



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.

BOARD OF EDUCATION NEWS: If you have been a resident of Stillwater Township for more than one year and are interested in becoming a school board member, now is the time to obtain the Nominating Petitions and School Board Candidate Kit from the County Clerk's website, or the board of education office. There are four positions open, three for a three year term, and one for a one year term. Petitions must be completed and returned to the Sussex County Clerk's Office by July 27, 2015 by 4:00 p.m. The School Board Election is held with the General Election on November 3, 2015. Please contact René Solar at (973) 383-8954 or rene.solar@stillwaterschool.net if you have any questions.

TECHNOLOGY NEWS: In class, the students practice their keyboarding skills using two main software programs. The kindergarten and first grades use "Type to Learn Jr." and second through sixth grade use "Mavis Beacon". These are both great programs to use however there are many keyboarding drills online. Have your child try these websites in their free time. (Please Note: Other links, ads and websites can bring you anywhere online. Please take time to assist your children when using the Internet.)

- <http://keybr.com/>
- <http://www.powertyping.com/>

Important Dates to Remember:

- ◆ 6TH GRADE MOVE UP DAY AT KRHS: 6/9
- ◆ 6TH GRADE RECOGNITION CEREMONY: 6/19, 7pm
- ◆ EARLY DISMISSAL AT 12:40PM: 6/19, 6/22, 6/23
- ◆ LAST DAY OF SCHOOL: 6/23

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

NOTE FROM THE CAFETERIA: We are quickly approaching the end of another school year. With that in mind, I would like to let everyone know that **TODAY, June 5th, will be the last day we will accept charging for lunches and allowing students to get the lunch of their choice if they have no money.** If your child has lost or forgotten their money after that date through the end of the school year they will be provided with a PB&J sandwich, fruit, and a milk. **Any charges your child/children may have prior to and up to this date, (June 5th), must be paid in full by Friday, June 12th.** I will be sending home letters with any students who have charges. If your child has a pre-paid lunch ticket here and you are not sure how many days are left on it, please don't hesitate to call or send in a note. I will be happy to check that for you and let you know. Thank you for your assistance concerning this matter and for your continued support throughout the year. My staff and I wish you and your children a safe and happy summer and look forward to serving you again next school year!

~Ellen Van Skiver/Food Service Manager



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

ATTENTION 5TH GRADE PARENTS:

Stillwater School will present the D.A.R.E. Graduation on June 11, 2015 at 2:00pm in the cafeteria. You are welcome to attend!

REMINDER: All students entering 6th grade are required to show proof of the following vaccinations: 1 dose of a meningococcal vaccine when the child turns 11 years of age, 1 dose of Tdap vaccine. An exception applies to children who have received recent DTP/DTap or Td (tetanus) vaccine. A child is not required to have the Tdap until 5 years after the last DTP/DTap or Td dose. The school will need documentation of prior vaccination if applicable. Please call the health office if you have any questions pertaining to this requirement. The summer is a very busy time to catch up on vaccinations and it may be difficult to get last minute appointments. Please schedule an appointment for your child to receive the vaccinations if you have not already done so.

FIRST GRADE NEWS: Our butterflies have arrived! The children have been learning about butterflies. They can identify the parts of a butterfly and the stages of their lifecycle. We have watched our caterpillars turn into a chrysalis. We are eagerly awaiting their metamorphosis into butterflies.



SPELLING BEE CHAMPIONSHIP: KRHS ~ May 27th ~ 7pm

*We would like to congratulate our Stillwater students who participated in the recent Spelling Bee Championship held at Kittatinny Regional High School. The competition was difficult and we are proud of the way these students represented our school!

- Austin Babcock (4th Grade)
- Kyle Cain (6th Grade)
- Zack Mabee (6th Grade)
- Cooper Waldo (6th Grade)

FUNDRAISERS

MARKET DAY: : LAST SALE UNTIL THE FALL!!! June Market Day flyers have been distributed. If you did not receive one, there are extras in the main office at the school. Now is the time to stock up on your favorite Market Day items for the Summer months. When you input your order, do not forget to visit the Clearance page for extra savings! All \$40 (pre-tax) orders this month will receive a FREE 1 lb. Bag of Broccoli Florets. Summer Sales: While we will not be holding a Summer sale, you can check the Market Day website for organizations that will be, place your order through them (we will still receive the profit), and pick up your order at their organization. We will begin holding sales again in September. Please return paper orders to the school by Monday, June 8th. The cutoff for online orders is 11 pm on Tuesday, June 9th. **Sale pick-up date is Tuesday, June 16th at 2 p.m.** Questions, contact Cheryl Castner at ccastner@embargmail.com or 973-579-3182.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

LITTLE MR. & MISS STILLWATER: Event will be held on Saturday, June 20th at the opening of Stillwater Day! Any Stillwater resident between the ages of 4 – 7 interested in representing our community at the New Jersey State Fair may enter. Applications, due by June 12th, are available at the Township Hall, Stillwater School or may be downloaded on the Stillwater Township website. Please contact Rick Nothstine with any questions – 973-903-2910.



COMMUNITY EVENTS

Stillwater Township Green Team Idle Free Campaign:
Why should you support the Idle Free Campaign?
 Idling creates worse emissions than driving. This is because idling vehicles emit higher levels of carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide, nitrous oxide and hydrocarbons. These are some of the pollutants that contribute to Ozone damage. **IT'S YOUR TURN – TURN IT OFF.**

KRHS SUMMER SWIM PROGRAM: Registration deadline June 19th for summer swim lessons. Please contact Suzanne Freund at 973-383-1800 x.1511 to secure your spot or visit their website:

<http://krhs.net/files/pdf/athletics/forms/summer%20swim.pdf>

MORRIS SUSSEX YOUTH ADVOCATE PROGRAM:
 Therapy sessions led by Master's Level and Licensed Level mental health therapists, providing supportive, structured therapy. Services and treatment modalities include: individual/family therapy, cognitive behavioral therapy, anger management, stress management, life skills, emotional regulation, and trauma treatment. MSYAP Outpatient clinic accepts Medicaid, as well as other private insurances, and offers a sliding scale for uninsured, income eligible clients. Please call 973-729-3617 for further information or to schedule an appointment.

Q: How do oysters call their friends?

A: On shell phones!

Q: Why don't oysters share their pearls?

A: Because they're shellfish!

Q: What's the most musical part of a fish?

A: The scales!

Q: Which fish is the most famous?

A: The star fish!

STILLWATER PTA

Congratulations to our newly elected Executive Board for the 2015-16 school year!

President: Kristin Oldenburg
 Vice-President: Amanda Connelly
 Recording Secretary: Arlean Konar
 Corresponding Secretary: Jen Kraft
 Treasurer: Vicki Yanaga

****A special thank you to Justine Mahon for serving as our Recording Secretary for the last couple of years!****

SPRING BOGO BOOK FAIR: Thank you to Chrissy Menkins for her commitment to chairing this great event yet again! Thank you also to Robin Waldo and Kristi Meng for their help as well.

TALENT SHOW: Thank you to Justine Mahon for taking on this event for a 2nd year! We appreciate all of her time and dedication in making it a great show.

A note from Justine: A big thank you to Mr. Burke and Mr. Boyle for helping make this year's Talent Show a night to remember. I appreciate your help and could not have done it without you. An event is not a success without supportive parents and teachers: Ms. Konar, Ms. McCabe, Ms. Tosti, Ms. Waldo, Ms. Gordon, Ms. Whitby, Ms. Kraft, Ms. Connelly, Ms. Molfetto, Abby Schwartz, Ms. Celentano, Ms. Hatch, Ms. Franck, Mr. Nick, Ms. Sylvester, and Ms. Williver thank you for your support, time, and creativity. I appreciated the hands on help, assistance with setting up and clean up, helping with practices. Ms. Piazza, thank you for the wonderful letters they made. This made this year's talent show very special, this personal touch from you and your students. Mr. and Ms. Yanaga once again the talent show t-shirts were out of this world, thank you for designing them for us. To all the Talent Show participants, you are all very talented and an amazing group of individuals. Remember the determination, hard work, creativity, and dedication you gave on Friday when you approach anything in life. You are all wonderful and a joy to work with. I truly enjoyed working with all of you. Have a great summer! ~ J. Mahon

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 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: Spring Clothing Drive (6/5 & 6/6). ****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.**