



**Important Dates to Remember:**

- ☐ Yearbooks available to purchase online by 3/1:  
<http://jostensyearbooks.com/?REF=A09873794>
- ☐ BOE Meeting: 2/25/19 at 7pm in Library
- ☐ Progress Reports sent home 3/4/19

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

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

**SECOND GRADE NEWS:**



We did it! The second grade collected over 185 paper towels. These will be donated to the Newton Manna House. We would like to thank the community for your support.

Second graders are researchers! Students are currently researching a country of their choice and learning about the location, language, leadership, currency, foods, and landmarks within that country. Students will be creating a google slideshow to share their findings. The website, <https://www.getepic.com/>, is helping us to complete our research. We suggest you try out this great reading website at home!

**SIX GRADE NEWS:**

The 6th Grade students have completed the CPR in the schools program. They have learned how to perform hands only CPR as well as how to use an AED. Students were also introduced to other important lifesaving skills such as CPR with breaths, Heimlich maneuver, and CPR for children. The students have done an excellent job and were into learning these lifesaving skills.  
Miss Radimer & Mrs.Beckman

**PINWHEEL NEWS:**

Grade 3 - Students are travelling the world with their passports! Each student selected a country in the world to visit “virtually” using Chromebooks. During their visit, they must search for information to share that includes the language spoken, special customs, tourism, and schools, just to name a few!

Grade 4 - Students explored the app “Stop Motion” with iPads and created short movie clips using Legos and clay. Exploration will continue with adding sounds, subtitles and word bubbles to create a mini movie with a storyline.

Grade 5 - Skyscrapers, Higher and Higher! Students are investigating how skyscrapers are built and will then create scale models of some of their favorites to create a skyline in the Makerspace!

Grade 6 - Mystery River... can you figure out what is happening to the freshwater mussels in the river? The 6th Grade Pinwheel students are researching the problem and preparing to present answers and solutions to the town manager. (Mrs. Makarevich) Coming soon - The Stock Market Game!

**MORNING FITNESS CLUB** began this week and will be held on Wednesdays for K-3rd grades and Thursdays for 4th-6th grades. The Club will run from February 20th through March 11th. If there is a Delayed Opening, the Club will be held from 9:45-10:25 AM. Thank you to all of our participants for getting their permission slips in! We look forward to seeing you bright and early over the next 8 weeks!

**YEARBOOK \$19.00 Sale until 3/1/19**

There are two ways to purchase a yearbook, using a form previously sent home or purchasing online.  
Below is the link:  
<http://jostensyearbooks.com/?REF=A09873794>

If you have any questions, please contact Michelle Gerhardt at [Michelle.Gerhardt@Stillwaterschool.net](mailto:Michelle.Gerhardt@Stillwaterschool.net)

**Music News:** Music is something everyone can enjoy and appreciate. We hear music in our cars, on television and during sporting events. Many people attend plays, recitals and the movies, all of which include music! There are some upcoming musical opportunities for your families to enjoy within our community. On February 28, March 1 and 2, the Kittatinny players will be performing their yearly musical, this year’s performance being Mamma Mia! Taking place at KRHS, students from all four sending districts and Kittatinny Junior High students will be performing a District Band and Choir concert on Monday, March 18. Featuring some of Stillwater’s own, the Newton Theater will host The Lion King Experience. This event is on Thursday April 11. In May, the Junior High will be performing their musical, Shrek Junior on the 10th and 11th. And shortly after, Stillwater’s Spring Concert will be held on Wednesday May 15 featuring grades 3 and 5 as well as Advanced Band, Beginning Band and special ensembles. Look online for information about these event and ticket purchases. I hope everyone has the opportunity to enjoy some of these upcoming events with their families!

**Trep\$ NEWS:**

The Trep\$ program will begin on February 20th with twenty-seven very eager sixth graders. Trep\$ is short for entrepreneur, which is when a person sees an opportunity to sell a good or service, and takes the risk to do just that. **This year’s Marketplace will be on Wednesday, April 10th at the Stillwater School Gym from 6:30 - 8:00.** The event is free and open to the public. The entire community is invited to come and see what happens when you give children the creative outlet and responsibility that comes with starting a business venture. Your presence will make it even more special for these very talented sixth graders.

## SHOW YOUR LOVE OF READING BY PARTICIPATING IN OUR NEXT SCHOOL SPIRIT WEEK!

**Monday, Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>**- Wear wacky socks!

**Tuesday, Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>**- In honor of, *Oh, The Places You'll Go*, wear a college shirt, a trade shirt, or any other shirt that represents where you will go. Students will meet with buddies to read.

**Wednesday, Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>**- Hat Day!

**Thursday, Feb 28<sup>th</sup>**- D.E.A.R at 9:45am to 10:00.

Teachers and students will line the hallways and read. Wear red and white to Celebrate Dr. Seuss's Birthday!

**Friday, Mar. 1<sup>st</sup>**- **Snuggle up with a good book!** Bring a book to school and wear pajamas for D.E.A.R time in your classroom. Jeans day for teachers and staff! Donations will go towards a book basket for the Tricky Tray.

**Gertrude Hawk order forms will be coming home with all students. Please help support the 6th grade graduating class!**

Sales Start: Monday, Feb. 25th

Sales End: Friday, March 8th

Please have all your orders back to us by Monday, March 10th.

Delivery: The week of April 8th

Please make all checks payable to: **6th Grade Recognition Committee.**

Order forms may be returned to Stillwater School.

If you have any questions please contact Vicki Yanaga at [vicki.yanaga@gmail.com](mailto:vicki.yanaga@gmail.com)

ONLINE ORDERING IS AVAILABLE

Out of town friends and family can choose to send their orders directly to their home!

(Shipping fees apply) With this option, orders can be placed now through 4/14/2019.

All web orders require credit card payment,

Enter Group Code is 119141

Go to [www.gertrudehawkfundraising.com](http://www.gertrudehawkfundraising.com)

### Attention Volleyball Club Parents:

All pickups for Volleyball Club must be at the gym doors at 4:15pm. The doors will not be unlocked until that time. Thank you!

### BOOKS AND BEYOND 2019

**Attention all 4th, 5th, and 6th Graders!**

You are invited to join the Stillwater Book Club! The club will meet on Wednesday afternoons for 5 weeks.

The meeting dates are:

March 6 3:15-5:00 pm

March 13 3:15-5:00 pm

March 20 3:15-5:00 pm

March 27 3:15-5:00 pm

April 3 3:15-4:15 pm

We will read and discuss the selected book. There will be a culminating project presented on the last day. Permission slips will be sent home next week. Contact Mrs. Then or Mrs. Winay if you would like to participate in this club!

### SCHOOL STORE NEWS:

Beginning on February 7<sup>th</sup> the school store will be open the first Thursday of each month during lunch periods. All items are \$1.00 or less.

Thank you, Mrs. Riva, Mrs. Najemian, Mrs. Graupe

**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 3:06 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.** Morning drop-off is available in the gym from 8:00-8:25 am. Any drop-off after 8:25 is at the main entrance after the buses have unloaded.

**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).** As of 9/1/19, the Stocker Bus Company will be increasing the charge.

**MORNING DROP OFF:** Morning Drop off is available in the gym from 8:00 – 8:25 a.m. Any drop at 8:25 or after is at the main entrance after all buses have unloaded.

**AFTERNOON PICK UP:** Parents will need to wait outside the gym doors and your child/children will be brought out to you. You will be greeted at the doors by a staff member to sign out your child/children. Once you have signed them out, a staff member will bring the students to you at the door.

### AFTERSCHOOL ACTIVITIES PICKUP:

If your child is staying for any after school activity, it is your responsibility to pick up your child at the designated time. We know that emergencies can occur, however, there is no one to answer the switchboard after 4:00 p.m. If an emergency occurs please plan for an alternate or emergency contact to pick your child up from the activity.

**REAL TIME PARENT PORTAL:** Please remember to login to the Real time parent portal and update your child(ren)'s contact information if needed as well as filling out any forms for the current school year.

**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.

**REMINDER TO PARENTS:**

Students are not to bring personal items for play into school. Various balls and equipment for recess are provided by the school. Thank you for your cooperation.

THE FOLLOWING ARE NOT SCHOOL SPONSORED EVENTS

**COMMUNITY EVENTS**

**The Stillwater Recreation Activities Club** will be exploring and creating treats for our winter-feathered friends We will also be creating other winter-themed crafts Wednesday, February 27<sup>th</sup> 3:30-6:30pm at the Town Hall

**“Recycling Unwanted Crayons into Unlimited Possibilities”**

The 8th grade Kittatinny Kaleidoscope students are collecting used and unwanted crayons. The crayons will be mailed to The Crayon Initiative where they are melted down and turned into new crayons for hospitalized children. Students can bring used crayons to the Makerspace from March 1 until March 15. Please see the attached digital flyer for more information!

**Join us for a Vaping Awareness Parent Presentation** next Monday, 2/25 from 6pm-7pm at Ogdensburg School Library to gain more insight into the latest trends! Anyone is welcome to attend, this is not limited to Ogdensburg parents. Please pass the information along! Any questions can be directed to Ms. Patete at [spatete@obboe.org](mailto:spatete@obboe.org).

**Looking for 7th & 8th grade students to play on coed Fredon/Stillwater Rec soccer team:**

We would begin mid-April, weather permitting. Games would be on Saturdays with likely 2 practices per week. Travel soccer players are not eligible to play. If you have questions and/or your child would be interested in playing, please contact Sandy Pender at [stpender@ptd.net](mailto:stpender@ptd.net)

**Kittatinny Little League is open to any child ages 5-15 residing in or attending school in Hampton, Sandyston, Fredon or Stillwater Townships. Children must be 5 years old by April 30th, 2019.**

**Cost: \$90/Child, \$170/(2)Children & \$220/Family**

**A late Fee of \$25/child will be assessed after February 23, 2019. A \$5 snack shack fee per family will be charged at registration.**

**Online: [www.kittatinnybaseball.com](http://www.kittatinnybaseball.com) - Click register in the top right corner**

**Rainbows – Grief Group for Children**

The Sparta United Methodist Church is again sponsoring *Rainbows* to benefit our community children. Rainbows is a grief group for children who are experiencing loss as a result of a death, divorce, separation, deployment, or incarceration. Life changes such as these alter the entire family system and profoundly impact children. Rainbows is a national organization dedicated to creating a safe supportive space to explore feelings, build coping skills, and foster healing. The Sparta *Rainbows* program is staffed with sensitive, caring, and trained facilitators who are devoted to assisting children put their feelings into words, understand grief, and move towards greater acceptance of what has taken place in their family. Rainbows is a strong addition to a support network, it is not a substitute for counseling with a mental health professional. If you are aware of families and children that would benefit from such a program please consider sharing our information.

**When:**

**Thursdays, Feb 28; March 7-28 (2019)**

6:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. – first session

6:30 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. – remaining sessions

**Where:**

**Sparta United Methodist Church**

71 Sparta Avenue, Sparta, New Jersey 07871

**Registration required! Please contact:**

973.207.3352

[spartarainbows@gmail.com](mailto:spartarainbows@gmail.com) OR [www.rainbows.org](http://www.rainbows.org)

## Stillwater PTA

**\*Please check this section of the newsletter weekly for PTA news, updates, and special events.\***

You can also visit our websites at [www.stillwatertwppta.my-pta.org](http://www.stillwatertwppta.my-pta.org), and [pt-avenue.com](http://pt-avenue.com). Code: stillwater.

Like us on Facebook- “Stillwater Twp. PTA”.\*

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*The Stillwater PTA would like to welcome back all students, parents, and faculty! We are looking forward to a fantastic school year!*

**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. It's that easy! Really!
2. Keep cutting your Box Tops! 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:**

There are no more tickets available for Aladdin Play on Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>. All tickets have been sold out.

**NEXT PTA MEETING: Thursday, March 7, 2019 from 7:00-8:00PM in room A119. We welcome and encourage all to attend!**