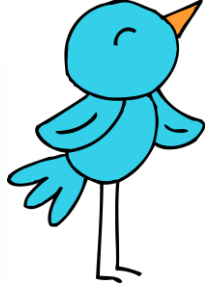


Happy
Spring!



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: 4/14, 4/16, 4/21, 4/23, 4/28
- ❖ BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING: 4/13 @ 7:00PM
- ❖ SPRING PORTRAITS: 4/22
- ❖ PTA TRICKY TRAY: 5/1
- ❖ PTA FLOWER SALE: 5/7 & 5/8
- ❖ SPELLING BEE: 5/20
- ❖ FIELD DAY: 5/29 (RAIN DATE 6/8)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

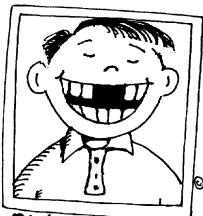
ABSENTEE CALLS: All absences must be reported directly to our dedicated attendance line: **973-383-3227**. Kindly keep this number handy. **DO NOT** call the main school phone number or use the personal voice mail of our nurse, Maureen Beckman. The nurse's voice mail should be used for health concerns 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.



Picture Day!

SPRING PORTRAITS: Spring Portraits will be done by Schoolcraft, and held in school on Wednesday, April 22nd, beginning at 8:45. The photographer will return for any PM Preschool students who will be having their pictures taken. Order forms will be sent home with students when we return from spring recess in April. If you choose to have your child's photo taken, complete the order form and enclose payment. **Have your child bring the order form/envelope to school ON THE DAY PHOTOS WILL BE TAKEN.** If you have any questions, please call the main office.

FAMILY MATH: The last class of 3rd grade Family Math was held Thursday night. Activities enjoyed by all were the "Save Twenty" game and "NIM". The estimation jar was won by Olivia Stanwick. We look forward to another Family Math class next year!
~ Ms. Grau and Miss Johnson

- Q: What did the tornado say to the sports car?
A: Want to go for a spin?
Q: What kind of shorts do clouds wear?
A: Thunderwear!
Q: What's a tornado's favorite game?
A: Twister!
Q: What did one volcano say to the other volcano?
A: I lava you!



PIZZA FONDRAISER

Stillwater General Store – Sunday, March 29 – Friday, April 3, \$1.00 from every pizza sold and \$1.00 from every pound of KARS premium coffee blend sold will benefit the 6th grade class!

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.

STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS: Student Council members will be participating in Stillwater Clean-Up Day on Saturday, April 25th (raindate April 26th). Members are asked to return their permission slips to Mrs. Collier or Mrs. Ciccolella ASAP.

SPANISH NEWS: Students in 5th Grade Spanish Classes have begun a special book-making project! After selecting a topic, students began to design a book that will include pictures to help younger students learn and review Spanish vocabulary words. Book topics include numbers, colors and shapes, animals, days and months, seasons and weather, and classroom objects. The creative artwork and book planning will make these a treasure for our younger students for many years to come! **¡Gracias a todos!** Thanks to everyone!

FOURTH GRADE LANGUAGE ARTS: Fourth graders recently created book jackets to represent a mystery book that they read. Many elements were included in the book jacket reports. Students wrote summaries about the authors and the stories. The publishing company and quotes about the book were also included. The cover of the jacket had a picture. Some pictures were sketched while others were created on the computer. The book jacket reports are on display in the hallway near our classrooms.

THIRD GRADE NEWS: The students have completed an integrated Science/Language Arts unit on Matter. They learned about the properties of solids, liquids and gases. Some of the highlights of this unit were our experiments with matter (and its different states) and the children's creation of "Matter Menu". These were restaurant menus created by the students to include selections of solids, liquids and gases (instead of breakfast, lunch and dinner!)

SECOND GRADE MUSIC: Students in the second grade have been studying a unit called "Carnival of the Animals". This 14 movement piece was written by the composer Camille Saint-Saens in 1886. The second graders learned about the composer and the instruments Saint-Saens used when writing this work. As the classes listened to each piece, they discussed and described what they were hearing from the music. Students used the ideas of speed, pitch, instrument, and volume to help them decide which animal each song was written about. When slow, low notes were playing a relaxing piece on the piano, we found the music described a sea turtle. One song about a donkey had very fast moving notes on the violin. The pitches went quickly from high to low, imitating the sound a donkey makes. During several songs, students participated in short activities such as showing the music mood with their bodies and pretending to play different instruments to the rhythms. Some of the activities were clues to which animal Saint-Saens wrote about. The second graders really enjoyed guessing all the different songs and learned a lot about what composers use in music to create an idea, even for animals.

FUNDRAISERS

MARKET DAY: April Market Day flyers have been distributed. If you did not receive one, there are extras in the school office. NEW ITEMS THIS MONTH: Chorizo Breakfast Burrito, Stuffed Italian Burgers, and Assorted Cheese Party Tray. All orders totaling \$40.00 (pre-tax) will receive a FREE 1 lb. Bag of California Blend Vegetables. If you input your order online, and it totals \$90.00 (pre-tax), please remember to input the code APRBONUS at checkout to receive your FREE 1 lb. Bag of Chicken Gems. April is also Cookie Dough month! There are 12 cookie flavors to choose from, and when you purchase three boxes, you will receive a FREE box of Chocolate Chunk Cookie Dough. FREQUENT BUYERS: Make two purchases of \$40 (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 your May sale pick-up. Questions, contact Cheryl Castner at ccastner@embargmail.com or 973-579-3182. THANK YOU!!

COMMUNITY EVENTS

CLOTHING DRIVE: Synergy Dance Company will be accepting clothing, household items, shoes, linens, handbags – in any condition on Saturday, April 25th from 10:00am – 1:00 pm at 1 Camre Drive Hampton, NJ.

HOPE FOR THE CURE GAME: 1st Annual Kittatinny Girls Lacrosse - Hope for the Cure Game. Saturday, April 4, 2015. As a Girl Scout Silver Award Project, Girl Scout Troop 70838 has taken on the goal of establishing this lacrosse game and we need your support. Please consider ordering a t-shirt for \$13 or donating money to help defray the cost of this game. Concessions items are needed as well as volunteers. Proceeds to benefit the Susan G. Komen Foundation. Games will be played at KRHS - 1:30 Varsity/3:00 JV. Call Hilary Manser at 973-534-1922 for more details.

SUSSEX COUNTY DAY: Sunday, May 3, 2015 from 12:00-4:00pm at Sussex County Community College. Free Admission! Pie throwing, talent contest, arts & crafts, food, games, entertainment, and more! Visit: www.sussexcountycommunitycollege.org for further information.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

EASTER EGG HUNT: Easter Egg Hunt at Kittatinny Regional High School! This year's Hunt will be held on Saturday, March 28 from 10:00am - 12:00pm in the high school cafeteria. The pre-K and Kindergarten hunt will be at 10:30am and the 1st grade and up hunt will be at 11:30am. We will also have face painting, coloring, a prize giveaway, refreshments, and a special appearance by the Easter Bunny! If you have any questions, please call Dan Craig at 973-383-1800, ext. 6723. Hope to see you there!

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.

SPRING DANCE: RESCHEDULED! Attention all 4th-6th graders from Fredon, Hampton, Sandyston, and Stillwater. There will be a Spring dance **TONIGHT, FRIDAY, MARCH 27TH** 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.

THANK YOU MOM: Join TYM (Thank You Mom foundation) on Sunday, April 12th starting at 12:00pm for the 5th annual Debbie Ann 5K. Register online at: www.thankyoumomfoundation.org.

EASTER EGG HUNT: Stillwater Fire Department will be hosting an Easter egg hunt will be March 28 @ 12pm at Volunteer Field, Middleville rd., Stillwater.

COMEDY NIGHT: Stillwater Fire Department is hosting a comedy night on May 16 doors open @5:30, dinner @6pm. \$45 per person includes roasted chicken & pulled pork dinner, and 3 comedians. Contact Bill Hughes at 908-362-5073 or hugheswt@embargmail.com 21 & over.

STILLWATER PTA

PLEASE BE ADVISED: The following PTA executive board positions will be up for re-election at the end of this school year. (New term is for 2 years) *PRESIDENT, *RECORDING SECRETARY, *CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

If you have any interest or would like to know job descriptions, please email stillwaterptapresident@yahoo.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. *PLEASE NOTE: March is the last month to participate in the Book-It program. Reading logs for March can be returned through the end of April.*A special thank you to Chrissy Menkins for organizing this wonderful program! Thank you also to all of the children who have participated.

TRICKY TRAY: Mark your calendars! The Tricky Tray will be held on **Friday, May 1st, 2015**. Doors open at 6:00pm. 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 Trays: Class donations are past due.** If you haven't sent in your class money, please do so ASAP. We want to distribute the class funds to each class coordinator so they can make the class trays. 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 ASAP. Contact Karyn Carter- karyn1213@gmail.com with any questions.

***Family Trays:** Please consider donating a family tray. Each family to donate a tray will receive a free sheet of tickets the night of the event.

***Pre-Sale Tickets/Table Reservations:** Pre-sale ticket packages are now available- \$25 includes: 5 sheets Level 1 tickets, 1 sheet Level 2 tickets, 2 Level 3 tickets - **An \$8 savings!** New this year! We are happy to offer reserved table seating for your group. Tables must be reserved in groups of 4 or 8. Reservations are limited and will be taken on a first come, first serve basis. Full payment is required in order to book reservation. Groups of 4 will be combined to make tables of 8. We cannot guarantee your group will be together unless the reservation is made at the same time. Table reservations must accompany the purchase of a Ticket Value Pack. Please send reservation form and payments together in one envelope to: the PTA mailbox at school labeled: PTA-Tricky Tray Table Reservations and Ticket Pre-Sales Attn: Jen Kraft or mailed to: Tricky Tray Pre-Sales, PO Box 12, Stillwater, NJ 07875. Checks should be made payable to *Stillwater PTA*. For questions or more information, please contact Jen Kraft at stillwaterptacorsec@yahoo.com.

TALENT SHOW: We are excited to announce that the Talent Show is **ON!** Mark your calendars- it will be held on **Friday, May 29th, 2015**. Thank you to all the parents who have volunteered. We could still use a few more parents to help with building a temporary stage. 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**Exciting News- We now have a website! Check us out at www.stillwatertwppta.my-pta.org. Thank you to Christine Bello for making this happen and coordinating the website for us!**

UPCOMING EVENTS: Cultural Arts trip (4/9), Tricky Tray (5/1), Talent Show (5/29)

NEXT PTA MEETING: Thursday, April 16th at 7:00pm in room A115. We welcome and encourage all to attend!

****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.