



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:

- ❖ PTA FLOWER SALE: 5/7 & 5/8
- ❖ SPRING CONCERT: 5/19
- ❖ SPELLING BEE FINALS: 5/20
- ❖ MOBILE DENTIST: 5/21
- ❖ PTA BOOK FAIR: 5/26-5/29
- ❖ FIELD DAY: 5/29 (RAIN DATE 6/8)
- ❖ PRESCHOOL GRADUATION: 6/5
- ❖ 6TH GRADE RECOGNITION: 6/19

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: Student Council will be hosting a car wash from 3-5pm on Friday, June 5th (rain date June 12th). It will take place in front of our school. All donations are welcome!

FIFTH GRADE MATH: Recently the fifth grade students competed in a Math League Contest. The students were challenged to complete 30 challenging Math problems in just 30 minutes. The students worked hard to complete these questions and are commended for doing a fantastic job. Our first place winners are Shannon Blide and Trent Molfetto who answered 24 correct questions. A close second was Ashley Geydoshek with 23 correct answers, followed by Maddy Simmons with 21 and Joey Gearhart with 19 correct questions. Our fifth place winners are Megan Halpin, Christos Rabidis, Charlie Throne, and Katie Williver with 17 correct questions. Congratulations to all the students for working hard and completing such a challenging contest. A special congratulations to our winners.

KINDERGARTEN NEWS: What's up in kindergarten? The kindergarten classes are busy little bees! In science, we have been learning about the Earth, moon and sun. The kindergarteners are also learning about the Rain Forest habitat and the unique animals that live there. We are spending time learning the life cycle of plants, the parts of a plant, and the needs of plants. As we are approaching the month of May; we are looking forward to our class trip to the circus!

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 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!



STILLWATER CLEAN UP DAY: Some of the Stillwater Education Association teachers participated in Stillwater Clean-Up Day on Saturday. We made sure Dove Island Road was spotless! It was a great day for us to help the community as we try to do every year. The money we receive from the Clean Communities Grant goes into our Philanthropic Fund, which goes towards scholarships for Stillwater graduates from 6th grade and K.R.H. S.



CAR WASH – 6th Grade students held a car wash on Saturday, April 25th at the Stillwater First Presbyterian Church. All proceeds from the event directly benefit the 6th Grade Recognition Party at Camp Neveda this June!



ART IN THE NEWS:

1st Grade, Miro

Our first graders began with a discussion on line, shape and color while looking at Miro's paintings. The fun, free flowing organic lines and shapes really sparked an interest. During the production process, yarn was used to create images of overlapping lines into shapes, filled with the primary colors.

STILLWATER IDOL RESULTS: The results are in – the winner of Stillwater Idol 2015 has been chosen. On Wednesday, April 29, all of the 5th and 6th grade classes were in the cafeteria to listen to the final phase of the Stillwater Idol competition. For this segment of the competition, the judges were people from outside of the school and did not know any of the finalists. Thanks to Mrs. Burlew and Mr. and Mrs. Lawson who were the judges, and thanks also, to Dr. Hatch who was our sound technician. The final results are as follows: the two finalists were Alexa Babcock and Emma Hayes, which means the “Stillwater Idol of 2015” is Jordan Maruska. Congratulations everyone on a job well done! --Mrs. Hatch

THIRD GRADE NEWS: The Hundred Dresses: The children completed a unit on tolerance as they read and discussed the book *The Hundred Dresses* by Eleanor Estes. This story addresses the topic of peer pressure and “sticking up” for others in need. The students had their own “drawing contest” similar to the one in the book. This book encouraged the discussion of the themes of tolerance, respect and “doing the right thing”.

THE FOLLOWING ARE NOT SCHOOL SPONSORED EVENTS

FUNDRAISERS

MARKET DAY: For information on Market Day fundraiser, please contact Cheryl Castner, ccastner@embarqmail.com or 973-579-3182.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

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.

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 8:30am – 2:30pm.

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 21st from 7:00pm – 8:30pm at the KRHS Auditorium.

Stillwater Township Green Team Idle Free Campaign:

Help Our Young Lungs Breathe Easier – this Spring, the Stillwater Township Green Team is launching an *Idle Free Campaign* to protect the health of our community and the health of the environment. Soon, cars in places around town will be greeted with our new No Idling signs. Please support the Stillwater Township Green Teams campaign. Watch for updates and learn why you should support the no-idling effort.

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.

TRICKY TRAY: The Tricky Tray is HERE and is going to be “Out of the World”! Join us **TONIGHT, Friday, May 1st, 2015**. Doors open at 6:00pm, calling begins at 8:00pm. **NO ONE UNDER THE AGE OF 18 IS PERMITTED.** Hope to see you there! For questions, please contact Christy Bello at christinebello1980@gmail.com or Karyn Carter at karyn1213@gmail.com.

TEACHER APPRECIATION LUNCHEON: The PTA will be hosting their annual luncheon in honor of our teachers and staff on Wednesday, May 6th, 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 or (973)901-1110.

MOTHER'S DAY FLOWER SALE: Flowers will be available to purchase on Thursday, May 7th and Friday, May 8th. Help is needed both days 10:15am – 12:30pm, and 12:30pm – 2:30pm. Please contact Christy Wright at 973-306-2675 if you are able to help.

SPRING BOGO BOOK FAIR: This year's Spring BOGO Book Fair will be held May 26th – May 29th after school hours. LOTS of help is needed! Please contact Chrissy Menkins at christinemenkins@aol.com.

TALENT SHOW: Please join us at 6:30PM on Friday, May 29th, 2015 for the 2nd annual Talent Show! Anyone interested in participating, please bring your completed permission slip to the next meeting on May 4th 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; 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.

SPRING CLOTHING DRIVE: It's that time of year again for the PTA's Spring Clothing Drive. The dates and times for drop off are Friday, June 5th 3:15pm – 9pm and Saturday, June 6th 8am – 2pm. DONATIONS ARE TO BE DROPPED OFF ON THE FRONT STEPS OF THE SCHOOL. We are looking for donations of clothing (any size/gender), shoes, gloves, purses, backpacks, ties, belts, bedding (sheets, comforters, pillows, etc.), towels, curtains, table cloths, throw rugs, stuffed animals, and disposable diapers (in unopened packages only). As always your donations will be sent to locations across the United States and overseas where there is a need for recycled clothing. Please contact Dawn Tighe at tighe8@gmail.com if you have any questions. Thank you!

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 stillwaterptacoresec@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), Teacher Appreciation Luncheon (5/6), Mother's Day Flower Sale (5/7 & 5/8), Spring Book Fair (5/26 – 5/29), Talent Show (5/29), Spring Clothing Drive (6/5 & 6/6).

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.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

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 for further information.

BONKO/TICKET DROP: Stillwater Presbyterian Church, May 9th at 7pm. Doors open at 6:30. Advance tickets are \$10.00 per person, \$15.00 at the door. For tickets, call 973-579-6686, or Christy Wright at 973-306-2675. Free snacks and drinks provided.

NOTICE OF VACANCY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Stillwater Township Board of Education is seeking a candidate from the Township of Stillwater to fill a vacancy on the Board of Education arising from a resignation. The successful candidate will be appointed to fill this vacancy for the unexpired term. Legal requirements for becoming a member of the Board of Education are:

1. An ability to read and write.
2. Citizenship and one year's residence in the district.
3. No interest in any contract with or claim against the Board.
4. To not hold office as Mayor or member of the governing body of Stillwater.
5. Is registered to vote in Stillwater and is not a disqualified voter under N.J.S.A. 19:4-1.

Interested candidates are requested to send a letter of interest on or before Friday, May 8, 2015 to René E. Solar, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, P.O. Box 12, Stillwater, New Jersey 07875.