



Important Dates to Remember:

- ☐ Yearbooks available to purchase online:
<http://jostensyearbooks.com/?REF=A09873794>
- ☐ Progress Reports sent home 3/4/19
- ☐ Board of Education Meeting 3/11/19 in Library at 7pm

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

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

MORNING DROP OFF: Morning Drop off is available in the gym from 8:00 – 8:25 a.m. Students being dropped off cannot enter the building until 8:00 am. Any drop at 8:25 or after is at the main entrance after all buses have unloaded.

THIRD GRADE NEWS:

In third grade students are finishing up their unit in Math on multiplying by multiples of ten. During the next unit, students will be applying their multiplication skills to problem solve two step word problems. In Reading, third grade students are reading "Because of Winn-Dixie" during our Character Study Unit. The students have been enjoying reading all about the main character Opal and her pet dog Winn-Dixie. Students will take what they have learned about plot, setting, and character development from "Because of Winn-Dixie" to create their own fictional narratives during Writing Class. The next topic we will be studying in Science are fossils!

FOURTH GRADE ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS NEWS:

Fourth graders have recently finished writing opinion essays. These well-organized pieces of writing were passionate and clear. There is no shortage of strong opinions in fourth grade English Language Arts! We have begun reading *Number the Stars* by Lois Lowry, a Newbery winning novel that tells a story of two friends living in Denmark during World War II. It has been interesting to see how the complexities of the war impacted the lives of the Danish children in the book. Love of reading week comes just in time for us to dig into our new novel even more!

FIFTH GRADE LANGUAGE ARTS NEWS:

Fifth Grade Language Arts students have started reading a fantastic novel, *Maniac Magee*, by Jerry Spinelli. The students are enjoying reading and following along with the life of Jeffery (Maniac) Magee in class. This novel touches on important themes like family, racism and courage. Students will be learning and using the skills of character development, inference, setting, foreshadowing, cause and effect, and many others.

FIFTH GRADE NEWS:

On Thursday, the 5th graders at Stillwater School participated in the Annual Colonial Fair! For one month, the students in Mrs. Steffens' history classes study the thirteen original colonies of America and what life was like for people during this time period. Each group of students represented a colony, a trade and created a family back story to their character. During the fair, students were answering questions and working hard to stay in character while the parents and other family members walked through to see them show off their knowledge! What a great job all of the students did this year! What a great way to learn about the original people who worked so hard to make America what it is today!

EL RINCÓN ESPAÑOL:

Spanish classes have been busy this winter! Students have been learning how to describe the weather and the names for appropriate clothing needed for our ever changing weather. Fifth and sixth grade students have completed the study of the verbs tener, estar, ser and ir. We will be taking a break from verbs for a bit in order to learn how to tell time in Spanish. Fifth graders will be working on their marking period three project which is a virtual trip to Costa Rica. Pre-school through second grade have begun learning various modes of transportation. Stillwater School now owns full access to the Rockalingua music based internet series that is very popular with the students. This site may be accessed through a link in my google classroom. Students' user name is StillwaterSpanishClass and the password is Sra. Hinks. A newsletter went home with all students (grades 2-6) this week with suggestions for continued success in the Spanish classroom. A letter for the younger grades will be going home next week. Sra.Hinks

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 April 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 Sale has been extended! \$19.00

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

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.

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 7th 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.

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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.

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.

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.

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

“Recycling Unwanted Crayons into Unlimited Possibilities”

The 8th grade Kittatiny 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!

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

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, 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 OR 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, and pt-avenue.com. Code: stillwater.
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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 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. 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 2nd. All tickets have been sold.

NEXT PTA MEETING: Thursday, March 7, 2019 from 7:00-8:00PM in room A119. We welcome and encourage all to attend!
Father/Son Lego Event: 3/29 6:30-8:30 PM. Contact Alicia Gardner at ptavpstillwater@yahoo.com or see attached flyer for more information