



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: 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!

LIBRARY NEWS: We have been busy in the library as the school year has been winding down! Younger grades have been reading and enjoying new books from the Junior Library Guild selection every month. Fourth and fifth graders have been using Animoto, an online video application, to create book commercials for their favorite picture books. Fifth and sixth graders have also been preparing for the Battle of the Books competition. The fifth grade battle will take place on 5/18 and the sixth grade battle will take place on 5/24. The top two teams from each grade will compete at the district battle in Hampton on 5/31.

Important Dates to Remember:

- ◆ **SPRING CONCERT: 5/17 @ 7:00PM**
- ◆ **MOVE UP DAY: 5/24**
- ◆ **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.

6th GRADE ACTIVITY NIGHT: The last Activity Night of the school year is on Friday, May 20th, at Kittatinny from 7pm-9pm. Information about the night as well as a permission slip was sent home with your child. If interested in going, please return your permission slip and money to the Health and P.E. teachers ASAP!
~Mr. Reed, Ms. Radimer, and Mr. Post

2016 Spelling Bee



Congratulations to all 15 finalists who made it to the Spelling Bee Championship!

- 4th Grade:** Julie DeStefano, Anthony Garen, Makenzie Kover, Olivia Stanwick, Jamie Whitby
5th Grade: Austin Babcock, Josh Cornman, Troy Costlow, Hazel Fronczkowski, Carissa Roycroft
6th Grade: Shannon Blide, Lorien Lattig, Arin Goriscak, Michael Mazzola, Izzie Vazquez

Spelling Bee Winners ~ 2016

- 1st Place – Izzie Vazquez
- 2nd Place – Hazel Fronczkowski
- 3rd Place – Arin Goriscak
- 4th Place – Josh Cornman
- 5th Place – Austin Babcock

These top five finalists will advance to the District-Wide Spelling Bee Championship to be held at KRHS on June 2nd, 2016 at 7pm.

A very special thank you to the Stillwater School PTA for supporting this program once again this year! The students performed well and we are proud of their achievement!

This year students who participated in the semi-final round (2nd round in their grade level) received a super speller pencil. Finalists received t-shirts, spelling bee pins, and certificates. The top 3 winners received medals, Barnes and Noble gift cards and certificates for their place. The top 5 finishers received additional "spelling bee" pins for their accomplishments.

PRESCHOOL NEWS: The preschool children are looking forward to counting down the last 26 days of school with the ABC's. They will focus on a different letter of the alphabet each day until June 15th, completing an alphabet assignment along with a fun activity beginning with the letter of the day. A is for Awesome Art, B is for Bubbles, C is for Crazy Hair and D is for Dance Party! We can't wait. We are also excited for Preschool Graduation, Field Day and our big trip to The Land of Make Believe. Let the countdown begin!

KINDERGARTEN NEWS: The kindergarten classes went on their much anticipated field trip today. We visited the Sussex County Fairgrounds and attended a program called "Down on the Farm." The children rotated to different stations to learn about life on a farm. It was a wonderful day! We are also working very hard reinforcing all the skills we have learned this school year – addition, subtraction, writing and reading.

SIXTH GRADE RESEARCHERS: Sixth graders have begun their research project in Language Arts. They have all chosen a topic and are researching and preparing their presentations. They have learned about plagiarism, note-taking, citations, bibliographies, how to choose a valuable and reliable source, and designing a visual aid for their presentation. Each student was able to choose a topic of interest to them and are learning more information on it every day!

STUDENT SUBMISSION: Stillwater's annual spelling bee was on May 12th. The sixth grade narrowed down to five contestants who went into the finals. Arin Goriscak, Michael Mazzola, Lorien Lattig, Shannon Blide, and Isabel Vazquez are the lucky five that got to compete. I have asked for the secrets behind these fantastic spellers. Arin Goriscak states, "I don't actually study but I read so much that I pick up on the spellings of the harder words." Lorien Lattig says, "I don't study." So, as you can see, these two girls have very different strategies on how to be a good speller. However, these girls are still very successful spellers. It was an interesting competition! **Submitted by: Arin Goriscak**

STUDENT SUBMISSION: Recently, Stillwater School had the pleasure of learning and having fun. We were taught about the problems of global warming and landfills and were taught many different ways that we can help to make the earth cleaner and reduce, reuse and recycle our trash! I asked kids how they rate the assembly and I got one answer from everyone I asked, "This assembly was 5 stars." I can't wait to have this again. **Submitted by: Trent Molfetto**

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.kittatinnyssoccer.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

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.stillwaterwppta.my-pta.org. Like us on Facebook- "Stillwater Twp. PTA".*

PTA ELECTIONS: The PTA Board of Officers has 3 vacant positions available- President, Vice-President, and Treasurer. Each position is a 1 year term effective July 1st, 2016 through June 30th, 2017. If interested in running for one of these positions, please contact Kristin Oldenburg at stillwaterptapresident@yahoo.com NO LATER than May 27th, 2016. All inquires must be a PTA member in good standing.

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 stillwaterptacorsec@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 Miners 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 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 -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, 6/3 – Mother/Son Game Night, 6/11- Father's Day Event (Baseball Game)