



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.

MUSIC NEWS: Music News – This year's Spring Concert will be taking place on Tuesday, May 17th at 7pm in the Stillwater gym. The groups performing this year are all of Grade 6, all of Grade 3, Beginning Band, Advanced Band and Handbell Ensemble. Students should all be dressed nicely for their performance. Please try to avoid jeans and sneakers. Students in Beginning Band will be reporting to the cafeteria by 6:15pm. Advanced Band students will arrive at 6:15pm and report to the band room. All other students should go to their homeroom (or Music/Health room if in Handbells) at 6:30pm. Please have students arriving on time for attendance and preparations before the concert begins. All the students have been working hard and are excited to share their talents with you. Hope to see you there!

JUNIOR PHYSICS OLYMPICS: On April 21st, four dedicated science enthusiasts participated in a physics competition. Evan Raposo, Katie Williver, Abbie Ankrom, and Megan Halpin dedicated time and energy to build towers made out of spaghetti, airplanes that could fly 50 feet, light towers that could hold 1,000 grams, and a car that would move with rubber bands. While we received Honorable Mention for 3 of the events, Abbie and Megan came in 3rd place for their tower that held up 1,000 grams. They represented wonderfully with great sportsmanship, effort, and application of science. A huge congratulations goes to them as they did an incredible job! Be proud! *~Mrs. McMahon*

KINDERGARTEN NEWS: What a marvelous May so far! In the beginning of the month, the Kindergarten children were busy pouring their love into projects for Mother's Day. We are also counting down the days until first grade as we are wrapping up our "Letter of the Week" program. Knowing all the letters and their corresponding sounds is one of the keys to becoming a skilled and fluent reader. Next week, the kindergarten classes are taking a field trip to the Sussex County Fair Grounds. They will be visiting learning stations that correspond with the recent classroom theme, "Down on the Farm."

Important Dates to Remember:

- ❖ **SPELLING BEE: 5/12**
- ❖ **SPRING CONCERT: 5/17 @ 7:00PM**
- ❖ **NJASK FOR SCIENCE – 5/25 FOURTH GRADE ONLY**
- ❖ **FIELD DAY: 6/2, RAIN DATE: 6/3**
- ❖ **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.

NEWS FROM THE NURSE: On April 26th, I had the pleasure of attending the grand opening of the new Zufall Community Health Center on Spring St. in Newton. The facility is beautiful and appears to be well equipped. Medical and dental services will be provided to adults and children. The center welcomes Medicaid, Medicare, NJ Family Care, and private insurance. Patients without insurance are charged fees based on income. Please pass this on to anyone you know who has been having difficulty accessing medical or dental care. You can read more about Zufall on their website; <http://www.zufallhealth.org/>. The telephone number at the Newton location # is 973 862-6650. *~Mrs. Beckman*

FIRST GRADE NEWS: We have planted a garden in First Grade! The children have been learning about plants. They can identify the parts of a plant and their usefulness to our planet. We have planted seeds in our class garden and are eagerly awaiting them to sprout.

5TH GRADE NEWS: The fifth graders recently competed in a Math League Competition. Students were given thirty minutes in which to complete 30 very challenging Math questions. Our fifth graders performed very well. Our first place winner was Ariana Begraft who scored 23 correct corrections. In second place there was a three way tie between Austin Babcock, Reagan Decaro and Clare Schwartz who scored 20 correct questions. Third place was Carissa Roycroft with 18 correct questions. Ashley Smith, Caedon Jones, and Ashley Gordon each scored 17 correct questions and tied for fourth place. Congratulations to our winners and to all the fifth graders for completing this difficult challenge.

¡CINCO DE MAYO! This week we celebrated *Cinco de Mayo* here at school, on Thursday, May 5th! 5th grade Pinwheel students created El Museo Mexicano – a Mexican Museum, displayed on a table in the cafeteria. During all lunch periods students visited "El Museo Mexicano" to learn about famous Mexican artists and view their work. The cafeteria was decorated with artwork created in Art classes.

All students learned about the history of this holiday, why it is important to Mexican people, and how it is celebrated in the United States. Students enjoyed a special lunch of chicken and cheese quesadillas. It was also lucky sticker day! Mariachi music was playing throughout the week during all Spanish class periods! It was certainly a terrific way to celebrate! *~Señora Makarevich*

STUDENT SUBMISSION: This week our class was able to present a fantastic museum revolving around the topic of Ancient China. Students were given about two weeks to study and design an exhibit on one of the assortment of Ancient China related topics, including but not limited to: Chinese dragons, The Valley of the Ming Tombs, the Chinese Silk Road, Yin Yang, and many more. This week's museum had many interactive exhibits, and was filled with information. These studious students had really showed their stripes in making an interesting and exciting museum for all to see.

~Submitted by: Izzie Vazquez

ART NEWS: The art room is a busy place this time of the year! Our students have been completing assignments, organizing portfolios, making decorations for the spring concert and creating Mexican inspired works of art for our Cinco de Mayo celebration. Activities have included designing Mexican symbols and pattern, with techniques in weaving, painting and metal tooling. Decorations were displayed in the all-purpose room creating a festive display for the Mexican holiday.

Happy Mothers Day

to ALL the MOTHERS out there whether you are a Past, Present or Soon To be Moms. May your day be filled with love, joy and laughter..



STUDENT SUBMISSION: *Jokes by Patrick Halpin*

Why did the chicken cross the park?
To get to the other slide.

What did one shark say to the other shark?
"I am o-fish-o-Ly a plumber."

Why are fish so smart?
Because they live in schools.

How many right-angles are in a square?
2. the other 2 are left-angles.

What is black and white and read all over?
Yesterday's newspaper or a zebra with sunburn.

What do cats read in the morning?
Mews-paper.

Knock knock.
Who's there?
Interrupting cow.
Interrupting c -. (Do not let them finish)
Mooo, Mooooooo. Moooo.

STUDENT SUBMISSION: BE THANKFUL FOR YOUR MOTHER, SHE DOES MANY THINGS FOR YOU. ON MOTHER'S DAY, GET YOUR MOM SOMETHING SPECIAL FOR HER SPECIAL DAY! Don't forget Mother's Day is Sunday, 5/8!

Submitted by Juliana DeStefano

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.kittatinnyoccer.bonzidev.com for further information!

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

THE KITTATINNY BARRACUDAS SWIM TEAM: Now accepting registrations for swimmers ages 5-18. Practices will be at the Kittatinny Regional High School Natatorium, rain or shine, weekdays from June 20 – July 30 during the following times: 13-18 year olds - 8:00-8:45 AM or 6:45-7:30 PM, 9-12 year olds - 8:45-9:30 AM or 6:00-6:45 PM, 5-8 year olds - 9:30-10:00 AM or 5:30-6:00 PM (Practice times may change to accommodate our registration)

Membership is limited on a first come basis. Returning swimmers may download a registration form from our website and return postmarked by Thursday, May 5. All others should attend our **In Person Registration Night on Monday, May 9th** at Kittatinny Regional High School, Pool Lobby 6:30-8:30PM. *New swimmers should come prepared to be skill tested in the pool. Please bring, suits, goggles, towels, caps, etc... For registration forms or more information, visit www.barracudasswimteam.org

STILLWATER TOWNSHIP'S MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCES: Please join your neighbors this Memorial Day on Monday May 30, 2016 at 10:00am to honor and remember all those who have served our country to ensure our rights and liberties as Americans. The observance will take place at the Stillwater Presbyterian Church on Main Street in Stillwater, where an Ecumenical service will take place. It will be followed by a wreath placing ceremony at Veterans Memorial Park on Pond Brook Road. All veterans are encouraged to participate. If you have any questions please call 579 6402.

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".*

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK: Thank you to our wonderful teachers & staff for all that you do throughout the year! We hope you all had an extra special week! A special thank you to Meredith Reilly for organizing the Teacher Appreciation Luncheon! Thank you also to Stacy Harvey, Sheila Goedeke, Amanda Connelly, Kristina Quinn, Jessie Goytil, Denise Castner, Irene Fuchs, Penny Bair, and Lorenna Da Rocha for your help throughout the day. Thank you to all of the parents who donated food...what a fantastic spread!

MOTHER'S DAY FLOWER SALE: Thank you to Kristin Oldenburg for coordinating the Mother's Day Flower Sale this week! Thank you also to the parents who helped work the sale and to Fredon Farms for supplying us with the flowers!

SPRING BOGO BOOK FAIR: The upcoming Spring Book Fair will be held **May 24th-26th (after school hours only) from 3:00-6:00PM** in the B-Social lounge. All books are BUY ONE GET ONE FREE so this is a great opportunity to stock up on some new books! Help is needed for set-up on May 24th (8:30AM), during the sale, and packing up on May 26th (6:00PM). If you are able to volunteer some time, please contact Jen Kraft at stillwaterptacoresec@yahoo.com or Arlean Konar at stillwaterrecsec@yahoo.com.

FATHER'S DAY EVENT (BASEBALL GAME): Show Dad how much you love him & take him out to a ball game at the Sussex County Minors baseball stadium on **Saturday, June 11th at 7:05PM**. Tickets are just \$10 each. Please contact Trish Hendershot for questions or more info at thendershot@embarqmail.com or text (973)670-4659.

Thank you to Trish for organizing this fun event!

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 -This year we have earned our school a total of **\$1,002.60!** 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: 5/24-5/26- Spring BOGO Book Fair, 6/11- Father's Day Event (Baseball Game)

NEXT PTA MEETING: Please join us on Thursday, May 12th from 7:00-8:30PM in room A119. This is an important meeting as it will relate to the upcoming PTA elections