

April 13, 2018



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Important Dates to Remember:

- ◆ ASLC MAKEUP DATES: 4/17 & 4/19
- ◆ SPRING PICTURES: 4/19
- ◆ REPORT CARDS: 4/24
- ◆ MOTHER/SON EVENT: NEW DATE 6/8

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

ABSENTEE CALLS: All absences must be reported directly to our dedicated attendance line **by 9:30am - 973-383-3227**. Kindly keep in mind, this number is for **Absentee Calls ONLY**. If you need to speak directly to the nurse Maureen Beckman or leave a message for her, she can be reached at 973-383-6171 ext. 216. 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 Mrs. Roberts or Mrs. Roycroft.

THIRD GRADE NEWS: Third grade is working diligently on opinion writing persuasive speeches. Be on the lookout for these fantastic minds to change yours! Students in third grade are also finishing up the book, *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* by Roald Dahl. They have been following Charlie's adventure through Willy Wonka's Chocolate Factory and have met some interesting characters along the way.

FOURTH GRADE MATH NEWS: This month we are about to delve into our unit of decimals after becoming proficient with using fractions. With our unit on decimals, the students will be using bills and coins as tools to solve problems involving adding and subtracting money amounts. This connects to work in previous lessons where students learned how to represent money amounts using decimals and how to represent dollar amounts with bills and coins. Students should relate their knowledge of fractions and decimals to money. Though the context may be different, the structure of place value remains the same. Parents at home can practice using decimals with their child simply by allowing them to explore with money while buying groceries at the store. Have children tally up the items needed at the store and they can calculate the total price! Just remind them that although the monetary value of the total will remain the same, there are multiple combinations of bills and coins that can be used.

FIFTH GRADE MATH NEWS: The Fifth Grade students recently finished their study of fractions. The students can now successfully add, subtract, multiply, and divide fractions with unlike denominators. They can also perform these same operations with mixed numbers as well! The students are now working on mastering finding volume. This is a fun topic and the students are enjoying finding the volume of two rectangular prisms put together. I am very impressed with how hard these amazing students are working.

SIXTH GRADE MATH NEWS: Students in 6th grade just finished a unit on Percents. Using what they previously learned about ratios, unit rates and solving algebraic equations, students were able to solve problems using percent. They are now able to relate fractions, decimals and percents and to represent percents greater than 100 and less than one. Using the solid foundation and understanding of what a percent is and how it is represented, students learned how to find the percent of a number, find the whole (given a part and the percent), and to estimate to find a percent. Students worked in their interactive notebooks to calculate the selling price of items using percentage off coupons. As we look forward to the next few weeks, students will be learning about geometry. They will build upon the knowledge they have learned in previous grades to find the area of parallelograms and rhombuses, trapezoids, kites and other polygons, solve triangle area problems, represent solid figures using nets (to find surface area) and find a shape's volume with fractional edge lengths. We will be very busy in the next few weeks with this fun new topic.

NEWS FROM MR. IRADI: When we begin our day everyone wakes up and has some idea of what we need to do in order to make our day go well. Students and adults can do better by concentrating and there are a few easy ways to help improve your concentration. An idea is to work on a task and complete the task before you do something else. This idea works best with homework, reading, and studying. A second idea is to practice breathing or sitting in a spot and concentrate with a little amount of movement. Do you tap a pencil, turn on music, or find everything else within reach to look at or touch? Try to slow your movement and really concentrate. Pick one of these tasks and work on it until you see success. As with any tasks or activities, reward yourself by doing a fun activity when finished.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!

Thank you for all of your generous donations to the American Red Cross. It was a great day, everyone had a blast, and we were able to raise a grand total of \$511.72 that we donated to the ARC from Stillwater School! A special thank you to the parents that helped to make the event such a success! We really appreciate your time and effort. Thanks again! ~ **Mr. Reed & Ms. Radimer**

The Zufall Dental Van will be coming to school on Friday, May 25, 2018. Children will be able to access dental services at school that day. Registration is required for your child to receive dental services. To register, please call Maureen Beckman at [973 383-6171](tel:9733836171) ext. 216.



Stillwater PTA

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SPIRITWEAR SALE: Stillwater Spiritwear is on sale now through **TODAY**, April 13th! Please return form and payment (checks made payable to Stillwater PTA) to the school. Orders are estimated to arrive around April 30th. For questions, please contact Carrie Weeks at StillwaterSchoolSpiritwear@gmail.com Thank you for your support! We would also like to extend a special thank you to Carrie Weeks for organizing this sale for the PTA!

TALENT SHOW: The Talent Show will be held on Thursday, April 26th from 7:00-8:30PM in the gym. Practice dates are as follows: April 9th, 16th, 23rd, & 25th from 5:00-6:00PM. Parent volunteers are needed to make this event a success. If you are able to help, please contact Justine Mahon ASAP at marymahon@gmail.com or (908) 625-1710. A canned food drive will also take place during this event.

TRICKY TRAY: Save the date! The Stillwater PTA Tricky Tray will be held on Friday, May 18, 2018. Doors open at 6:00PM. This is the PTA's largest fundraiser and is not possible without many hands on deck. We need your help to make this our most successful event ever! Please contact the chairpersons Christine Bello stillwatertwppta@gmail.com or Karyn Carter karyn1213@gmail.com with any questions. Thank you in advance!

PRE-SALE TICKETS & TABLE RESERVATIONS: Now on sale through May 11, 2018! Tricky Tray Ticket Packages are \$40.00 each (\$15 savings). Table Reservations are \$45.00 per person and include 1 ticket package. These will be taken on a first come, first serve basis. Please return your reservation form along with full payment (checks made payable to Stillwater PTA) to the school labeled, Stillwater PTA-2018 Tricky Tray c/o Jen Kraft (PO Box 12, Stillwater, NJ 07875) **NO LATER THAN MAY 11, 2018**. For questions, please contact Jen Kraft at stillwaterptapresident@yahoo.com or 973-229-2990.

FAMILY TRAYS: Please consider donating a family tray. Each family to donate a tray will receive a free sheet of level 1 tickets!

LAND OF MAKE BELIEVE: The PTA will be sponsoring a trip to the Land of Make Believe in Hope, NJ on **Friday, June 29, 2018**. Ticket prices are as follows; Children-\$15(under 2 are free), Adults-\$7.00. Please complete the form that was sent home and return to the school along with payment(checks made payable to Stillwater PTA) c/o Jen Kraft no later than June 1st. For questions, please contact Jen Kraft at stillwaterptapresident@yahoo.com or (973)229-2990.

ELECTION NOMINATIONS: The 2018 Stillwater PTA Nominating Committee has nominated the following members for the upcoming elections. Each term is 1 year, to being July 1, 2018 and end on June 30, 2019.

President-Arlean Konar
Vice President-Alicia Gardner
Treasurer-Kayla Philhower
Corresponding Secretary-Tanya O'Shea
Recording Secretary-Christine Bello

If any PTA member would like to self-nominate and run opposed for any of these positions, please email your letter of intent to stillwaterptapresident@yahoo.com and stillwaterptacorsec@yahoo.com **NO LATER** than April 26, 2018. Elections will take place at our next General PTA meeting on Thursday, May 3, 2018 at 7:00PM.

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. **Please remember we are now digital and all flyers will be attached to the weekly newsletters.** Flyers must be first approved by the PTA and administration by emailing them to Jen Kraft at stillwaterptapresident@yahoo.com and Cali Roberts at Cali.roberts@stillwaterschool.net. Also, if you would like something submitted in the weekly newsletter regarding your event, please email your submission to Aneasha Begraft at stillwaterptacorsec@yahoo.com no later than Wednesday for it to be published that same Friday.

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 that are raised go directly to the 6th grade trip to Washington, D.C! 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**. Schools with just 40 supporters are earning an average of \$1000 per year. The top earning grade level at the end of the school year will win extra recess time and a special treat. Thank you for your continued support.
2. Keep cutting your Box Tops and Labels for Education! Be sure to include your child's homeroom teacher when submitting. Please note by downloading the app you can now simply select the items you plan on purchasing or have already purchased and scan your receipt for validation. Your account is linked to Stillwater school when you sign up! Visit the link at: <http://www.boxtops4education.com/bonusapp>
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.

UPCOMING EVENTS: CULTURAL ARTS TRIP APRIL 15, 2018, SPRING BOGO BOOK FAIR-APRIL 24-26, 2018, TALENT SHOW-APRIL 26, 2018, TEACHER APPRECIATION LUNCHEON MAY 9, 2018, MOTHERS DAY FLOWER SALE MAY 10 & 11, 2018, TRICKY TRAY MAY 18, 2018, MOTHER/SON EVENT-(NEW DATE) JUNE 8, 2018, LAND OF MAKE BELIEVE TRIP-JUNE 29, 2018

NEXT PTA MEETING: (Elections) Thursday, May 3, 2018 from 7:00-8:00PM in room A119. We welcome and encourage all to attend!