



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

Important Dates to Remember:

- ❖ **ASLC MEETING DATES: 4/19, 4/21, 4/26, 4/28**
- ❖ **TAKE DAUGHTERS/SONS TO WORK DAY: 4/28**
- ❖ **SPRING CONCERT: 5/17 @ 7:00PM**
- ❖ **6th GRADE RECOGNITION CEREMONY-6/14 @ 7:00PM**
- ❖ **LAST DAY OF SCHOOL: 6/15**

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.

NEW JERSEY MATH LEAGUE: The official results for the 6th grade contest have been posted! Our students participated in this competition in February, and now that all participating schools have submitted their scores, we can proudly announce that Stillwater School's 6th graders tied for 2nd place in our region (Sussex County)! There is more exciting news, as well - Isabel Vazquez is being recognized for being in a 1st place tie for top student in our region! Congratulations to Isabel and the rest of our 6th graders for a job well done!

SECOND GRADE NEWS: Recently the second grade explored Space. Our focus was the earth, sun, and moon. All of the students wrote an interesting story about themselves based on the phrase "Once In A Blue Moon". The children explored the phases of the moon, too. We used an Oreo cookie to "eat" our way through the main moon phases we see in the sky. Afterwards, the students read literature, such as The Moon Book by Gail Gibbons, to review important facts. During our two weeks of space, second grade created moon rocks. It is a secret formula that produces a special type of rock just like one that may be found on our moon! The children used their rocks to write descriptive sentences that focused on many of the skills we have learned this year in writing. It was an exciting exploration!

B-ACTIVE NEWS: The **B-Active Club** met for the first time yesterday. The students had a blast participating in a "Dice Roll" relay and an egg race. They also enjoyed the challenge of solving a mystery picture with a partner. The club is for students in grades 3-6 and will meet on Wednesdays during April and May.

Maureen Riva and Ruth Najemian

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

Spring Portraits will be held during the day on Tuesday, April 26. Schoolcraft order forms were sent home with students this week. If you choose to have your child's photo taken, complete the order form and enclose payment. **HAVE YOUR CHILD BRING THE ORDER FORM/ENVELOPE TO SCHOOL ON THE DAY PHOTOS WILL BE TAKEN.** If you have any questions, please call the main office.

MUSIC NEWS: Students in grades one and two learn many different parameters of music. These essential concepts continue on through each grade and help students to build more music skills like playing an instrument or singing in choir. In the early elementary levels, many schools use a book series called Freddie the Frog. These books, along with flash cards, music, lessons and interactive technology games aid students in learning more about music. The first and second graders have sung with Freddie and his elephant friend Eli to practice using a good singing voice and matching pitch. The books also teach about "Treble Clef Island" which translates to the placement of notes on the music staff. In the most recent book we read, students have practiced reading rhythms and moving to a steady beat at different tempos or speeds. These music terms as well as rhythm and note reading will set students up for much more success in the future. It's a fun way to learn and create connections between imagination and music fundamentals.

KINDERGARTEN NEWS: Spring has finally sprung and the kindergarten classes are learning about all things spring! This includes learning about insects, flowers, seeds and plants. The kindergarten teachers have noticed that, just like the blooming spring flowers, the children's ability to read and write is blooming! Please help us nurture their growth by encouraging them to read and write at home as often as possible as they get ready for first grade.

STUDENT SUBMISSION: In 4th grade language arts we are learning about poetry and onomatopoeia. We have been reading to a poetry tree which is supposed to make it grow. Students made a pop tent that has poetry tickets to show what the poem was about (ex. metaphor). We would read a poem and fill out the ticket with what types of figurative language were being used. Some poetry books had rhyming, metaphor, simile, and onomatopoeia. We got to make our own poem about our favorite candy. Poetry was the best unit we have ever learned about!
~Submitted by Ava Kraft and Juliana DeStefano

STUDENT SUBMISSION: The New Garden at Stillwater School - We are trying to build a new garden at Stillwater School. Teachers will be able to take their students outside to teach their class. One way to fund the project is through a grant. We are trying to get the Seeds for Change grant, but you have to vote. You can vote on Stillwater's website. If you go to the Stillwater website and scroll down there will be two paragraphs and in the second paragraph there will be the website link. Just click on it and then you can vote for our school. There are different ways that you can vote.

There are four ways to vote

- One way is to go to Stillwater's website on GOOGLE CHROME
- The second way is to go to the website on GOOGLE CHROME
- The third way is to go on to the Stillwater School website on INTERNET EXPLORER
- The fourth way is to go on the website on INTERNET EXPLORER

If you are wondering what the website for the garden is, well it is <https://www.seedsofchange.org/>.

We at Stillwater School need you to vote so please vote as many times as you can! You need to start to vote because only a few schools will win. Some schools will get \$20,000 and other schools will get \$10,000! Let's work together by voting in hopes that we get \$20,000 toward our garden!

Submitted by Brian Babcock and Anthony Garen

STUDENT SUBMISSION: We recently had our first week of SEEK and are soon to have our second. SEEK is teaching certain children how to make compromises and work together to solve problems. Our first week was amazing yet so challenging. Our first activity was trying to get in birthday order without talking. It was hard but super fun! Most of us can't wait to go back! Thanks to Mr. Reed who selected us, and thanks to Ms. Julie and the rest of Fairview Lake Camp for letting us participate in this wonderful program! ~Submitted by Maddy Simmons

THE FOLLOWING ARE NOT SCHOOL SPONSORED EVENTS

COMMUNITY EVENTS

KITTATINNY SOCCER CLUB: Competitive travel soccer program for boys and girls ages 7 – 12 years will be holding try outs 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.kittatinnysoccer.bonzidev.com for further information!

2016 SUSSEX COUNTY IDOL: The search is on! We are looking for talented singers ages kindergarten through 12th grade. Entry forms and song submission are 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.sussexcountychamber.org/news_detail_T9_R54.php.

***Stillwater Recycling Center Events*:** Clean-Up Day will be held on Saturday, April 23, 2016; rain date Sunday, April 24th. A **FREE** tire drop off will be held on April 23rd and April 24th, limit of 4 tires. **FREE** tree seedlings will be given out at the Center on April 23rd and April 24th; and a **FREE** "Shred It Day" will be held on Saturday, April 23rd from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Bring your tires and shredding and pick up your free seedling! For more information please call the Stillwater Municipal Building at (973)383-9484.

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".*



TRICKY TRAY: The Stillwater PTA Tricky Tray is **TONIGHT, Friday, April 15th, 2016**. Doors open at 6:00pm. The theme is, "The Great Outdoors". Please contact Christine Bello at christinebello1980@gmail.com or Karyn Carter at karyn1213@gmail.com for questions. We hope to see you there!

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 stillwaterptacoresec@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.
4. **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: 4/15 – Tricky Tray