



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.

STUDENT SUBMISSION: Get ready to plant trees because Arbor Day is coming up. Each year 3 billion to 6 billion trees are chopped down. We need to save rain forests and other trees. That's why on Arbor Day we plant trees. The Arbor Day Foundation tells us to plant trees. I suggest to give trees all the care they need. Without trees, there would be no food, climate or air so it's important to take care of them just like they take care of us. Save the trees by planting a tree on Arbor Day. We love trees!
~Submitted by Colin Webb

STUDENT SUBMISSION: S-P-E-L-L-I-N-G B-E-E! Yes, that's right the Spelling Bee is finally here, and the fourth grade has already picked their fifteen students to compete in the second round of our Spelling Bee. Five students from each fourth grade homeroom have been picked. The fifteen students that will advance to Round Two are Peyton Saul, Julie DeStefano, Anthony Garen, Jacob Autore, Jamie Whitby, Yuki Wykoff, Mia Vazquez, Makenzie Kover, Colin Webb, Peter Mazzola, Olivia Stanwick, Rachel Kline, Hunter Thibault, Brooke Nelson and Sophia Molfetto. This Friday, April 22nd, we will have the second round, or the 4th grade spelling bee, in Mrs. Winay's 4th grade classroom. In the second round ten people will be eliminated until there are only five, 4th grade contestants left. Then on May 12th the school Spelling Bee will be held in the gymnasium at 1:30. Contestants in 4th, 5th, and 6th grade will compete as their classmates watch and cheer them on. I can't wait!
~Submitted by Makenzie Kover

STUDENT COUNSELING CORNER: What a great year of lunch clubs!!! The students enjoyed coming to lunch in the B Social Lounge once a week. We talked about many topics and increased our social skills, peer relations, and positive behavior. The last day of lunch club we celebrate with each student bringing a guest to the lounge. I enjoy working with the great students at Stillwater School.
~ Ruth Najemian

Important Dates to Remember:

- ❖ **ASLC MEETING DATES: 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**

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

Spring Portraits will be held during the day on Tuesday, April 26. Schoolcraft order forms were sent home with students last 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.

FIRST GRADE NEWS: The tadpoles have arrived! We will be observing how they grow and change over the next month. The children have learned about the lifecycle and parts of a frog. Hop on down to the first grade hallway to check out our frog art. Ribbit, Ribbit!

FIFTH GRADE SCIENCE STUDENT SUBMISSION: The Fifth Grade had to do a lab where we had to engineer a greenhouse that would grow a plant in the winter. We recently tested them and the majority of the greenhouses worked! There are many different ideas that are shown in the creativity of the greenhouses. The Fifth Grade had the choice of planting hot peppers, tomatoes or beans. We hope to see sprouts soon!
Submitted by: Reagan DeCaro



THIRD GRADE NEWS: This week the third graders are wrapping up their science unit about the Earth's changes. We spent time learning about the layers of the earth, weathering, erosion, volcanoes, earthquakes and hurricanes. As a part of one of our volcano lessons, students were able to create a model volcano and an eruption too! You can try this at home as well. All you need is a water bottle, baking soda and vinegar. Below is a picture of some of the students in Miss Parsons' class erupting their volcanoes.

STUDENT SUBMISSION: In sixth grade social studies, we are learning about Ancient China. So far, we learned about the Han Dynasty, the Zhou Dynasty, and the inventions in both dynasties. On May 2nd, we will be doing a Chinese artifact museum with the other 6th grade classes. I can't wait for May 2nd to share this project with my classmates.
~Submitted by Michael Mazzola

STUDENT SUBMISSION: Earth Day is something we should all take part in. The first year Earth Day was celebrated was in 1970. If you didn't know, Earth Day is celebrated every April 22nd. Some things you can do on Earth Day are recycle, plant a tree, or reuse something. All of these things you can do on a daily basis, and you should. Now that you know a little about Earth Day you should do something to help the planet we call home.
~Submitted by Delaney Burke



CHECK IT OUT: Is your child having a difficult time writing their uppercase and lowercase letters? Check out these great apps to help improve your child's handwriting!

- Little Writer – The Tracing App for Kids – \$0.99 - \$1.99
- iTrace - \$3.99 (try iTrace Lite for free)

KITTATINNY REGIONAL PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST: Students in grades 3-6 have begun to take part in the Kittatinny Regional Physical Fitness Test. This is a district wide fitness assessment that students will participate in from third through eighth grades. The results of the fitness test will be used to measure student growth throughout the years that they are tested. The five fitness events that students will be measured in are: sit-ups, push-ups, shuttle run, sit and reach, and one mile run. Students have the opportunity to earn a gold certificate by meeting or exceeding the standard in all five events. A silver certificate can be achieved by meeting or exceeding the standard in three or four of the events. Standards are determined by the student's age and gender. All students are encouraged to set their own personal fitness goals and most importantly to try their best! Each of these events can be practiced outside of school with no equipment necessary so we encourage all students and their families to give it a try!

~Mr. Post, Mr. Reed, Ms. Radimer

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!

***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.

KMFL YOUTH FOOTBALL/CHEERLEADING: REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!! Registration is online only at www.kittatinnyfootball.com. NFL FLAG Football available to ages 5-8. Deadline to Register: June 1st. Football Questions: Kyle Nelson [973-271-2307](tel:973-271-2307). Cheer Questions: Tonya Fleszar: [973-534-6943](tel:973-534-6943) or tonyafitness@yahoo.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".*

TRICKY TRAY: WOW!!! Did you attend this year's Tricky Tray?? If not, you missed out on another fantastic night. It was AMAZING!!! Thank you so much to Christine Bello and Karyn Carter for organizing this very profitable event. Thank you Jen Kraft for all your work with the pre-sale tickets/tables. Thank you to all of the parents, grandparents, friends, teachers, staff & administrators for all of your help on Tricky Tray day. All profits earned go to provide incredible things for our children.

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK: Teacher Appreciation week is **May 2-6, 2015**. Homeroom Coordinators- if you have any questions or concerns regarding planning and coordinating during that week, please contact Justine Mahon at jmarymahon@gmail.com.

The PTA will be hosting its annual appreciation luncheon to honor our teachers and staff on **Wednesday, May 4th, 2015**. We are looking for parents to help with set-up, clean-up, and help during the luncheon. We are also in need of food donations (i.e; sandwiches, hot dishes, salads, drinks, desserts, etc.). If you are able to help, please contact Meredith Reilly at mreilly32@yahoo.com.

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.
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: 5/4- Teacher Appreciation Luncheon, 5/24-5/26- Spring BOGO Book Fair