



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.

THIRD GRADE NEWS: Our last novel study of this year was Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl. While reading this fun book, the children met and followed each of the fantastic characters. The children completed many chocolate themed Math activities and have even designed their own candy bar! They made a clay model of their creation and brought it home last week.

Important Dates to Remember:

- ◆ **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.

IMPORTANT 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.

IMPORTANT REMINDER: The end of the school year is approaching fast. Students' medications that are stored in the health office must be picked up by the end of the school year. Ideally, medication should be picked up at the very end of the school year. Medication that remains after the last day of school will be discarded. An exception is made for students who will be attending summer school. If your child is attending summer school, you may pick up the medication at the end of the summer school session. If your child will require medication to be administered at school during the upcoming school year, a new doctor's order will be required. Look for medication permission slips for the 2015-2016 school year in the summer mailing.

NATURE CLUB NEWS: The Nature Club had a lot of fun exploring the backyard of our very own school. The student's enjoyed being outside - especially during our scavenger hunt and when we practiced using compasses on our "weed walk". We learned how to identify trees and had fun trying to do so while being blind folded. We discovered that nature adapts in many unique ways, some of which are stranger than fiction. In addition to all of our educational ventures, we enjoyed a few "games" and some craft projects and even tried making our own recycled paper. Ms. Grau would like to thank all of the 4th grade boys and girls that participated in the Nature Club this year.

Q: WHAT DO YOU CALL A DOG ON THE BEACH IN THE SUMMER?

A: A HOT DOG!

Q: WHY DO BANANAS USE SUNSCREEN?

A: BECAUSE THEY PEEL.

Q: WHICH LETTER IS THE COOLEST?

A: ICED T.

Q: WHAT DO FROGS LIKE TO DRINK ON A HOT SUMMER DAY?

A: CROAK-O-COLA.

Q: WHAT DOES THE SUN DRINK OUT OF?

A: SUNGLASSES.

SOLAR ENERGY SURPRISE! Students in 4th Grade Pinwheel recently completed their study of solar energy and how it works. During this unit written by Mrs. Makarevich, which was awarded a First Energy STEM Grant earlier this year, students explored and researched solar energy. Using new information, the Pinwheel students assembled solar kits into working cars, boats, dogs, etc. The culmination of the unit was to design a pizza box solar oven that could cook a s'more. Students were amazed at their designs when they tried them out. Each oven worked to melt the chocolate and warm the marshmallow! Solar ovens and knowledge were shared with 4th grade classes and ovens were sent home so students could experiment some more!

TECHNOLOGY - This year in technology class our students developed their learning skills with interactive websites, while still utilizing applications and software. Technology and computers are utilized at least twice a week for most students while during certain weeks computers are used daily. Great job students, continue to use computers, and enjoy your summer.

Homeroom Contest Winners!

Congratulations to the top three winning homerooms in this year's Boxtops Collection Contest! Each homeroom received ice pops and water to cool off and celebrate their collection efforts this year.

Mrs. Then/Miss Parsons – 3rd Grade

Mrs. Ciccolella – 6th Grade

Mrs. Murphy – Kindergarten

***Keep clipping those Boxtops over the summer... the contest will restart in September!**

~Elaine Makarevich – Boxtops Coordinator

THE FOLLOWING ARE NOT SCHOOL SPONSORED EVENTS

FUNDRAISERS

MARKET DAY: The members of Harmony Hill UMC would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone who has supported our monthly frozen food fundraiser by placing Market Day orders. We truly appreciate your continued support, and we look forward to seeing you again in September when we start up our monthly sales again. Have a safe and happy summer, and we will see you in September! Thank You!

COMMUNITY EVENTS

KMFL CHEER CAMP: KMFL SUMMER CHEER CAMP, Aug 5th-7th, 9am-3pm, @ KRHS, Cost: \$105 For Incoming 3rd - 8th graders. KMFL will be hosting a UCA home camp. Be game ready with new sidelines, cheers, stunts, dance and more. To register and for more information contact Tonya Fleszar @ tonyafitness@yahoo.com

2015 KMFL FOOTBALL AND CHEER: 2015 KMFL Football and Cheer Registration going on now! Grades K-8th. All registration and camp forms can be found on our website, www.leaugelineup.com/KMFL. For questions regarding registration please contact, Krista Albert at Krista.albert@gmail.com.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

LITTLE MR. & MISS STILLWATER: Event will be held on Saturday, June 20th at the opening of Stillwater Day! Please contact Rick Nothstine with any questions – 973-903-2910.

KITTATINNY PLAYERS SUMMER THEATER CAMP:

Summer Theater Camp is a program meant to build a strong foundation in the basics of the theater. Areas of education include how to move on stage and use body language, back stage basics, choreography, stage rules, and performance. There are three, one – week sessions for various grade levels, with only 60 spots available per week. Cost is \$159.00. Deadline for registration is June 30, no exceptions. Registration forms are available in the main office of Kittatinny Regional High School, or by calling 973-383-1300. Further information can be found at: www.krhstheater.com.

STILLWATER PTA

SPRING CLOTHING DRIVE: A special thank you to Dawn Tighe for chairing the Spring Clothing Drive again this year! This year's Clothing Drive raised a total of \$325.20 for the PTA! Thank you to everyone who generously donated items to make this possible!

The Stillwater PTA would like to wish everyone a happy, healthy & safe Summer!

