



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, 4/30
- ❖ 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)
- ❖ SPRING RECESS, SCHOOL CLOSED 4/3 – 4/12
- ❖ SCHOOL RE-OPENS: 4/13

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

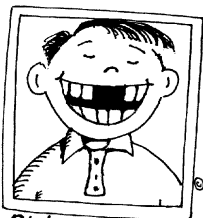
ABSENTEE CALLS: All absences must be reported directly to our dedicated attendance line: **973-383-3227**. Kindly keep this number handy. **DO NOT** call the main school phone number or use the personal voice mail of our nurse, Maureen Beckman. The nurse's voice mail should be used for health concerns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

TROUT RELEASE: Stillwater School families are invited to attend the trout release at Footbridge Park in Blairstown, on Wednesday, April 22nd – **EARTH DAY**, at 4:00pm. Students who attend will be invited to share their Earth Day and trout poems. Bring your snack and sneakers!

Q: What do you call a sleeping pizza?

A: a piZZZZZZa.

Q: How do you fix a broken pizza?

A: With tomato paste.

Q: What does an aardvark like on its pizza?

A: Ant-chovies.

Q: Do you know why pizzas shouldn't tell jokes?

A: Because they're really cheesy!



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 (rain date, April 26th). Members are asked to return their permission slips to Mrs. Collier or Mrs. Ciccolella ASAP.

SIXTH GRADE NEWS: April is National Poetry Month, so the sixth graders are writing poetry to celebrate! Come stroll through the 5th and 6th grade hallways to see their creative poems.

STILLWATER IDOL NEWS: Stillwater Idol has arrived at Stillwater School! This week all of Mrs. Hatch's 6th grade music classes learned a variety of songs representing many different styles of music. The styles were patriotic, spirituals, 60's rock-n-roll, folk songs and a song from the musical, *Grease*. At the end of class a practice CD along with a packet that has all of the words to the songs on the CD was given to all of the 6th graders who would like to take part in the quest to become "6th Grade Stillwater Idol". The first round of auditions will begin as soon as we return from the spring vacation. Every student will be given the opportunity to audition in front of their homeroom. If a student does not want to audition, they will become part of the audience as well as help judge the contestants. Stay "tuned" – the winner of Stillwater Idol 2015 will be here soon.
~ Mrs. Hatch

VOLLEYBALL CLUB: Volleyball club has come to an end. The students improved their skills and the games were very well played. Our last meeting had several staff members come and join us and play on the teams with the students. Thank you to Mrs. Celentano, Mrs. DiRienzo, Ms. Franck, and Mrs. Collier for joining us and playing with us. Students had a wonderful time!

THIRD GRADE MATH NEWS: Students have been exploring geometry. They learned about plane and 3-D shapes and have been finding the perimeter and area of shapes. They have completed some fun activities involving Cheez-It crackers, marshmallow and toothpick 3-D figures, and used a grid with ordered pairs to find items on a map. We have also been practicing using an inch and centimeter ruler. Next month, we will work more with measurement, concentrating on measurement equivalents (specifically related to liquid volume and mass).

JUNIOR SOLAR SPRINTS: 6th grade members of Junior Solar Sprints have been working on their solar cars in anticipation of the big race on May 12th! Each Wednesday after school these students strive to build a car that will run on solar power only. Their cars will be finished by April 15th, when each car will be tested to see if the builders have been successful.

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!

Make TONIGHT family PIZZA night!

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@embarqmail.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.

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.sussexcounty-chamber.org for further information.

School will be closed for Spring Recess April 3rd – April 12th, and will reopen April 13th.

STILLWATER PTA

COMMUNITY EVENTS

KITTATINNY COUGAR ATHLETIC ASSOC.

BEEFSTEAK DINNER: April 18, 2015, \$40.00 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.

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.

COMEDY NIGHT: Stillwater Fire Department is hosting a comedy night on Saturday, May 16th. Doors open @ 5:30pm, dinner @ 6:00 pm. \$45.00 per person includes roasted chicken & pulled pork dinner, and 3 comedians. Contact Bill Hughes at 908-362-5073 or hugheswt@embarqmail.com 21 & over.

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.

WSPTO SPRING TRICKY TRAY IS ALMOST HERE!

Friday, April 24th at Frankford Twp School - doors open at 6:00PM - calling starts at 8:00PM! Join us for this amazing event! Three levels of prizes PLUS a 50/50! Prizes include Disney Park tickets, island vacations, pool memberships, electronics, camping trips, waterpark passes, amusement park tickets, museum passes, etc. The list goes on and on! We also have TONS of baskets and over \$20,000 in gift certificates! We're back and bigger than ever! **Don't miss it!**

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 March 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.