



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. →

"THIS WEEK'S NEWSLETTER IS BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE STUDENTS OF STILLWATER SCHOOL"

STUDENT SUBMISSION: On Thursday, March 17th, a very exciting thing happened at Stillwater School and guess what that was? It was volleyball! Some teachers offered to play four games with us. I had so much fun! Here are the teachers who played with us - Mrs. Celentano, Miss Franck, Miss McGinniss, Miss Radimer, Mr. Reed, and Mr. Post. It was very exciting, and overall it was awesome! I bet everyone had as much fun as me! I enjoyed doing it, and I hope to do it again. It was the best after school activity I have ever done. I hope Pink Chocolate Chip Volleyballs, The British, MVT, and American Pride and the teachers enjoyed volleyball.

~ Submitted By *Juliana DeStefano*

STUDENT SUBMISSION: In 5th grade science, students have an at-home lab about greenhouses. They are assigned to build a greenhouse measured 15 by 15 that can hold plants. The students enjoy letting their creativity loose and helping the planet. This project is meant to teach the students about how greenhouses are made specifically to help the environment. The students are doing part 1 and part 2 at home and the rest will be done in class. One student said, "I think this will help us learn about the life cycle of plants." She's right, we learn so much about a plant's life cycle and the greenhouse effect. I think it's really important to know the importance of plants and their life. In conclusion, this is a great project and we should do this every year!

~Submitted by *Megan Hurley and Julia St. Clair*

STUDENT SUBMISSION: There are lots of spring parties happening this week at Stillwater School! On Thursday, there is going to be a party in my homeroom. There will be lots of fun things to do and there will also be lots of food and snacks to enjoy. For example, our class will be doing a spring craft and eating candy. Some classes may have Easter egg hunts or other crafts. I don't know what our craft will be, but I'm sure it will be fun. I hope all of the parents will come and enjoy our spring party!!!

~Submitted by *Ava Kraft*

Important Dates to Remember:

- ◆ **ASLC MEETING DATES: 4/5, 4/7, 4/12, 4/14, 4/19**
- ◆ **SPRING RECESS: 3/25 – 4/3, SCHOOL RESUMES 4/4**
- ◆ **SPRING PICTURES: 4/26**

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

STILLWATER TOWNSHIP SCHOOL ASSESSMENT SCHEDULE – 2016 PARCC

- Grades 3 and 4 – April 5 - 8 & 11
- Grade 5 – April 12 - 15 & 18
- Grade 6 – April 12 - 15 & 18-19
- Makeups – April 20 – 22

Grade 4 NJASK Science

May 25

Makeup – June 1

All sessions are held in the morning, so we ask for your help with the following:

- Please ensure that your child is well-rested each day.
- Start each day with a healthy and nutritious breakfast.
- Be sure that your child arrives at school by 8:25 am.
- Please encourage your child to simply try their best to help relieve any test anxiety he or she may have.
- Please keep electronic devices at home.

If you have any questions regarding assessment, please feel free to reach out to Matt Robinson, the district testing coordinator, at (973) 383-6171 or matthew.robinson@stillwaterschool.net

STUDENT SUBMISSION: Get ready for the Stillwater School Talent Show that will take place **TONIGHT**, Thursday, March 24th at 6:30 p.m. in our gymnasium. There will be a lot of different acts such as dancing and singing. It will be really fun. In the big show there will be about 30 acts. There also will be amazing music. There will be pop songs, a chant from Ghostbusters, and much more. I would recommend bringing family, friends, grandparents, and great grandparents. Spread the word that the Stillwater Talent Show is going to be a great one!

~Submitted by *Jamie Whitby*

STUDENT SUBMISSION: In fourth grade math we are learning about decimals and degrees Celsius. Slowly but surely we all are getting the hang of it. All students are improving in our work with degrees. In language arts, we are learning about poetry with Mrs. Winay's poet tree. Everyone gets to read to her tree and she says that the more we read the more it will grow. We've started learning about physical science during science class. We learned words like mixtures, solubility, solvent, solute and solution. Did you know that salt is a solute that will dissolve in water? Therefore, the water is a solvent which means it dissolves another substance. We are learning about progressives and muckrakers in social studies. I'm glad that President Theodore Roosevelt called upon Congress to form the Food and Drug Administration because otherwise our food would not be safe today!

~Submitted by *Anthony Garen*

Listed below are some jokes to enjoy during our week off...

Q. How many right angles are in a square?

A. 2, the other 2 are Left angles.

Q. What runs but never walks, has a bed but never sleeps, and has a mouth but never eats?

A. A river.

Q. Why was Mrs. Monster sewing a dress with 3 Leg holes?

A. Because her baby grew another foot.

Q. If one train Left Texas going 56 miles per hour and another train Left Canada going 74 miles per hour, which one will reach the moon first?

A. Neither because trains don't go to the moon.

Knock knock. Who's there? Who. Who who?

Nice owl impersonation.

😊 Submitted by *Patrick Halpin*



STUDENT SUBMISSION: This week the fifth grade will be doing a writing Coffee Hour! For the past few months the fifth graders in E.L.A have been reading books they choose, then the class chats about the books they have read that month and enjoy snacks and drinks. This month the fifth grade is trying something new. This month the fifth grade is writing! The fifth graders had a week to write a fictional narrative and will present their story on March 24th. The fifth graders get graded on how well they present and how well the story is written. The fifth graders are excited to present their stories!
~Submitted by Marah Whitby

STUDENT SUBMISSION: VOLLEYBALL CLUB- Hello! This is a news article informing you about what many kids did during Volleyball Club 2016. Many kids from 4th-6th grade decided to be a part of the Volleyball Club. There were 4 teams: American Pride, MVT, Pink Chocolate Chip, and The British. Every week, we played multiple games. The first week of volleyball the 6th grade lead exercises, the next week was 5th grade, and lastly it was 4th grade. That repeated for all of the 6 weeks of volleyball. The first part of exercises included activities such as touching your toes, squats, lunges, etc. Next we warmed up with sprints. The last exercise was practicing on our passes. To practice passing we played small games to help us work on our sets and bumps. After warming up, we played Volleyball games! At the beginning of each game, the server would say, "0-0!" and would hope to hit it over the net. This is the only time the serving team's front row cannot help the ball over the net. But most of all, Volleyball Club was the best 6 weeks of my life!
~Submitted by Peter Mazzola

KINDERGARTEN NEWS: As soon as St. Patrick's Day was over, the kindergarten classes jumped right into stories and activities about bunnies, baskets and spring! The children really enjoyed their spring celebrations and especially loved hunting for colorful eggs full of goodies to take home! While your child is at home next week, have them read with you every day. At this point in the year your child should be able to read through all of their "popcorn" words with little to no difficulty. Please have them keep practicing their sight words until the words just "pop" right off the page and off the tip of their tongue. We hope all of you enjoy your spring break!

TECHNOLOGY CLUB: Unfortunately, Technology Club has come to an end. Over the past five weeks, students participated in a number of activities during each weekly session. During week one, students researched various topics then created quizzes using Kahoot – a game-based learning platform that allows individuals an opportunity to create, play and share information. Students tested one another's knowledge about various topics including sports, Star Wars and the Periodic Table of Elements. Club participants used the website, www.sploder.com to create their own arcade games. Students took turns playing the games that our creative students created. Technology Club utilized various Google Apps throughout its duration. Students became familiar with Google Drawing, Google Slides and Google Docs. We were sad to see the club come to an end, but we are looking forward to next year's Technology Club.

THE FOLLOWING ARE NOT SCHOOL SPONSORED EVENTS

COMMUNITY EVENTS

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.

6TH GRADE RECOGNITION PARTY FUNDRAISER: Come join us for ICE SKATING at Skylands Ice World on April 2nd from 4-5:30pm. Tickets are \$10.00 each. To purchase your tickets, please contact Tanya Amabile at tjamabile@gmail.com or text/call 973-534-4719. **ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT THE SIXTH GRADE RECOGNITION PARTY!** Look for flyers to be sent home also.

KITTATINNY SOCCER CLUB: Competitive travel soccer program for boys and girls ages 7 – 12 years will be holding tryouts on Tuesday, May 17th and Thursday, May 19th for the upcoming Fall season. Please contact Coach Simon at simonhamilton1@gmail.com or Coach Dave at AMCCJ8@hotmail.com to register your child and visit: www.kittatinnyfootballassociation1.com for further information!

SYNERGY DANCE COMPANY FUNDRAISER: Dine at Friendly's of Newton on Thursday, March 31, 2016 to support Synergy Dance Company of Hampton and their quest to dance at Disney! Friendly's will generously donate 10% of all proceeds on your dine-in or take-out bill from 5pm – 8pm. For further information please call 973-229-1975.

2016 SUSSEX COUNTY IDOL: The search is on! We are looking for talented singers ages Kindergarten through 12th grade. Entry forms and song submission is due by Friday, April 15th to be considered. The contest will be on Sunday, May 1st from 12:00-4:00pm at Sussex County Community College. What a wonderful way to have our children shine as they share their talent with others! For more information, go to: call 973-579-1811. You can also get additional information at: www.sussexcountyidol.com/news_detail_T9_R54.php.

GET RUNNING THIS SPRING: The 2016 Bears Youth Running Program will kick off on Friday, April 8th. The program is open to children in grades 4-8 and includes running based on ability and a lot of fun games and races. The program will be held at Lodestar Park on Route 94 in Fredon every Friday through June from 4:30 to 5:30 pm. Cost is \$25 per child for the entire season. For information and registration forms, call/text Coach Laurie Gordon at 973-271-6624. Registration forms are also available in the main office.

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".*

TALENT SHOW: This year's Talent Show will be held **TONIGHT**, Thursday, March 24th from 6:30-8:30PM in the school gym. Over 25 acts, please come out and support them! The 6th grade will be providing a Bake Sale during the show. Hope to see you there!

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!

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