and animals. Way to go, fourth graders!

TIPS FOR READING WITH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL KIDS:

(from colorincolorado.org)

- Encourage your child to read another one
- Find ways to encourage your child to keep reading. If he or she likes one book, find another book with a similar subject or by the same author. Ask a librarian or teacher for book suggestions
- Take turns reading
- Once your child can read, have him or her read aloud to you every day. You can take turns

 you read one page and your child the next.
- Make connections to your child's life
- Help your child make connections between what he or she reads in books and what happens in life. If you're reading a book about a family, for example, talk about how what happens in the story is the same or different from what happens in your family.
- Give your child an incentive to read
- At bedtime, encourage your child to read. Offer a choice between reading or sleeping. Most kids will choose to read, as long as you don't offer something more tempting (like TV)
- Try different types of books and magazines
- Encourage your child to read different types of books, articles, or stories. Some kids, especially boys, prefer nonfiction books. Others like children's magazines
- Turn on the closed captioning on your television
- When watching a television show with your child, try turning on the closed captioning channel. This shows the words the characters are speaking on the television screen. Some people find it's a good way to learn English!

STILLWATER GARDEN NEWS:

We have exciting news in the garden! This summer there were a record number of Monarch butterflies that returned to our pollinator garden/Monarch Waystation. As a result, many caterpillars were discovered enjoying the milkweed and butterfly weed. They have been moved inside, to the first-grade classrooms for observation and are currently in various stages of the

life cycle! On Friday, some 6th-grade students discovered a chrysalis attached to the railing of the gazebo.



GREEN THUMBS WANTED!

Stillwater Schoolyard After-School Garden Club

Students in 6th grade are invited to sign up for an after-school garden club that will meet throughout the fall season! If you are interested in joining others to help make our growing season in our garden space a success, then the Garden Club is the right place for you! Click on the attachment for more information and the sign-up form!



Garden Club Sign Up Form.pdf

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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 <u>colleen.hurley@stillwaterschool.net</u>

CLUBS ARE BACK!

Good News...Clubs are back this school year! Miss Radimer and Mrs. Riva will be holding several clubs throughout the school year for students both before and afterschool! The clubs this fall will be: Fall Morning Fitness (Grades K-3), Fall Morning Fitness (Grades 4-6) and The Let's B-Social Club (Grades K-2). Be on the lookout for permission slips to come home in the next two weeks!

COMMUNITY SECTION – THE FOLLOWING ARE NOT SCHOOL SPONSORED EVENTS:

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

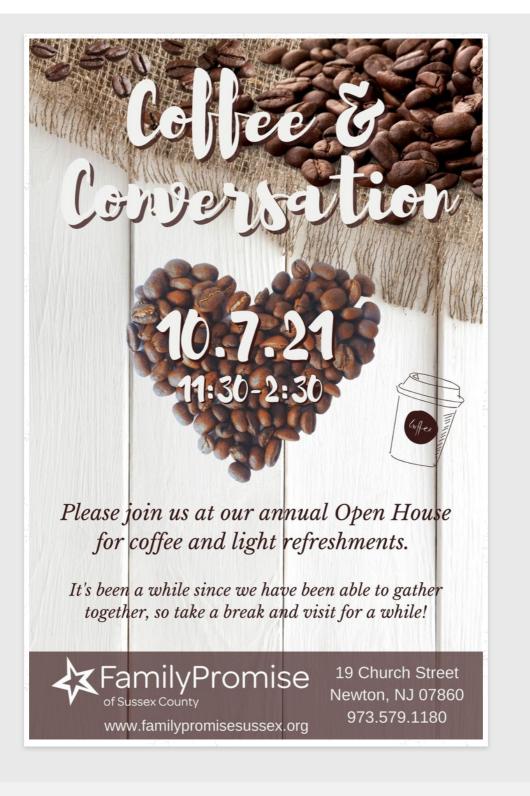
*This is NOT a School Sponsored Event

REGISTER TODAY: FAMILY PROMISE OPEN HOUSE

We are just over a week away from our Annual Open House! Please join us October 7th between 11:30 - 2:30. Whether you're familiar with our agency or are brand new, we would love to visit with you for a while! Stop by on your lunch break or stay the whole time. Either way, we hope you can make it!

Coffee and Light Refreshments will be provided by: <u>Starbucks of Franklin</u>, <u>Holland American</u> <u>Bakery</u>, <u>Savour</u>, <u>Grinds & Greens</u>, and <u>Clove Brook Market</u>! A special thank you to our incredible donors! ***Not a school sponsored event**

Register <u>HERE</u>!





YMCA Columbus Day Vacation Camp Flyer.pdf

Sussex County YMCA is offering a Vacation Camp at our facility in Hardyston on Columbus Day - Monday, October 11th!

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Fairview Lake Pig21.pdf Fairview Lake Pig Roast, Sunday, 10/3, 1-5 pm Download



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Stillwater Township invites residents, businesses, organizations & schools to join together for the 2021 Fall Paulins Kill Watershed CLEAN UP - 10/23

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The Cub Scout Pack 83 is focused on providing a platform for our youth to learn social skills, create adventures, and be involved with and learn how to give back to the community they live in. Stillwater Cub Scout Pack 83 is open to boys entering Grades K-5. Our final sign up and recruiting event before the year starts will be Friday September 17th at the community center from 6pm-8pm. Any questions please reach out to Robert Molinet 973-903-0637.

STILLWATER PTA INFORMATION:

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 <u>stillwatertwppta@gmail.com</u> 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.

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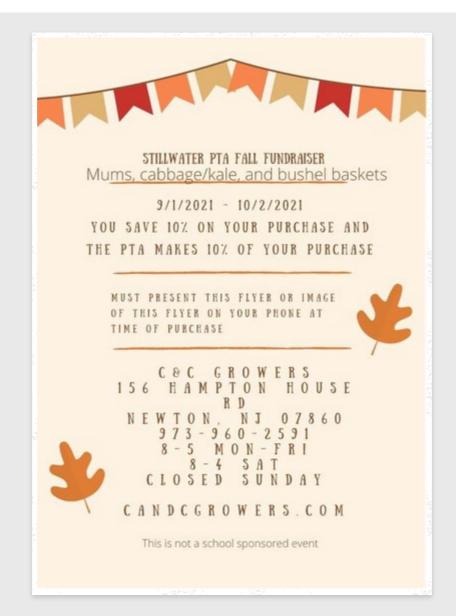


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SIXTH GRADE CLASS FUNDRAISER:

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

Dear Parents and Families: The 6th Grade Class is ready to kick off our 1st Big School Wide Fundraiser of the yearl We request that each student participate in the fundraiser and ask families to help with the our campaign. Please sell to finends, 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 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!



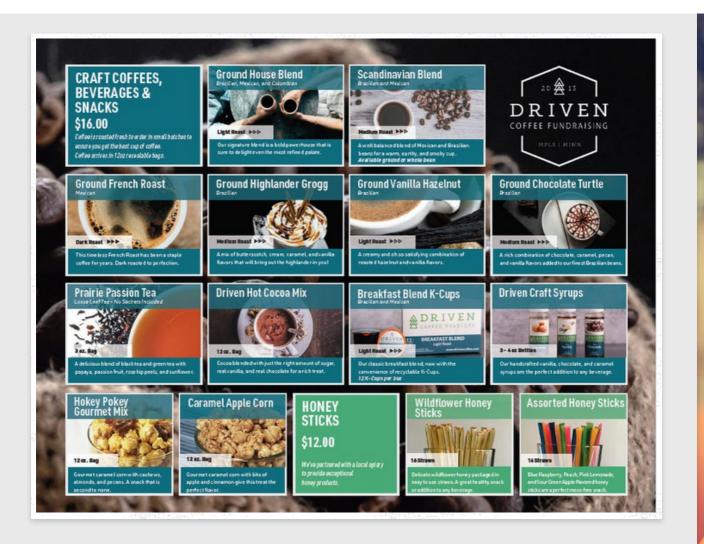
Also there is more, The Student that sells the most will win a prize!! The homeroom that sells the most will win an ice cream party!

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!



SPIRIT WEAR:

Below is the shopping link: <u>https://twentyfourink.com/collections/stillwater-school?ref=1fxdrrto0wui</u>



Stillwater PTA

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