



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

ABSENTEE CALLS: All absences must be reported directly to our dedicated attendance line **by 9:30am - 973-383-3227**. Kindly keep this number handy. **DO NOT** call the main school phone number or use the personal voice mail of our nurse, Maureen Beckman. The nurse's voice mail should be used for health concerns other than attendance.

SCHOOL HOURS: The school day is 8:25 AM until 3:00 PM for all children. **Whenever possible, ALL children should be strongly encouraged to take the bus in order to ensure that they are on time. WALKERS AND/OR CHILDREN WHO ARE DROPPED OFF BY THEIR PARENTS SHOULD NOT ARRIVE TO SCHOOL PRIOR TO 8:15 AM.**

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE: Students need to be in school every day to stay on track. Teachers' lesson plans are carefully constructed to introduce new concepts, reinforce them with learning activities, and then move on to new skills and ideas. When children aren't in school they can easily fall behind. The more days they miss, the harder it is to catch up. **Families will be contacted via a mailing after a child accumulates four unexcused absences, again when a child accumulates five to nine unexcused absences, and finally when the child has ten or more unexcused absences. Letters are automatically generated by our data system.** After ten unexcused absences, if the district determines that the compulsory attendance law has been violated, a court referral may be made, as required by district policy and New Jersey State Law (N.J.A.C. 6A:16-7.6). Please ensure that if your child is absent that you follow up with written documentation to avoid an unexcused absence. Definitions of excused absences can be found on the district website under the *Parent Resources* tab.

BUS STOP REMINDER: Parents/Guardians – It is important that you are at your child's(ren's) bus stop on time. If you have not signed a waiver stating that your child may be let off without someone present, the bus will return your child to school if a designated person is not there to receive them. **A \$25 charge is incurred by the family if the bus has to return to the school with your child(ren).**

SIGNING STUDENTS OUT: All students who are leaving the school building must be signed out by a parent/guardian or **authorized** person. If your child will not be riding the bus home (ex: staying for an after-school activity, or being picked up), a green bus note **must** be sent in that morning to the homeroom teacher. For students attending KEEP or First Impressions, or being picked up on a **regularly SCHEDULED basis**, please write that in a note (preferably on a green bus note) including the details of child's specific schedule, **bus route number**, and a contact person for our records. **Any phone calls, or email requests regarding your child's end of the day dismissal must be made before 12:00pm unless it is an emergency situation.** For requests made after 12:00pm, a decision will be made by administration as to whether or not we will be able to honor that request. Any questions, please contact Mr. Robinson or Mrs. Sager.

EARLY DISMISSAL: Early dismissal time is 12:40. There is no lunch served when there is an early dismissal. Please send your child in with a snack.

The 6th Grade Parents will be hosting the bake sale at this year's Talent Show on Friday March 24th. We need parent volunteers to bake for this wonderful event. Bagged cookies and treats, Loaf breads, etc. would be appreciated. Please contact Danielle LoCascio at dl@locascio.com if you can help.

CHILD ASSAULT PREVENTION: During the week of March 7th - March 11th, Stillwater Township School will be participating in the Child Assault Prevention (CAP) Project. The CAP project aims to prevent child assault by teaching children to recognize and deal with potentially dangerous situations, and by training teachers and parents to help prevent the victimization of children. **Students in grades 1-6 will be participating.** The program has three components: a parent program, a teacher/staff in-service and individual classroom workshops for children. Our parent program will be held on Monday, March 7th at 9:00 a.m. The workshop will include a detailed description of the children's workshop that will be held throughout the week. **A letter describing the program in more detail and a permission slip were sent home on Monday, February 22nd.** Please return the slip ONLY if you DO NOT want your child to participate in the Child Assault Prevention Project. If you plan to attend the parent workshop on Monday, March 7th at 9:00 a.m., please RSVP to Brittany Celentano at brittany.celentano@stillwaterschool.net. If you have any additional questions regarding the CAP Project, please contact Marissa Cramer at 973-383-6171.

FIRST GRADE NEWS: The first grade students have been learning about "How to" stories. They have written their own stories that sequence steps on how to do something. Check out our display in the entrance hallway and first grade wing, On the "Write" Road.

Important Dates to Remember:

- ◆ **ASLC MEETING DATES: 3/8, 3/10, 3/15, 3/22, 4/5, 4/7, 4/12**
- ◆ **PRESCHOOL PLAY: 3/8 @ 9:45AM AND 2:00PM**
- ◆ **FITNESS FOR AMERICAN RED CROSS: 3/7 - 3/11**
- ◆ **CAP PRESENTATION PARENT WORKSHOP: 3/7 @ 9AM**

ALL VISITORS TO STILLWATER SCHOOL MUST SIGN IN AT THE MAIN OFFICE UPON ARRIVAL AND SIGN OUT WHEN LEAVING.

6TH GRADE NEWS: Our 6th graders recently participated in a math contest sponsored by the New Jersey Mathematics League. As usual, our students performed very well. I am pleased to announce the names of our top-scoring students. First place was awarded to Isabel Vazquez for her outstanding score of 23. 2nd place went to Collin Amabile for his score of 19. There was a four-way tie for the 3rd place score of 17: Ashley Geydoshek, Adriana Garen, Luke Riva, and Ryan Connelly. Other students who deserve recognition for their high scores are Ryan Throne, Steven Dalling, Shannon Blide, and Justin Degan. Congratulations to all!

Stillwater School teachers planned many activities to celebrate the week-long event, "Love of Reading." The hallways were vibrantly decorated with inspirational Dr. Seuss quotes. Bulletin boards and classrooms also displayed creative student work. Students along with staff expressed their enthusiasm by participating in spirit days. The enjoyment and enthusiasm demonstrated throughout the school was simply remarkable! We are all watching for the signs of spring and looking forward to the nice warm weather!

ART NEWS: Winter is still upon us as our 5th grade art classes create beautiful birch tree landscape paintings. Students will explore various watercolor techniques including; dry brush, wash, wet on wet, resist and splatter paint. SPACE, an element of design, will be created by using the rules of landscape perspective, within their 2-dimensional designs. TEXTURE, VALUE, light & shadow will also add a realistic effect to their artwork.

Great Websites for Outdoor Spring Activities for Kids!

Enjoy the nice weather and get outside!!

Crafts, gardening and more!

<http://theimaginationtree.com/2012/04/15-spring-activities-for-kids.html>

Experiments and observations!

<http://www.parents.com/fun/activities/outdoor/nature-activities-for-kids/>

Ages 6-10!

<http://fun.familyeducation.com/children-kids/activities-games/33374.html>

FITNESS FOR THE AMERICAN RED CROSS EVENT!

When?: Friday, March 4th: During the students' lunch periods, speakers from the American Red Cross talked to the students about how their support will make a difference. Monday, March 7th – Friday, March 11th, the students may bring in a donation to the American Red Cross. Please have your child put the donation in the attached envelope that was sent home and return to one of the Health and P.E. teachers. Friday, March 11th, The Fitness for the American Red Cross Event will take place during periods 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, and 9. **Where?:** Gym – A variety of fun fitness stations will be set up for the students to do during their gym period. Example of some stations include: Sit-ups, shuttle run, jump rope activities, fun with the Dyna bands + more.

Why?: To have fun while getting exercise and also to benefit the American Red Cross. **Parent help would be greatly appreciated!! If interested, please contact Mr. Reed, Mr. Post, or Ms. Radimer ASAP. (No younger siblings, please)** We are looking forward to a great event! Thanks in advance for your help and cooperation!

FIFTH GRADE NEWS: The fifth graders are busy becoming fraction experts. Not only can they add and subtract fractions with unlike denominators, they can multiply and divide fractions as well. The students have learned how to use the butterfly method when multiplying fractions. This method helps to make the fractions easier to work with. The students are currently finishing their study of fractions with the most difficult concept which is dividing fractions. Did you know that you don't really divide fractions but instead you multiply by the reciprocal? The students have done an excellent job in mastering these very difficult skills.



Thursday, March 3rd, the third grade class got to meet a 10 week old puppy named Glacier. Glacier is a Samoyed. The Samoyed breed takes its name from the Samoyedic people of Siberia. Samoyeds have a dense, double layer coat. This dog type is used for a variety of purposes: hunting, herding, guarding, and sledding. Glacier is just like the sled dogs we read about in the book Stone Fox.

STUDENT SUBMISSION: In Miss Conry's class the 6th grade is doing many different things. We are currently in the middle of teaching the class lessons about adjectives in groups. We are also doing reading logs. Each week we have to read a certain amount of minutes and then log it in Google Classroom. Something we are going to be doing soon is reading a book in class. The book is called The Devil's Arithmetic by Jane Yolen. Other books that we're read are Holes and The Watson's Go to Birmingham - 1963.
Submitted by Lorien Lattig

STUDENT SUBMISSION: This week in school we are celebrating Dr. Seuss' birthday with activities all week long that involve reading. On Monday we wore team shirts or shirts with words. Tuesday was Hat day, Wednesday we wore red and white, Thursday was crazy sock day, and on Friday we engaged in school D.E.A.R time where the entire school dropped everything and read! Dr. Seuss is a famous writer of children's books. His real name is Theodor Seuss Geisel. He created his pen name, "Dr. Seuss" when he was in college studying at Dartmouth College and the University of Oxford. Some of the books he wrote are Fox in Sox, The Lorax, and Wacky Wednesday which are some of my favorites. I enjoyed sharing my love of reading with everyone at Stillwater School.
Submitted by Makenzie Kover

IMPORTANT MESSAGE - OneCall notifications: We will be sending out OneCall notifications throughout the school year, as needed, due to emergency closings, delays, or special announcements. **WE ARE ASKING YOU TO PLEASE CHECK YOUR PHONE FOR MESSAGES RATHER THAN CALLING THE SCHOOL FOLLOWING THE NOTIFICATION.** This will help to eliminate the volume of calls that come in to the school immediately after the message is sent. **Thank you for your cooperation!**

THE FOLLOWING ARE NOT SCHOOL SPONSORED EVENTS

COMMUNITY EVENTS

KRHS TRICKY TRAY: To benefit Project Graduation 2016, on March 18th at Kittatinny Regional High School. Doors open at 6:00 and drawing starts at 8:00. **Lots of great prizes, specials, and super specials.** Admission is free and no one under 18 is permitted. Free coffee/tea and baked goods, other food available for purchase. For more information call 973 383 1800, ext. 1140

KCAA ANNUAL BEEFSTEAK DINNER: Saturday, April 9th at the Fredon Rec Center. All you can eat and soft drinks provided for \$40.00 per ticket. Fun begins at 7pm with lots of amazing raffles and music by the Snake Oil Willie Band. No tickets sold at the door. Email questions to kittatinnyfootballassociation1@gmail.com.

EASTER EGG HUNT: Fairview Lake YMCA is hosting their annual Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, March 20th. Come early! Egg hunt times are PreK-2nd grade at 2:00pm, 3rd -6th grade at 2:30pm, and 7th grade at 3:00pm. The Easter Bunny will be hopping around camp, and there will be eggs, crafts, games and fun for the whole family! \$10.00 per family. Phone Karen King at: 973-383-9282 for further information.

6TH GRADE RECOGNITION PARTY FUNDRAISER: FRIDAY NIGHT FUN FOR KINDERGARTEN THROUGH SIXTH GRADE! Please join us on Friday, March 18th from 7:30pm – 9:00pm at All American Indoor on Route 57 in Hackettstown. Advance tickets are \$10.00 or pay \$12.00 at the door. For more information, please contact Melissa Kramer at mkramer02@yahoo.com or text/call 862-268-6227. **ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT THE SIXTH GRADE RECOGNITION PARTY!** Flyers were sent home with your child - please return with your payment. Checks should be made out to: Stillwater 6th Grade Recognition. Visit: www.allamericanindoor.com

Stillwater PTA

Please check this section of the newsletter weekly for PTA news, updates, and special events.

You can also visit our website at www.stillwatertwppta.my-pta.org. Like us on Facebook- "Stillwater Twp. PTA".*

SPRING GERTRUDE HAWK CANDY SALE: A special thank you to Jen Domaracki for chairing this fundraiser! The PTA Spring Gertrude Hawk Sale orders will be delivered on **Thursday, March 10th**. You can pick up orders, beginning at 3:15 on March 10th. Jennifer Domaracki will be available until 4 pm on that day should you have any questions. After this time, orders will be labeled in the downstairs hallway for pick-up. Thank you for your participation! Online ordering is still available through March 19th at www.gertrudehawk.com using group code **119141**. All proceeds benefit the Stillwater PTA. For questions, please contact Jennifer Domaracki at jennifer@dahlhousedesign.com.

TALENT SHOW: This year's Talent Show will be held on Thursday, March 24th from 6:30-8:30PM. Rehearsals are held every Monday, (excluding 3/14) from 4:00-5:00PM. **A mandatory Dress Rehearsal will be held on Wednesday, March 23rd from 4:00 – 5:30PM.** We are in great need of a piano player for the show. Parents are also needed to help the night of the event. If you are able to volunteer your time, please contact Justine Mahon at jmarymahon@gmail.com

TRICKY TRAY: Save the date! The Stillwater PTA Tricky Tray will be held on **Friday, April 15th, 2016**. The theme is, "The Great Outdoors". Preparations are already underway and LOTS of help is needed to make this a successful event! Please contact Christine Bello at christinebello1980@gmail.com or Karyn Carter at karyn1213@gmail.com if you are able to volunteer your time.

Class Donations- Please kindly return your envelope with your donation (suggested donation is \$5 but feel free to give what you prefer) and be sure the front of the envelope is filled out with your child's name and teacher's name. Money will be collected by the PTA and then distributed to the Class Coordinator so that they may purchase the tray/basket. Thank you all for your support!

Family Trays: Please consider donating a family tray. Each family to donate a tray will receive a free sheet of level 1 tickets!

Pre-Sale Tickets: Pre-sale ticket packages are now available- \$30 includes: 5 sheets Level 1 tickets, 6 Level 2 tickets, 2 Level 3 tickets-A \$6 savings. Please send order form and payment together in one envelope to: the PTA mailbox at school labeled: PTA-Tricky Tray Ticket Pre-Sales Attn: Jen Kraft or mailed to: Tricky Tray Pre-Sales, PO Box 12, Stillwater, NJ 07875. Checks should be made payable to *Stillwater PTA*. **ALL ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED BY APRIL 8, 2016.** Tickets will be distributed the night of the event under the contact name. For questions or more information, please contact Jen Kraft at stillwaterptacorsec@yahoo.com or (973)229-2990.

Table Reservations: \$35 per person, which includes a Ticket Value Pack. Must reserve for groups of 4 or 8 (groups of 4 will be combined to make tables of 8). Reservations are limited and taken on a first come, first serve basis so reserve soon! Full payment is required in order to book a reservation. Contact Jen Kraft at stillwaterptacorsec@yahoo.com or (973)229-2990 for questions.

PTA CHAIRPEOPLE: With the many events the PTA provides, we have several parents helping behind the scenes. Part of the job of running a PTA event is putting out flyers to the school to promote the upcoming event. These flyers must be approved by the PTA and administration. Please send all flyers via email to Kristin Oldenburg- stillwaterptapresident@yahoo.com for PTA approval and questions. Also, if you would like something submitted in the weekly newsletter regarding your event, please email your submission to Jen Kraft at stillwaterptacorsec@yahoo.com no later than Wednesday for it to be published that same Friday.

STILLWATER COOKBOOKS (\$3 each) and Stillwater School Car Magnets (\$2 each) are available for purchase! This sale is ongoing throughout the year. If you are interested in purchasing these items or if you have questions, please contact Amanda Connelly at aeconnelly@outlook.com.

SHOPAROO: Congratulations to all those who participate in the Shoparoo fundraiser! TOGETHER we earned **\$610.08** for the 2014-2015 school year!! **That was double the amount from the previous year!** Let's see if we can double it again for this school year! All of the money raised goes directly to the 6th grade Washington, D.C trip. If you haven't signed up for Shoparoo yet, please see the details below to get started. **Thank you to everyone** who is currently participating, we appreciate your support! Keep up the good work!

BOX TOPS UPDATE: Congratulations Box Top Clippers- Last year we earned our school a total of \$1,401.16! So far this year we have earned \$582.10! Keep clipping! Thank you to Mrs. Makarevich for organizing this fabulous fundraiser!

Check out some great ways to raise money for Stillwater School...

1. **Have you heard about ShopARoo?** It's an easy way to help support Stillwater School. All funds that are raised go directly to the 6th grade trip to Washington, D.C! Download: ShopARoo today and choose Stillwater School, NJ as your fundraising cause today. Just snap a picture of your grocery like receipts and start earning points (which convert to cash) for Stillwater School. **It's that easy! Really!**

2. **Keep cutting your Box Tops and Labels for Education!** Be sure to include your child's homeroom teacher when submitting.

3. **Shop at AmazonSmile!** Amazon donates 0.5% of the purchase price to 18906 Stillwater PTA. Bookmark the link <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/23-7214634> and support us every time you shop.

ShopRite stores are also giving away up to \$1 Million to local schools during the 2015-16 school year! Register your Price Plus Club card at www.ShopRiteForMySchool.com today to start earning cash for your school.

UPCOMING EVENTS: 3/24- TALENT SHOW, 4/15 – Tricky Tray

NEXT PTA MEETING: Thursday, March 10th from 7:00-8:00PM in room A119. We welcome and encourage all to attend! Please note: This will also be a Tricky Tray drop-off time.