



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: 4/21, 4/23, 4/28, 4/30-(make up day)
- ❖ REPORT CARDS SENT HOME: 4/27
- ❖ BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING: 4/27 @ 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

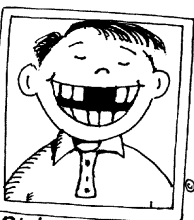
ABSENTEE CALLS: All absences must be reported directly to our dedicated attendance line: **973-383-3227**. Kindly keep this number handy. **DO NOT** call the main school phone number or use the personal voice mail of our nurse, Maureen Beckman. The nurse's voice mail should be used for health concerns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

TROUT RELEASE: Stillwater School families are invited to attend the trout release at Footbridge Park in Blirstown, 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!

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.

Attention Parents: A session for ASLC will be added on Thursday, April 30th, to make up for a cancelled session during the winter. This will be the **FINAL** session for this school year.

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.

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 EOY portion:

Grade 3	April 27 & 28 – Math Units 1 & 2
Grade 3	April 29 – ELA Unit 1
Grade 4	April 30 & May 1 – Math Units 1 & 2
Grade 4	May 4 – ELA Unit 1
Grade 5	May 11 & 12 – Math Units 1 & 2
Grade 5	May 13 – ELA Unit 1
Grade 6	May 5 & 6 – Math Units 1 & 2
Grade 6	May 7 & 8 – ELA Units 1 & 2

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!

SIXTH GRADE NEWS: April is National Poetry Month. In honor and celebration, the students in Miss Conry's classes wrote poems on the classroom windows.



LIBRARY UPDATE: The library has been blooming with great readers this spring! Preschoolers have been exploring exciting fiction books about animals in the warmer weather. Kindergarten and First Graders have been learning about the magazines by reading both nonfiction and fiction articles. The second graders have started to use the electronic card catalog system, Destiny Quest, to help them find books. Third Grade students have been building fluency and reading skills by using the computers to read individualized digital books. Fourth and Sixth grade classes have been enjoying fictional texts in library each week. Fifth graders are practicing research skills. Everyone has been busy growing in their reading and research!

STILLWATER IDOL SUMMARY: This week during music class, the students in each 6th grade homeroom participated in round #1 of Stillwater Idol. Every 6th grader had the opportunity to be either a contestant or a judge. The students who auditioned are (in alphabetical order): Alexa Babcock, Steven Benson, Bryanna DeLorenzo, Amanda Goriscak, Emma Hayes, Zack Mabee, Jordan Maruska, Cheyanne Rewoldt, Harley Schmidt, and Ryan Smaletz. All of the students did a great job. Now, the three highest scores from each homeroom will move onto round #2. They will prepare a song to sing for their classmates during the coming week's music class. The highest score from each homeroom will move on to the Finale. Stay tuned - more Idol news to follow.

~Mrs. Hatch

THE FOLLOWING ARE NOT SCHOOL SPONSORED EVENTS

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

Hidden in Plain Sight

Do you know where to look?

Discover how alcohol and other drugs can be easily hidden in a teenager's bedroom.



Do you know what you are looking for?

Become educated on the latest substance abuse trends, signs and symptoms.

Monday, April 27th ~ 7:00pm - 8:30pm
Walkill Valley Regional High School



Sponsored by the Walkill Valley Regional High School
A presentation by the Coalition
for Healthy and Safe Communities
A program of the Center for Prevention and Counseling



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.

COMEDY NIGHT: Stillwater Fire Department is hosting a comedy night on Saturday, May 16th. Doors open @ 5:30 pm, 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.

SWSPTO 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!**

KRHS CHEER CLINIC: K - 8th grade students are invited to attend a cheer clinic being held at KRHS on Monday, April 20th - Wednesday, April 22nd from 6:00pm - 7:30pm. No experience needed to attend! Focus will be on cheer safety, stunt progression, jumps, crowd leading and FUN. One time fee of \$5.00 per cheerleader for participants in K - 7th grade. 8th grade participants may attend for free. Please contact Samantha Lupo at slupo@krhs.net to pre-register.

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.

PROJECT GRADUATION/KCAA TRICKY TRAY: To be held this Friday, April 17th. Doors open at 6pm. Over 200 Trays and Specials! All proceeds to benefit the Class of 2015 Project Graduation.

SPRING INTO STILLWATER! - THIS SUNDAY, 4/19!

Come to your downtown of Stillwater and visit local vendors [from 1 to 4 pm](#). Hosted by Theresa Hough of Salon Tease, [923 Main Street](#), Stillwater. Vendors include: Mary Kay, She Sells See Shells shell jewelry, Scentsy Candles, Aromatherapy by Deborah, Toni's Slice of Heaven Pastries, Isagenix Nutrition and Fudge 4 Ashley, wrapped around specials by Salon Tease and free refreshments!! Open to the public as a chance to enjoy our wonderful downtown!!

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 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: The Tricky Tray is quickly approaching - **Friday, May 1st, 2015**. Doors open at 6:00pm. Lots of help is needed the night of. Various positions are available. Any questions, please contact Christy Bello at christinebello1980@gmail.com or Karyn Carter at karyn1213@gmail.com.

***Pre-Sale Tickets/Table Reservations:** Pre-sale ticket packages are available through **APRIL 24TH** - \$25 includes: 5 sheets Level 1 tickets, 1 sheet Level 2 tickets, 2 Level 3 tickets - **An \$8 savings!** Please send form and payment together in one envelope to: the PTA mailbox at school labeled: PTA-Tricky Tray 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. **Table reservations are now SOLD OUT!**

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**. The first meeting will be on Monday, April 20th from 4:00-4:45PM in the all-purpose room. All students' permission slips need to be completed by this date. 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: Tricky Tray (5/1), Talent Show (5/29)

NEXT PTA MEETING: TBA ****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.**