



Remember -  
our fallen heros.  
They are the reason  
that we are free.

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

## Important Dates to Remember:

- ◆ **FIELD DAY: 6/2, RAIN DATE: 6/3**
- ◆ **6<sup>th</sup> 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.

**CHECK IT OUT:** One way to improve your child's vocabulary is to play word games. Everyone is familiar with Scrabble/Scrabble Jr., but there are also other word games like Boggle, Hangman, and Apples to Apples. On your smart phone, you can download apps like 7 Little Words, What's the Word, and Word Stack. These games can turn the time waiting in line or riding in the car into an educational event. These are just some of the fun ways to help further develop your child's vocabulary!

**SPEECH NEWS:** This month we have been discussing SUMMER! The topic of summer plans, activities, and vacations has been frequent throughout most speech therapy sessions. This is a great opportunity for a wonderful topic to discuss over dinner. Ask your children what they would like to do this summer or maybe if they have any ideas for a family activity or vacation. Have them involved as much as possible to make plans. Allow them to use their language to express their opinions and feelings. Throughout the next month, put an emphasis on sequencing. Working on sequencing will help your child explain and describe events or actions. Use words such as first, next, then, and last. You can do this before, during, or after activities such as reading a book, planting seeds, or going to the store. ♦"First we need to get in the car." ♦"What do we need to do last?" ♦"Next we will get milk and then we will get cookies." ♦"How do you plant a flower? What do we do first?" ♦ We will be ending our speech year with our annual ice-cream party. We will take this opportunity to create ice-cream sundaes while describing step by step what we are doing, how we are making our sundaes, describing as many attributes of our sundaes as we can, and finally EATING our sundaes! YUM!

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

**JUNIOR SOLAR SPRINTS:** Two of our teams from Junior Solar Sprints Club went to the North Jersey Inter-County Race held at Ridgedale Middle School on Monday, May 23rd. Our two teams competed against 75 different teams from six counties in New Jersey. The two teams were "Salt and Pepper", built by Megan Halpin and Izzie Vazquez, and "The Efficiency" built by Abby LoCascio and Aylia Mahon. Both teams won a bunch of races and did well but the competition was extremely difficult. Mr. Iradi and Mrs. Ciccolella are very proud of our students and all their success this year at Junior Solar Sprints.

**FIRST GRADE NEWS:** The first grade classrooms have been full of life this spring! We have had our own ant farms, tadpoles that have been growing into frogs, sunflower seedlings, butterflies and ladybugs. The students have enjoyed observing how these plants and animals grow, change and build communities. It has been a great way for science to come life before our eyes! As we work our way toward second grade, the students have been practicing some other important skills to get ready! Counting coins has been a fun and practical math topic. Busy readers have been exploring great new books independently and in small groups. Our classes have also been learning about important citizenship qualities and community leaders who exhibit these traits. With so much to read about, talk about, watch and do, the end of our first grade year has been so exciting!

**THIRD GRADE NEWS:** It has been an exciting week in third grade as we explored and investigated plants and seeds. The students began by planting their own seed and recording their observations of its growth. They learned the parts of a seed as they dissected both bean and corn seeds. They were interested to learn that there is a tiny plant and stored food inside each seed. As their plants began to grow, they learned about the different types of roots (prop roots, taproots and fibrous roots) and also the "jobs" of the roots, stems and leaves. After they brainstormed a list together, students were amazed by how much we all depend on plants and plant products in our daily lives and now have a better understanding of how important plants are to people!

**FOURTH GRADE NEWS:** In fourth grade social studies, students have been learning about government and the economy. Students were surprised to learn that the government impacts them as students. Many fourth graders expressed interest in becoming entrepreneurs after reading about a number of New Jersey's entrepreneurs. In our final social studies unit, students will continue to read about the government in New Jersey and the Nation. As a culmination of this unit, students will research a famous New Jerseyan and present a Google Slide presentation for their classmates. I'm looking forward to seeing the students' presentations.

**FIFTH GRADE NEWS:** 5<sup>th</sup> grade Language Arts students have been hard at work researching topics and writing informational/explanatory essays. They learned how to present their information in a clear, logical way for their audience. Our 5<sup>th</sup> grade writers focused on getting the reader's attention in the introduction, supporting their topics and subtopics with facts and details in the body of their essays, and leaving the reader with a strong interest and something to think about in the conclusion. Each student chose a specific topic of interest and organized their research on their google chrome books. Some of the topics our students were interested in and chose to write about were frilled sharks, gymnastics, the Loch Ness Monster, and ocelots.

**DROWN PROOFING:** June 7<sup>th</sup> –13<sup>th</sup>, your 4<sup>th</sup> GRADE child will be going over to the Kittatinny pool for our Drown Proofing program. In this program, they will be learning and practicing different swimming strokes, survival skills in the water, and safe ways to rescue someone using reaching or throwing assists. Please review the Drown Proofing rules and important items to remember paper that was sent home with your child so that they are prepared for the week. We appreciate your help and look forward to teaching and improving your child's swimming and survival skills!

~Mr. Reed, Mr. Post

**LIBRARY NEWS: Winners announced for the Stillwater Battle of the Books Competition!** 6th grade 1st place winners: Captain Unicorn Batman (Isabelle Hennet, Arin Goriscak, Quinten Meng, Trent Molfetto, Dominick Amabile, and Abby LoCascio) 6th grade 2nd place: Book Warriors (Brooke Van Gorden, Mackenzie Shea, John Cammarieri, Katie Williver, Izzie Vazquez, and Joey Gearhart) 5th grade 1st place winners: Smartiez (Sophia Yanaga, Thomas Balbo, Reagan DeCaro, Caedon Jones, and Alexa Degan) 5th grade 2nd place: The Kittatinny Purple Blue Book Worms (Daniel Manser, Grace Sheridan, Carissa Roycroft, Jackson Choma, and Lilly Miller). Congratulations go out to all four teams—they will be competing for the Regional Title in Hampton next Tuesday, May 31<sup>st</sup>! Thank you to all the 5th and 6th grade students for participating. Great job working as part of a team and getting the reading done!

**THERE ARE STILL A FEW COPIES OF THE 2015 - 2016 YEARBOOK LEFT FOR SALE. IF YOU WISH TO PURCHASE A COPY FOR YOUR CHILD, PLEASE CONTACT MRS. RENEE WOEHR AT 973-383-6635. YEARBOOK COST: \$17.25. FIRST COME FIRST SERVED.**

**STUDENT SUBMISSION:** In fifth grade social studies, we are learning about Lewis and Clark and their expedition out west. Thomas Jefferson, president at the time, chose Lewis and Clark to lead it. The expedition was to explore the Missouri and Columbia rivers to find a water route to the Pacific Ocean. It was also to meet and learn about the Native Americans who lived in the region. The expedition was also to learn about the landforms, plants, and animals they found. Lewis and Clark's accomplishments were making maps and keeping detailed journals filled with detail of the land, people, animals, and more. Most importantly they reached the Pacific Ocean. This was only the first chapter about Lewis and Clark and their expedition and we have learned so much already!! **Submitted by Alexa Degan & Clare Schwartz**

**STUDENT SUBMISISON:** As you know Memorial Day is approaching, and I'm here to tell you some things about Memorial Day. Memorial Day was created on May 5, 1866. We celebrate it because we should honor soldiers for giving their lives for us. John A. Logan was the creator of Memorial Day. When you are home on Monday from school, take time to honor our soldiers. **Submitted by Peyton Saul**

THE FOLLOWING ARE NOT SCHOOL SPONSORED EVENTS

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

**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](http://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](http://www.scmua.org). \*This information was provided by the Stillwater Township Environmental Commission.

**MCKEOWN SCHOOL FUNDRAISER:** Thursday, June 16<sup>th</sup> 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!

**TALENT SHOW:** Attention all parents! Does your child like to perform on stage? The "Take it from the Top" Talent Show welcomes all K-6 students from Kittatinny's sending districts! All school appropriate acts are welcome with no auditions necessary. Flyers went home with the children and are available in Stillwater's main office. This is not a huge commitment, with only a dress rehearsal on Tuesday June 7th from 6-8pm to make sure the acts are appropriate, and the show on June 8th at 6:00pm. Contact Emma Fritsch at [emmafritsch99@gmail.com](mailto:emmafritsch99@gmail.com) or Roy Chiariello at [rchiarie@krhs.net](mailto:rchiarie@krhs.net) with any questions or to sign up with your child's name and what they will be performing. Thank you and hope to see your child shine!

**SUMMER BIBLE STUDY:** A summer kids' event called Cave Quest VBS will be hosted at **Baleville Congregational Christian Church** from **July 18 to July 22<sup>nd</sup>**. Cave Quest is free of charge for kids from PreK to 6<sup>th</sup> Grade and will run from **5:30 to 7:30** each day. For more information or to register, call **973-383-4743** or visit [www.baleville.com](http://www.baleville.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](http://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](mailto:stillwaterptapresident@yahoo.com) **NO LATER than TODAY**, May 27, 2016. All inquiries 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:** Thank you to everyone who came out to support this week's Book Fair! A special thank you to Arlean Konar, Jen Kraft, and Stacy Harvey for volunteering their time for this event!

**MOTHER/SON GAME NIGHT:** The PTA will be hosting a Mother/Son Game Night on **Friday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 ASAP to Vicki Yanaga at [vicki.yanaga@gmail.com](mailto: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 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:05PM**. Tickets are just \$10 each. Please contact Trish Hendershot for questions or more info at [thendershot@embarqmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.ShopRiteForMySchool.com) today to start earning cash for your school.

**UPCOMING EVENTS: 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!