



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.

6TH GRADE ACTIVITY NIGHT: The last Activity Night of the school year is **TONIGHT**, Friday, May 20th, at Kittatinny from 7pm-9pm. Information about the night as well as a permission slip was sent home with your child. **Mr. Reed, Ms. Radimer, and Mr. Post**

FOURTH GRADE LANGUAGE ARTS NEWS: Fourth grade students recently completed a research project in class. Students chose a book that they have read and selected a character from the story to take on an imaginary vacation. Students used the writing process to create a report on a country that they found interesting. The list of countries included Canada, Germany, Bahamas, Italy, and many more. Using the internet students recorded interesting facts about the country they selected. Students reported on the country's population, capital city, currency, language, and flag. Each student researched three main attractions to visit. One attraction was selected as the favorite place to visit. Students read about shopping opportunities, famous restaurants, and unique activities to explore in that country. The final report was published on four paper sections and the pieces were glued together to create a suitcase. Students used their art skills to draw a picture on the report. Everyone enjoyed sharing their reports in class.

Come join us for a fun time at the Stillwater School End of the Year Dance. All 4th – 6th graders are invited to attend on Friday, June 10th from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Admission is \$5. All proceeds will benefit the Stillwater School's Greenhouse Project.

Important Dates to Remember:

- ❖ **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.

THIRD GRADE NEWS: This has been a busy week for third graders. They had a delightful time singing and playing their recorders at the concert Tuesday night. We have been studying rocks and minerals during the past two weeks. Students have learned about minerals, the three categories of rocks, and completed experiments in our rocks and minerals kits. In addition to learning about rocks and minerals, students went on our class trip to Franklin Mineral Museum, (*"The Fluorescent Mineral Capital of the World"*). Students went on a guided tour of mineral specimens, fossils, cultural artifacts, saw a mine replica, and collected rocks from Buckwheat Mineral Dump. What a fun and exciting week!

JUNIOR SOLAR SPRINTS: On May 17th, our Junior Solar Sprints team performed very well at the culminating race at KRHS. Two of our teams placed 12th and 14th out of 60 cars participating. "Salt and Pepper", built by Megan Halpin and Izzie Vazquez, placed third in the category "Use of Recyclable Materials". "The Efficiency", built by Aylia Mahon and Abby LoCascio, placed first in the category "Engineering". These two teams will be going on to compete further in the Inter-County Final Race in Florham Park on Monday, May 23rd. Congratulations to all team members for an awesome performance!

MUSIC NEWS: A big congratulations goes out to all of the students who participated in this week's Spring Concert! Everyone one did a wonderful job and the school and community are so proud of what you have accomplished. Both bands have come such a long way and performed with great sound. The third grade students sang a fun upbeat song and played their recorders well. The students in sixth grade stepped up in a wonderful way, performing with good tone while they sang and performed sign language fluently. The Handbell Ensemble rang with joy and was fantastic. Thank you to everyone who volunteered and helped make this concert a success. And thank you to everyone who came to support the music program in our school and all the students involved. It was a fabulous evening!

Here are some tips that can enhance your studying skills:

1. **Eliminate distractions.** Designate a specific place to study and make the area organized, well lit, and quiet.
2. **Make it a habit.** Schedule study time and include it in your daily routine like eating and sleeping.
3. **Take a moment to relax.** Find a healthy way to recharge your mind and body after a long day of school and studying.
4. **Eat right.** Eat the right amount of nutritious food at the right time to keep a steady flow of energy to maintain your mood to study.

TECHNOLOGY: This year the fourth, fifth, and sixth graders began using Google Classroom. This is a bulletin board type webpage where teachers can post assignments, questions and resources. In utilizing this new concept, the students learned Google Docs, Slides and Drawing programs that are simpler and more reliable for student use. The fifth and sixth grade just completed a presentation on the United States Constitution and Greek & Roman Gods and Goddesses. The fourth graders utilized Google Drawing by creating poster reports, the topics included famous scientists and immigration into the U. S. through Ellis Island. Our students' work was amazing and Google encouraged it through easier and simpler software. The results far exceeded the expectations of the assignment in all cases when using Google this year.

STUDENT SUBMISSION: The 5th grade Language Arts classes are currently making comic strips. While reading the novel, Maniac Magee, kids are creating a comic that tells a part of the story! Many students are enjoying it because it gives them a break from traditional writing!
Submitted by Jackson Choma & Andrew Nykaza

SIXTH GRADE NEWS: Recently the 6th graders took place in an interactive museum. With Chinese instrumental music playing in the background, students toured through various artifacts from Ancient China and completed a scavenger hunt as they walked through the items and looked through clues. The best part if all, the items in the museum were made by the students! Each child put in the research and time to create a special artifact at home. A few of the items displayed were, The Valley of Ming Tombs, The Making of Silk, Chinese Fans, Terracotta Soldiers, Yin Yang, The Silk Route, and many more!! I couldn't be more proud of the students who helped our museum come alive. I look forward to doing this with our 6th graders next year, as well.
~Mrs. Steffens

STUDENT SUBMISSION: Battle of the Books! We previously had the Battle of the Books competition. We had to answer questions in groups after reading all of the books. It was very interesting and fun! We practiced really hard week after week to prepare. All of our hard work really paid off! Great job 5th and 6th graders! **Submitted by Emily Popek and Carissa Roycroft**

STUDENT SUBMISSION: In fourth grade social studies we are learning about World War I and World War II! World War I started in 1914 and ended in 1918. There were the Central Powers and the Allied Powers. Germany, Austria-Hungary, and Turkey or the Ottoman Empire made up the Central Powers. Great Britain, Russia, and France made up the Allied Powers, but America joined the war in 1917. Although some European countries stayed neutral in that time of war. In the end of those four long years the Allies won the war. After the war, the Allies created a statement called the Versailles Treaty. The Treaty made Germany pay millions of dollars to the Allies at the end of the war. But then when you thought that it all ended Adolf Hitler rose up from the ashes of Germany and made the country powerful again. Germany, Italy, and Japan started to attack countries, but the Allies just tried to stay out of it. Then when Germany attacked Poland, Great Britain and Russia came to help. In 1941, Japan attacked an important naval base called Pearl Harbor and killed many soldiers and sailors. In 1944, the Allies stormed the beaches of Normandy, France. Then in 1945 the war ended and the Allies yet again won the war. **Submitted by James Whitby**

STUDENT SUBMISSION: Students in third, fifth and sixth grade participated in our school's spring concert. They sang along with the beginning band and advanced band. In beginning band we played American Spirit March. It is really fun playing in the beginning band. I play the trombone and my friend Madison plays the saxophone. The third grade played their recorders and sang a song. The fourth grade had a lot of fun playing with each other. There were also the hand bells, and they had some great songs to perform. When the band was practicing we didn't sound that good, but when we came together we sounded pretty good. There was some squealing from the instruments, but that didn't matter. For the American Spirit March there were a lot of songs combined into one song. Third grade did a nice job with their recorders. The beginning band had a lot of fun working together. I hope that all the fourth graders are in band next year! **Submitted by Madison Franek and Brian Babcock**

THE FOLLOWING ARE NOT SCHOOL SPONSORED EVENTS

COMMUNITY EVENTS

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.

SCMUA - 2016 HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DAYS: Saturday, - June 4 and November 5, 2016, 7 a.m.-2 p.m. Limits: 100 pounds of dry household hazardous waste materials, 25 fluorescent bulbs, and/or 10 gallons of liquid waste for free. Examples of waste include: lead and oil based paints (no latex paint accepted), stains, paint thinner, fuel oils, lubricants, pool chemicals, mercury, hazardous batteries, fluorescent bulbs, insecticides, herbicides and pesticides. For more information please visit the SCMUA website at www.scmua.org. *This information was provided by the Stillwater Township Environmental Commission.

SCMUA – ELECTRONIC WASTE DAYS: Saturday - June 18, August 6 and October 8, 2016. Examples include computers, printers, tv's, vcr's, cellphones, stereo equipment, and other electronic media devices. Limit up to 5 units for free/per vehicle. Scale charge for larger quantities. Between events, the 2016 E-Waste Recycling Program allows electronics to be collected at the SCMUA Resident's Convenience Center charged the appropriate rate. The center is open Monday-Saturday, 7 a.m.-2 p.m. For more information please visit the SCMUA website at www.scmua.org. *This information was provided by the Stillwater Township Environmental Commission.

MCKEOWN SCHOOL FUNDRAISER: Thursday, June 16th from 4pm – 9pm at Sky Zone Indoor Trampoline Park in Mount Olive – a portion of the proceeds from this fun event will benefit Hampton Township PTA to help fund new playground equipment for the school!

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".*

PTA ELECTIONS: The PTA Board of Officers has 3 open positions: The Recording Secretary position is vacant therefore will need to be filled for the remainder of the current term (July 1, 2016- June 30, 2017). Because this is a vacant position and as per the PTA Bylaws, anyone intending to fill this position will be voted on by the current executive board of officers, not general membership. Vice President and Treasurer are open for re-election. These positions are for a 1 year term effective July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017. Anyone interested in running for any of these 3 positions must submit their intent to Kristin Oldenburg at stillwaterptapresident@yahoo.com **NO LATER** than May 27, 2016. All inquires must be a PTA member in good standing. Elections will take place at the next meeting on **Tuesday, June 7, 2016 at 7:00PM.**

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.

MOTHER/SON GAME NIGHT: The PTA will be hosting a Mother/Son Game Night on **Friday, June 3rd from 6:00-8:00PM** in the school gym. There will be games, prizes, pizza, and make your own sundaes! To help with preparations, please RSVP to Vicki Yanaga at vicki.yanaga@gmail.com or (973)479-4588. We are also seeking donations of drinks, chips, sundae toppings, and paper products.

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 aconnelly@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) NEXT PTA MEETING: Please join us on **Tuesday, June 7th from 7:00-8:00PM** in room A119. This will be the last meeting of this school year. Elections will be held during this meeting as well. We welcome & encourage all to attend!