



Important Dates to Remember:

- ☐ Yearbooks orders final due date 4/5/19:
<http://jostensyearbooks.com/?REF=A09873794>
- ☐ Spring Pictures 4/4/19
- ☐ Board of Education Meeting 4/8/19 in Library at 7pm
- ☐ Report Cards Sent Home 4/12/19

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.

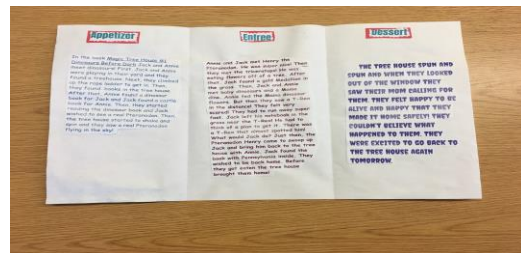
New for 2019-2020 school year!

Preschool registration for next year's full day preschool program is now open for any child who will be 4 prior to October 1st. Packets are available upon request and must be returned by April 1st. Enrollment may become open to 3 year old children if space allows.

Spring pictures will be on April 4th. Order forms will be sent home closer to the date. Please send in order form and payment **on April 4th** if you would like your child to have their picture taken by Schoolcraft.

SECOND GRADE NEWS:

Have you ever been to a book tasting? Second graders shared a “taste” of *Magic Tree House* with their families! Second grade students worked very hard in book clubs to read a *Magic Tree House* book. While reading, students discussed the book with specific conversational questions amongst their book club members. After reading, students typed paragraphs about the beginning (appetizer), middle (entree), and the end (dessert) of their books. Then students put together a “menu” of the plot of their story! Check out some of their hard work!



THIRD GRADE NEWS:

Third graders have finished reading *Because of Winn Dixie* by Kate DiCamillo and *Make Way for Dyamonde Daniel* by Nikki Grimes. We worked hard on our Character Study Unit learning how important these characters are to each story. It is characters who lure us into books, and characters who keep us reading. We got to know a character as a friend, we followed them through their journey, and compared and contrasted characters across books. Students are able to identify the main character, setting, problem, and solution. As this unit comes to an end we are creating character quilt squares to reflect on characters they have met that have stood out to them.

FOURTH GRADE SCIENCE NEWS:

In science, we are working on a unit with alternative energy and discussing renewable and nonrenewable energy. The unit gives the students a chance to think about finding a better solution instead of burning fossil fuels. Everyone plays a part in our energy lab, working in groups, to find a better way to generate electricity. These students will prepare ways to keep our environment cleaner as well as lowering our greenhouse gases. Nice work teams!

FOURTH GRADE SOCIAL STUDIES NEWS:

Our students are preparing for the Living Wax Museum that will be on April 10th. Each student picks a famous person in history and researches the details and contributions this person has done to change our world. The students then prepares a presentation board with the facts and details about their person from their reading and research. After all of the writing and displays are finished students will memorize their speech, dress up in costume and become their famous person. This is a fun learning project and our students are “super” excited.

6TH GRADE MATH NEWS:

Sixth graders have just completed a unit in math about geometry. This unit is a little different from the units we have previously explored this year, as it examines the relationships between points, lines, shapes and the space they take up. The students began the unit by exploring how a parallelogram is related to a rectangle. They decomposed parallelograms and composed a rectangle by creating a triangle and moving it to the other side. They then developed the formula for the area of a parallelogram to be the base times the height. We extended this formula to develop the formula for a triangle and then used these formulas to find the area of irregular shaped by “taking them apart” to find the area using formulas that they know and then “putting them back together” to find the total area. They then applied these concept to find surface area of prisms and pyramids. We are now exploring “statistical analysis” and are learning how to find the center and variability of a data set. Students are now creating box and whisker plots to represent the data and to help them solve problems and answer questions about large data sets.

Trep\$ Marketplace - Wednesday, April 10th from 6:30 - 8:00pm

On Wednesday, April 10th, twenty-nine sixth graders will be selling their homemade products. The Marketplace will take place in our school gym and doors open at 6:30pm. Come early before the students sell out! This year promises to have some very creative items, perfect gifts for that special someone or yourself. All items to purchase are cash only. Please come and help support these very talented students.

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!

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

YEARBOOK Sale has been extended to April 5th!

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

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 increase the charge to \$75.00.**

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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

SHORT STACKS FOR A TALL CAUSE: Join us for a Flapjack Fundraiser breakfast to HELP OLIVIA overcome Osteoblastoma. Sunday, April 7th at Applebee's in Newton from 8am-10am. Tickets are \$10.00. Text or call (732)-570-5036. Olivia is a 6th grader here at Stillwater school who has been diagnosed with Osteoblastoma. It is a rare tumor in her femur bone. The tumor was removed in September 2018 and has now returned. Her tumor is considered aggressive, and if not removed, can be devastating. Olivia will need another surgery and go through this enduring pain for a second time. Please come out and join us in supporting this wonderful young lady!

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

I wanted to let you know about an event we are having at the Sussex County Community College, Student Center Theater, Building D on April 11, 2019 from 6:00-8:30 pm. We will be showing a documentary film titled ***The Kids We Lose***, which showcases children with behavioral challenges and how parents, educators, and other professionals handle the struggles that come along with finding help for these children. Our intended audience is for educators and parents. The event is free of charge and light refreshments will be served. If you would like to attend the event, we would like to register you ahead of time. Please call our office for more information at 973-383-3461.

Sincerely,

Kaitlin Jenkins

Parent Educator for NORWESCAP

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:

Building Memories with Dad - Father/Son lego Building event. Friday March 29th 6:30-8:30pm in the cafeteria. Text 973-903-2426 or email ptavpstillwater@yahoo.com. PTA will be providing pizza, chips, and beverages.

Next PTA meeting - Thursday May 2nd 7pm in room A119. Voting on new board members will take place at this meeting.

Scholastic Book Fair - rescheduled to May 8-10th. Anyone interested in volunteering please email stillwaterptacorsec@yahoo.com

Tricky Tray - Friday May 24th. Donation requests have begun, please contact Christine Bello for information Stillwatertwppta@gmail.com

Cultural Arts Trip - Aladdin on Broadway - Sold out!

Talent Show - rescheduled - additional information to follow. Please check the PTA Facebook page for updates.

Land of Make Believe Trip - information coming soon. Please check the PTA Facebook page for a date survey and more information.

Mother/Daughter Event - information coming soon.