



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

Important Dates to Remember:

- ❖ ASLC DATES: 3/10, 3/12, 3/24, 3/26, 4/14, 4/16, 4/21
- ❖ BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING: 3/9 @ 7:00PM

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

ABSENTEE CALLS: All absences must be reported directly to our dedicated attendance line: **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. Matt Robinson or Mrs. Sue Sager.

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION: If your child will be 3 or 4 years old on or before October 1, 2015, you may register him/her for preschool for the 2015/2016 school year. Please call Mrs. Eileen Theys at 973-383-3998 to have a registration packet mailed to you, or you may pick one up at the school office. To guarantee enrollment for your child, the completed registration packet must be returned to Stillwater Township School as soon as possible as there are a limited number of spaces available.

CONGRATULATIONS to all of the 5th and 6th graders who participated in the District Band and Chorus Concert this past Monday evening at Kittatinny Regional High School. It was exciting to see so many Stillwater students up on the stage performing along with the other students who are from the sending district. Thank you for your hard work. We are proud of you. –Mrs. Hatch and Ms. Franck

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The PARCC Assessment is administered in two parts – the Performance-Based Assessment (PBA) which is held in March and the End-of-Year Assessment (EOY) which is held in late April until mid-May. Below, please find the schedule for your child's grade level for the PBA portion:

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| Grade 3 | March 2-3 Math; March 4-6 ELA |
| Grade 4 | March 9-11 ELA |
| Grade 5 | March 12-13 Math; March 16-18 ELA |
| Grade 6 | March 19-20 Math; March 23-25 ELA |
| Grade 4 | March 26-27 (rescheduled due to snow) |

All sessions are held in the morning, so we ask for your help with the following:

- Please ensure that your child is well-rested each day.
- Start each day with a healthy and nutritious breakfast.
- Be sure that your child arrives at school by 8:25 am.
- Please encourage your child to do their best to help relieve any test anxiety he or she may have.
- Please keep electronic devices at home.

Our students have worked hard all year to prepare for PARCC. We have confidence that our students will perform well and do their very best on this test. Thank you for your help and support!

STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS: The Stillwater School Student Council led the way in a school wide 100th day challenge recently. Each grade was asked to collect 100 items by the 100th day of school. All of the items, such as toothpaste, toilet paper, soap, toothbrushes, paper towels, shampoo, or first aid supplies, were donated to the organization called Coupons for the Community. Last week, the school had an assembly to present their items and cheer for each other. During this assembly, each grade brought forward the one hundred items they collected. This special event for Stillwater School was covered by a local news station. If you are interested in seeing the aired coverage you may view it at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4ZsP2SWQXk0>. Congratulations to all of the students and staff for meeting this challenge! Our student council would also like to thank Mrs. LoCascio who helped organize our event with Coupons for the Community and transported all of our items to be donated. We are so proud of everyone for helping us make a positive difference in the community!

NEWSPAPER CLUB NEWS: The Newspaper Club has distributed their second and final issue of this year to their peers in fifth and sixth grade. These reporters did a fantastic job of reporting what has been happening in our school. They tried a new program to create the newspaper this time and the result was an attractive layout. This edition even has a comic page. Be sure to ask your fifth or sixth grader about the student newspaper they received this week.

ATTENTION 6TH GRADE PARENTS: Please begin gathering candid pictures from over the years of our children – perhaps from a class party, sports activity, playdates, etc. The pictures will be pasted to a collage. We are asking that you please send in a copy and retain your original. All pictures should be forwarded to the school, Attn: Melissa Piazza. Thank you.

Q: What time is it when little white flakes fall past the classroom window?
 A: Snow and Tell
 Q: How do you keep the snow from giving you cold feet?
 A: Don't go around BRRfooted!

IMPORTANT MESSAGE – One Call notifications

We will be sending out One Call notifications throughout the winter months, as needed, due to emergency closings and delays.

We are asking you to please check your phone for messages rather than calling the school following the notification.

This will help to eliminate the volume of calls that come in to the school immediately after the message is sent.

Thank you for your cooperation!

FUNDRAISERS

MARKET DAY: March order forms have been distributed. NEW THIS MONTH: Orange Creamsicle Pie, Peach Supreme Pie, and Spiral Sliced Ham. March is also Pie Month!! There are nine delicious pies to choose from, plus the two mentioned above. If your order totals \$90.00 (pre-tax), please remember to input the promo code "MARBONUS" at checkout to receive a FREE 4-Pack of ChicNSteakes. FREQUENT BUYER: Make two purchases of \$40.00 (pre-tax) between February and April. Then, place a third order of \$40.00 (pre-tax) in May to receive a FREE set of Collapsible Storage Bowls at the May sale pick-up. IMPORTANT: Due to changes Market Day has made, there will be only two payment options available beginning with the March sale: Credit card or personal check. The credit card option is available to those who place their own orders online at the Market Day website. You must provide your credit card information when placing your order. Credit cards will not be accepted at the sale pick-up. Personal checks will be accepted when you pick up your order. Cash payments will no longer be accepted. Any questions, please contact Cheryl Castner at ccastner@embarqmail.com or 973-579-3182. Thank you for your continued support!!

COMMUNITY EVENTS

KITTATINNY COUGAR ATHLETIC ASSOC.

BEEFSTEAK DINNER: April 18, 2015, \$40 per ticket, Fredon Rec Center. Event begins at 7:00pm. Catering will be by the Brownstone, music by Snake Oil Willie Band. Call 973.579.6424 for tickets - no tickets at door.



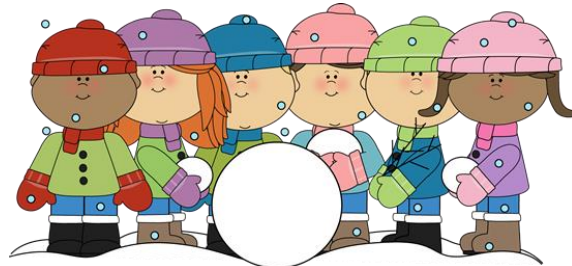
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LACROSSE SIGN UP: 3rd-6th graders, registration for the Kittatinny Youth Lacrosse Club spring lacrosse season is now open. Act quickly as teams will fill up. A parents meeting will be held in early February with detailed information. Keep an eye out for date and time. Please visit our website, <http://www.kittatinnylax.com/> for registration forms and information. Questions may be emailed to the respective boys and girls programs. Come play the fastest growing sport in America. If you have any questions, please contact Hilary Manser at [973-534-1922](tel:973-534-1922).

ZUMBA PARTY: The Zumba fundraiser for the 6th Grade Recognition Party Fund was a success!! We sweated out the week's stress together and raised money for our children at the same time! It really was a lot of fun! Thank you to the instructors, Michelle and Theresa, Mr. Nick, Chrisha Wright and to all of the participants!!

OPTICAL ACADEMY: Andover REA will be hosting a Vision Care night with Optical Academy on March 25th from 4pm - 8:00 in the Long Pond School cafeteria. The school is located at 707 Limecrest Road in Andover Township and the entire community and general public are invited to attend. It is preferable to arrange and eye exam appointment via their website www.Optical-Academy.com in advance.

SPRING DANCE: Attention all 4th-6th graders from Fredon, Hampton, Sandyston, and Stillwater. There will be a Spring dance Friday, March 20th at Fredon School from 6pm-8pm, hosted by the Fredon 6th grade class. \$10.00 at the door. Contact Sharon Zupkay at 973 383 9684 or Lisa Toriello 973 579 6955 with any questions.



STILLWATER PTA

ANNUAL BOOK SWAP: The Book Swap is **TONIGHT**, March 6th at 7 pm. All Stillwater families are invited to bring a book or few to swap for another. Special Guest Readers, including a local author. This event is FREE. Complimentary Popcorn, water and coffee available. Hope to see you there! Chair persons: Amanda Connelly & Donna Foster

SPRING GERTRUDE HAWK SALE: Candy pick-up is tentatively scheduled for Monday, March 16th after school. If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Domaracki at dahlhousedesign@mac.com.

THE BOOK IT PROGRAM: It is time to turn in your February Book It! logs. Please make sure you have a name and homeroom teacher on them so that you can receive your pizza coupon! When you redeem your coupon at Pizza Hut, ask for your Passport to Reading and sticker. Collect all six stickers and enter to win a \$30,000 prize from Book It!. If you need a log, extras are available in the office or send me your name and homeroom teacher at christinemenkins@aol.com.

TRICKY TRAY: Mark your calendars! The Tricky Tray will be held on **Friday, May 1st, 2015**. Lots of help is needed to make this a successful event. Any questions, please contact Christy Bello at christinebello1980@gmail.com or Karyn Carter at karyn1213@gmail.com.

Class Baskets - Monetary donations are NOW being accepted. The suggested donation is \$5 but feel free to give what you prefer. Please send donations in an envelope marked with your child's name, grade, and homeroom teacher by February 27th. Contact Karyn Carter- karyn1213@gmail.com with any questions.

TALENT SHOW: LAST CALL! Attention Parents: We need your help! In order to host a Talent Show this Spring, we still need 4 more parents who would be willing to volunteer their time in the following areas; assistance at rehearsals, and stage hands the night of the event. We hope to have this event sometime in May. If we don't have the help needed, we will not be able to host the Talent Show. The students are really looking forward to this, please consider lending a hand! For more info, please contact Justine Mahon at jmarymahon@gmail.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! If you are interested in purchasing these items or if you have questions, please contact Amanda Connelly at aeconnelly@outlook.com.

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 go directly to the 6th grade trip to Washington, DC! 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. ShopRite stores are also giving away up to \$1 Million to local schools during the 2014-15 school year! Register your Price Plus Club card at www.ShopRiteForMySchool.com today to start earning cash for your school. 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.

****Keep up with what's happening with the PTA and the Tricky Tray! LIKE each page on Facebook! Stillwater Twp. PTA & Stillwater PTA Tricky Tray****

****PLEASE NOTE THAT SOME PTA MEETINGS IN THE SCHOOL CALENDAR WILL BE CHANGED. PLEASE CHECK THIS NEWSLETTER OR OUR FACEBOOK PAGE FOR THE NEW DATES.**

(NEW DATE) NEXT PTA MEETING: Tuesday, March 10th at 7PM in Room A119. We welcome & encourage all to attend!