

April 20, 2018



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### Important Dates to Remember:

- ◆ MOTHER/SON EVENT: NEW DATE 6/8
- ◆ REPORT CARDS: 4/24
- ◆ PARCC TESTING: 5/7-5/18

**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.

**ART NEWS:** Congratulations to our 4 winners; Easton Konar, Jake Zeveney, Kinya Kajogo & Autumn Gorsicak, of the Project Help "I Love America" poster contest! Winners were invited to an artist reception at the Annual Open House on April 19, 2018 in Parsippany. Peters Valley will be hosting their Creative Rush 5K on May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Each participant of the 5K will get one vote towards which school will receive a FREE Craftsmen at Work Program! If interested, please see Mrs. Piazza or Ms. Radimer for more details. Student art work will be on display in the All Purpose room during our school's Tricky Tray event on May 18<sup>th</sup>. Kindergarten to 6<sup>th</sup> grade will be represented through a variety of visual art media and original design. Be sure to stop in and check out some amazing works of art!

**PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS:** Grades 3-6 have started testing for the Kittatinny Regional Physical Fitness Test. The test consists of five events the mile run, shuttle run, sit and reach, push-ups, and sit-ups. The students are giving their best efforts and have performed very well thus far. They can and are encouraged to practice the events on their own outside of school as they work towards reaching their personal goals. If they meet the standards for all five events, they will earn the gold award. If they meet the standards in three or four events, they will earn the silver award. We wish everyone good luck with the test and remember to keep working hard and try your best! ~ **Mr. Reed & Ms. Radimer**

**MORNING FITNESS CLUB:** The **Morning Fitness Club** will meet for the last time on **Wednesday, April 25th and Thursday, April 26th**. Thank you to all of the students who participated. It has been a pleasure to work with all of you! ~ **Mrs. Riva and Miss Radimer**

Spring is in the air! We can all feel it! That only means one thing! May flowers are on their way! We are talking all things spring in Speech sessions this month. We are taking advantage of the beauty that comes with spring time and are working on adjectives and describing the things around us. We are also focusing on sequencing in 2, 3, and 4 step sequences. The life cycle of a plant is the perfect sequencing example for our little ones. Get outside and plant flowers! Involve your child in the entire process: buying the seeds, the pot, and the soil, planting the seeds, watering them each day, and watching them grow! Have fun getting a little muddy! Check out "And Then It's Spring" by Julie Fogliano. This book is perfect for discussing themes related to spring. Read the book and then have some fun planting seeds. Watch as the world around you goes from brown to green! Key vocabulary words that you can focus on are: flower, plant, water, grow, rain, and seeds.

Is your child having a difficult time writing their uppercase and lowercase letters? Check out these great apps to help improve your child's handwriting!

- Little Writer – The Tracing App for Kids – \$0.99 - \$1.99
- iTrace - \$3.99 (try iTrace Lite for free)

**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 ext. 216](tel:9733836171).**



## Stillwater PTA

Like us on Facebook- Stillwater Twp PTA. You can also visit our websites! [www.pt-avenue.com](http://www.pt-avenue.com) (Code: Stillwater) Keep up to date with our calendar of events, announcements, and sign up to volunteer! You can also visit [www.stillwatertwppta.my-pta.org](http://www.stillwatertwppta.my-pta.org).

CULTURAL ARTS TRIP: We would like to extend a special thank you to Kathy Pevarnik for organizing a fantastic Cultural Arts Trip to see Anastasia on Broadway last weekend!

SPIRITWEAR SALE: A very special thank you to Carrie Weeks for organizing our Spiritwear Sale! Thank you also to all those who made purchases.

SPRING BOOK FAIR: This year's PTA Spring Book fair is BOGO (buy one get one) and will be held during every lunch period from April 24-26 as well as from 5-8pm on the 26<sup>th</sup>. Parents may also register for eWallet payment processing online at <https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/stillwatertwpelemschool> any questions please contact Tanya O'Shea at 973-590-4972 or email her at [tanyaoshea@gmail.com](mailto:tanyaoshea@gmail.com)

TALENT SHOW: The Talent Show will be held on Thursday, April 26<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-8:30PM in the gym. The remaining practice dates are April 23<sup>rd</sup>, & 25<sup>th</sup> 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 [jmariamahon@gmail.com](mailto:jmariamahon@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](mailto:stillwatertwppta@gmail.com) or Karyn Carter [karyn1213@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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!

TRAY COLLECTION TIMES:

Saturday (4/21) @ Flagpole (10:00-11:00)

Thursday (4/26) @ Book Fair (5:00-8:00)

Wednesday (5/2) @ Shed in back (3:00-4:00)

Thursday (5/3) @ PTA meeting-Room A119 (7:00-8:00)

MOTHER/SON NIGHT: The mother/son night will be held on June 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:05pm at Skylands stadium. The number of tickets is limited and it will be on a first come first serve basis. The deadline is May 11, 2018. Please contact Traci Trotter at [trotts900@embarqmail.com](mailto:trotts900@embarqmail.com) or text 201-390-2644 to reserve or with any questions.

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 1<sup>st</sup>. For questions, please contact Jen Kraft at [stillwaterptapresident@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto:stillwaterptapresident@yahoo.com) and [stillwaterptacorsec@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto:stillwaterptapresident@yahoo.com) and Cali Roberts at [Cali.roberts@stillwaterschool.net](mailto:Cali.roberts@stillwaterschool.net). Also, if you would like something submitted in the weekly newsletter regarding your event, please email your submission to Aneesha Begraft at [stillwaterptacorsec@yahoo.com](mailto: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 6<sup>th</sup> 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: 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 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!**