



### **IMPORTANT REMINDER:**

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

### **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.

**STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS:** Student Council members will be participating in Stillwater Clean-Up Day on Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> (rain date, April 26<sup>th</sup>). 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 30<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**ATTENTION 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE PARENTS:** Candid pictures of all graduating 6th Graders needed. Please send them to the attn: Melissa Piazza. Please forward a copy of the picture only. Assistance with the picture collage is needed by 6th Grade parents. Please email Trish Hendershot if you would like to help with putting together the collage - [thendershot@embarqmail.com](mailto:thendershot@embarqmail.com).

### **Important Dates to Remember:**

- ❖ ASLC DATES: 4/28, 4/30-(make up day)
- ❖ REPORT CARDS SENT HOME: 4/27
- ❖ BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING: 4/27 @ 7:00PM
- ❖ PTA TRICKY TRAY: 5/1
- ❖ PTA FLOWER SALE: 5/7 & 5/8
- ❖ SPELLING BEE FINALS: 5/20
- ❖ MOBILE DENTIST: 5/21
- ❖ PTA BOOK FAIR: 5/26-5/29
- ❖ SPRING CONCERT: 5/28 @ 7:00PM
- ❖ FIELD DAY: 5/29 (RAIN DATE 6/8)
- ❖ PRESCHOOL GRADUATION: 6/5
- ❖ 4<sup>TH</sup> GRADE DROWNPROOFING AT KRHS: 6/1-6/5
- ❖ 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE RECOGNITION: 6/19

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!

**6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE FUNDRAISER:** Car Wash - Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> (rain date April 26<sup>th</sup>) the 6th graders and parents will be holding a Car Wash at the Stillwater First Presbyterian Church from 10am-2pm. Suggested donation: \$5.00. **All proceeds will go directly to the 6th Grade Recognition Party at Camp Neveda this June.** Please stop by and support our graduating 6th Graders!

**PINWHEEL BRAIN BOWL NEWS:** Recently students from Stillwater Elementary School, Fredon Elementary School and Hampton Elementary School met at Stillwater School for the first Brain Bowl Competition. Student teams were comprised of 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade students who are participants in the Pinwheel Program (Gifted Education Program) and were challenged with questions from math, science, social studies and language arts. Each team competed in two preliminary rounds, with the top three teams moving on to the Finals! Students from Kittatinny Regional High School's Kaleidoscope Program (Gifted Education) served as readers, judges, timers and scorekeepers. These 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students worked together to facilitate the event and kept the preliminary rounds moving. Teachers from all schools participating served as moderators and coaches for their teams. The 2015 Brain Bowl was developed and organized by Elaine Makarevich, Gifted Education Services Coordinator at Stillwater School and Keri Maurer, Stillwater School Librarian. Congratulations to all of the students who participated in this academic challenge, as the competition was fierce! In fact, the Final Round included a tie breaker to determine 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place finishers! Fredon School Team #1 finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> place and received a prize pack of more brain teaser books. Stillwater Team #1 finished in 2<sup>nd</sup> place overall and also received a prize pack of challenging books. Hampton Team #2 was this year's First Place Team and received a prize pack. A special thank you goes out to the Stillwater Board of Education for sponsoring this event as well as the sending schools for allowing their students to join us for this experience. And a final thank you to the KRHS 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and their teacher, Ellen Kolonoski. We could not have run the event without you! So get ready for the 2016 Brain Bowl and good luck next year!

**NJ HALL OF FAME MOBILE MUSEUM:** On Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup> the New Jersey Hall of Fame Mobile Museum visited the Stillwater Elementary School. Students in 1<sup>st</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades were amazed as the mobile museum brought interactive education featuring New Jersey residents who have impacted history over the years. This mobile museum is a 53-foot expandable trailer that displays artifacts, interactive learning tools and head shots of Hall of Fame inductees from Patrick Ewing and Dizzy Gillespie to Albert Einstein and Frank Sinatra. It was brought to the school by the Stillwater Education Association who funded this event through a NJEA PRIDE Grant. The museum was also open after school hours with twenty families visiting. Children and adults alike were excited to learn that many famous faces were residents of the Garden State.

THE FOLLOWING ARE NOT SCHOOL SPONSORED EVENTS

## FUNDRAISERS

**MARKET DAY:** Thank you for placing your orders this month! Orders may be picked up next Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm. Please remember that only payments by personal check (no cash) will be accepted at pick up. Thank you! Questions, contact Cheryl Castner, [ccastner@embarqmail.com](mailto:ccastner@embarqmail.com) or 973-579-3182.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

**OUR NEIGHBORS ARE HUNGRY:** Please Help Girl Scout Troop 95010 replenish St. Joe's EMPTY food pantry. We are asking for donations of: non-perishable foods, paper products, diapers toothpaste, soap, pet food and detergents. Please bring your donations to our donation box outside the school's main office from 4/28-5/1. If you have any questions please contact Nichole at [nichole\\_nykaza@live.com](mailto:nichole_nykaza@live.com)

**KITTATINNY PLAYERS:** The Kittatinny Players present FOOTLOOSE the Musical on Thursday April 30, Friday May 1 and Saturday May 2nd. Tickets are \$10 dollars for Thursday and \$12 for Friday and Saturday. This is a musical that everyone should enjoy and will bring back memories of Kevin Bacon and the 80s. Please get your tickets in advance by calling 973-383-1800. Tickets will be sold at the door but they are going fast!

**COMEDY NIGHT:** Stillwater Fire Department is hosting a comedy night on Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto:hugheswt@embarqmail.com) 21 & over.

### HELP WANTED

Stillwater Township School now accepting applications for summer custodial help. You may pick up an application in our main office Monday – Friday, from 8:30a.m. – 2:30p.m.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### SWSPTO SPRING TRICKY TRAY IS ALMOST HERE!

Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup> 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!**

**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.sussexcountychamber.org](http://www.sussexcountychamber.org) for further information.

### ATTENTION PARENTS OF SPECIAL EDUCATION

**STUDENTS IN THE KITTATINNY REGION:** Please join us for a night of learning and discussion! A FREE presentation by Sussex County Educational Services will provide vital information for parents on how to handle behaviors at home and strategies for helping students with homework will be held on Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup> from 7:00pm – 8:30pm at the KRHS Auditorium.

**PROJECT SELF-SUFFICIENCY:** Is delighted to announce the initiation of a new program- Project Sussex Kids: Sussex County Council for Young Children. The goal is to bring together parents and caregivers as well as health, education and social service professional to enhance the coordination of services for children from prenatal to age eight in our community. Please join them for the Project Sussex Kids Partnership Celebration: Wednesday April 29, at 9 am or April 30<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 pm. at Project Self-Sufficiency, 127 Mill Street, Newton, NJ. Breakfast and light dinner will be served. RSVP 973-940-3500.

**FRIENDLY'S FUNDRAISER:** Friendly's Fundraiser for Fredon Boy Scouts Pack 92. Thursday, April 30 from 6-9 pm, at Friendly's in Newton. Please show your support! 10% of sales will go to Pack 92.

## 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](mailto:stillwaterptapresident@yahoo.com).

**TRICKY TRAY:** The Tricky Tray is quickly approaching and is going to be "Out of the World"! Join us on **Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015**. Doors open at 6:00pm, calling begins at 8:00pm. **Several volunteers are needed to make this event a success!** Various positions are available. There will be a volunteer meeting on Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at the school. We will discuss the Tricky Tray, review the rules and how the event will run. Any questions, please contact Christy Bello at [christinebello1980@gmail.com](mailto:christinebello1980@gmail.com) or Karyn Carter at [karyn1213@gmail.com](mailto:karyn1213@gmail.com).

**\*Pre-Sale Tickets/Table Reservations:** Pre-sale ticket packages are available through **APRIL 24<sup>TH</sup>** - \$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*. Ticket packages can be picked up that night at the Pre-Sale Tickets/Table Reservations table under the contact name. For questions or more information, please contact Jen Kraft at [stillwaterptacorsec@yahoo.com](mailto:stillwaterptacorsec@yahoo.com). **Table reservations are now SOLD OUT!**

**TEACHER APPRECIATION LUNCHEON:** The PTA will be hosting their annual luncheon in honor of our teachers and staff on **Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015**. We are seeking donations of the following items; fruit salad, garden salad, macaroni/potato salad, sandwiches, rolls and butter, hot foods, desserts, drinks, and anything else you wish to donate. We are also in need of a few parents to help throughout the day. Please contact Danielle LoCascio at [dl@locascio.com](mailto:dl@locascio.com) or (973)901-1110.

**TALENT SHOW:** Please join us at 6:30PM on Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2015 for the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Talent Show! Anyone interested in participating, please bring your completed permission slip to the next meeting on April 27<sup>th</sup> at 4PM in the gym. Please Note: We are in need of more acts to make this event possible!! Stillwater students bring your talent and join us. Practice dates; 4/27, 5/4, 5/11, 5/26, 5/27 in the gym from 4:00-4:50PM sharp. For more info, please contact Justine Mahon at [jmarymahon@gmail.com](mailto: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](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! If you are interested in purchasing these items or if you have questions, please contact Amanda Connelly at [aeconnelly@outlook.com](mailto: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 6<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](http://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), Mother's Day Flower Sale (5/7 & 5/8), Talent Show (5/29), Spring Clothing Drive (End of May – exact date TBA).

**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.**