



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.



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.

Important Dates to Remember:

- ❖ **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)**
- ❖ **4TH GRADE DROWNPROOFING AT KRHS: 6/1-6/5**
- ❖ **PRESCHOOL GRADUATION: 6/5**
- ❖ **6TH GRADE MOVE UP DAY AT KRHS**
- ❖ **6TH GRADE RECOGNITION CEREMONY: 6/19**
- ❖ **EARLY DISMISSAL AT 12:40PM: 6/19, 6/22, 6/23**
- ❖ **LAST DAY OF SCHOOL: 6/23**

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 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!

CINCO DE MAYO CELEBRATION: This week we celebrated *Cinco de Mayo* here at school, on Tuesday, May 5th! Students in 4th Grade created papel picado – tissue paper designs to decorate the cafeteria. 5th grade students created colored seating cards for a color review game and cafeteria seating. 6th grade students designed centerpieces for the cafeteria tables and the Art Department displayed information about Mexican artists. Traditional Mexican games and toys were displayed for the children to try during their lunch periods.

All students learned about the history of this holiday, why it is important to Mexican people, and how it is celebrated in the United States. Students enjoyed a special lunch of chicken and cheese quesadillas, fiesta corn, steamed rice and churros. It was also lucky sticker day! Mariachi music was playing throughout the cafeteria during all lunch periods! It was certainly a terrific way to celebrate!

~Señora Makarevich

MUSIC NEWS: The Spring concert is on its way. Tuesday, May 19th is the day students are preparing for to show off their musical talents. This concert includes all third graders, all sixth graders, both Monday and Tuesday Handbell Ensembles, and both Beginning and Advanced Band. The audience will enjoy a combination of different instruments, singing, and the third graders playing recorder. The students involved are asked to dress nicely, so please avoid jeans and sneakers if possible. A flyer has been sent home to all those students participating in the concert with specific information about arrival times. We all look forward to seeing you there!

TROUT RELEASE: This is the 3rd year that Stillwater School's science teacher, Sheri McMahon, and her students have participated in the Trout in the Classroom Program. This program is affiliated with Fish and Wildlife Conservation and helps stock local streams. The adventure has brought great effort and understanding to the students in fifth and sixth grades. The students raised rainbow trout from eggs and watched them develop into swimming fish. They have fed them, participated in water changes, and helped to regulate the sensitive system needed to keep this population alive. It is always an adventure. This year Mrs. McMahon contributed around 35 trout to Footbridge Park in Blairstown, New Jersey. Students and staff attended the release on April 28th as they set the fish out into their natural habitat. This was another successful venture.



SUSSEX COUNTY POSTER CONTEST WINNERS: Congratulations are in order for Fourth graders Carlie Nerlinger and Claire Schwartz. Both students won a Judge's Award for their entries into the Sussex County Poster Contest sponsored by the Constitutional Officers Association of New Jersey. Each year fourth graders in the county create a poster that depicts why Sussex County is unique to them.

Congratulations to both girls!!

THE FOLLOWING ARE NOT SCHOOL SPONSORED EVENTS

FUNDRAISERS

MARKET DAY: The Market Day forms for May have been distributed. It is time to stock up on all your Market Day favorites! May and June are the last opportunities to purchase Market Day items until September. **FREE THIS MONTH:** If your order totals \$90 (pre-tax), please remember to input the code MAYBONUS at checkout when you place your order online to receive your FREE 4-Pack of Cheesecake Pops. **FREQUENT BUYERS:** If you have been participating in the FREQUENT BUYER program, this is the month to redeem your reward. If you have made two purchases of \$40 (pre-tax) between February and April, simply place a third \$40 (pre-tax) purchase this month to receive a FREE set of Collapsible Storage Bowls at your May sale pick-up. Questions, contact Cheryl Castner, ccastner@embarqmail.com or 973-579-3182. Thank You!

COMMUNITY EVENTS

MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCES: Stillwater Township's Memorial Day Observances. Please join your neighbors this Memorial Day on Monday, May 25, 2015 at 10:00am to honor and remember all those who have served our country to ensure our rights and liberties as Americans. The observance will take place at the Stillwater Presbyterian Church on Main Street in Stillwater, where an Ecumenical service will take place. It will be followed by a wreath placing ceremony at Veterans Memorial Park on Pond Brook Road. All veterans are encouraged to participate. If you have any questions please call 973-579-6402.

BEARS STAMPEDE EVENT: Come out and run or walk the 20th annual STAMPEDE 5K on Sunday, May 17 At Lodestar Park. The event features live music, Awesome glassware giveaways, chocolate age group prizes and the race's hallmark home-baked goods after the event! A mile fun run follows the marquee event. Proceeds benefit the Bears youth running program. The race is at 10 AM on the 17th with day of registration opening at 8:30 AM. For information or to preregister please call the Gordon's at 973-271-6624 or e mail BearsRunningClub@aol.com

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: We are beyond overjoyed by the success of our Tricky Tray last week! Thank you to everyone who came out for our event. Thank you to all who donated. Thank you to the teachers and staff who volunteered their time. Thank you to the amazing parents, grandparents & friends of Stillwater PTA who helped out that night and during the preparation. You all ROCKED IT!! We worked so hard at making sure it was a FUN night and by the feedback we have already received, it appears that everyone had a GREAT time. Thank you to Mr. Nick for always being AWESOME. And from the bottom of our heart, THANK YOU to Christine Bello and Karyn Carter for your sincere dedication to this event. You truly made it "OUT OF THIS WORLD"!!! To anyone we may have missed, THANK YOU!!!

TEACHER APPRECIATION LUNCHEON: Thank you to Danielle LoCascio for coordinating a fabulous luncheon for our teachers and staff! Thank you also to Cheryl Williver, MaryAnne Choma, and Meredith Reilly for their help throughout the day and to all of the parents who donated delicious items!

MOTHER'S DAY FLOWER SALE: Thank you to Chrisha Wright and Jessie Goytil for chairing the Mother's Day Flower Sale! Thank you to the parents who volunteered their time and also to Fredon Farms for supplying the flowers!

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. Practice dates: 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: Thursday, May 21st at 6:45PM in room A119. We welcome & 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.**

COMMUNITY EVENTS

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 Chrisha Wright at 973-306-2675. Free snacks and drinks provided.

Stillwater Township Green Team Idle Free Campaign: Why should you support the *Idle Free Campaign*? **Idling harms our health.** Vehicle exhaust is harmful to everyone's health, but it especially affects children who breathe more and at a faster rate than adults. By turning off your car, our community won't breathe in unhealthy fumes as they enter school, the bank, the deli, etc. **IT'S YOUR TURN – TURN IT OFF!**

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.

KITTATINNY BARRACUDAS: Looking for something fun to do this summer? Like to swim? Join our Kittatinny Barracudas Summer Swim Team! We will be having In Person Registration on Monday May 18th from 6:30-8:30pm at Kittatinny High School in the lobby outside the school. If you are a new swimmer please bring a suit, cap and goggles to tryout. Hope to see you there!

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.