



Important Dates to Remember:

- ◆ PARCC TESTING: 5/7-5/18
- ◆ PROGRESS REPORTS: 5/11
- ◆ SPRING CONCERT: 5/15
- ◆ ZUFALL DENTAL: 5/25

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 **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: In third grade we are starting poetry! Students have been reading poems by famous poets like Jack Prelutsky and Shel Silverstein. Students have been making text to self-connections from the poetry and will begin writing their own poems. We have also been getting ready for PARCC by practicing their test taking skills. Good luck to all the students taking PARCC!

FOURTH GRADE LANGUAGE ARTS NEWS: In Fourth Grade Language Arts, students have been working on writing literature response essays. By digging deep to write extensively about what we read, we've been growing as both readers and writers! These growing fourth graders have been practicing critical thinking skills and close reading while reviewing many types of text, such as drama, poetry, informational and short stories.

FIFTH GRADE NEWS: 5th grade students have been reading independently for their upcoming Reading Fair. One of our goals of the Reading Fair is to give our 5th graders a chance to share one of their favorite books with the rest of the school in a creative way. Each student has chosen a fictional book on their reading level that they are excited about reading. This is to be a fun experience which will allow students to show off what they have learned about the different parts of a book review. Our hope is that the students will learn from this process and are encouraged to read more.

SIXTH GRADE NEWS: Students in Mrs. Steffens STEAM classes just wrapped up their first production with three wonderful performances of The Tale of Peter Rabbit. Each STEAM class went through the audition process, had ten class sessions to memorize their lines, work on props, learn how to stage their scenes, project their voices to an audience and learn other various parts of putting on a production. For many students, it was their first time on stage and they were willing to come out of their comfort zones to put on a great show for the younger grades. This marking period, there will be three mini comedies put on by the students in Mrs. Steffens' STEAM classes. The plays include, My Little Mermaid, Handsome and Griddle, and a spoof on Edgar Allen Poe's play, The Tell Tale Heart. One play the students will need to create an alternate ending and work on their improv skills. It's safe to say that every student is able to bring their own talents to class and they are each shining, whether on stage or behind the curtain!

BE ACTIVE NEWS: The students in the B-Alive Program had their last field trip on May 3. The students prepared and enjoyed a BBQ lunch and created their own sundaes! It has been a wonderful year for the program. Next up is our end of year celebration in June! ~
Maureen Riva and Ruth Najemian



Stillwater School Student Competes in Rubik's Cube Event!

Congratulations to Jared Begraft for competing in the North American School Rubik's Cube Championship! The event was held this past weekend at the Lincoln Financial Field in Philadelphia, PA. The competition was fierce, and he had to move through four rounds of timed solutions. Jared competed against many talented students in the Elementary Division and finished strong with an 11th place finish out of 40 competitors and received a special pack of cool gadgets and games. We are very proud of his accomplishment! If you happen to see him, ask him about his best time. You just might notice that he takes his cube with him everywhere and is continuing to work on his speed with solving the Rubik's cube!

PARCC TESTING: Grades 3-6 will be PARCC testing on Monday, May 7th. English Language Arts units are on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday for all grades. Mathematics units are on Thursday and Friday for grades 3-5 and Thursday, Friday and Monday (5/14) for grade 6. Makeups will occur during the week of May 14th.

Do Your Best on the Test!!

- Get plenty of rest and be on time for school
- Have a good, nutritious breakfast
- Leave electronic devices at home
- Wear comfortable clothing (Remember...no hoodies)
- Relax and take a deep breath
- Pace yourself
- Stay positive!

THE FOLLOWING ARE NOT SCHOOL SPONSORED EVENTS

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Stillwater Township's Memorial Day Observance: Please join your neighbors this Memorial Day on Monday, May 28, 2018 at 10:00am to honor and remember all those who have served our country to ensure our rights and liberties as Americans. The Memorial Day ceremony will be at Veterans Memorial Park on Pond Brook Road. All veterans are encouraged to participate. If you have any questions please call 579 6402.

Stillwater PTA

Like us on Facebook- Stillwater Twp PTA. You can also visit our websites! 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.

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!

MOTHER/SON NIGHT: The mother/son night will be held on June 8th 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 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 1st. For questions, please contact Jen Kraft at stillwaterptapresident@yahoo.com or (973)229-2990.

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 Aneesha 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: 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

The next PTA meeting will be held on Thursday, June 7th, 2018 in room A119. All are invited and encouraged to attend.