



Important Dates to Remember:

- ☐ Board of Education Meeting 4/8/19 in Library at 7pm
- ☐ Report Cards Sent Home 4/12/19
- ☐ School closed: 4/15-4/22 for Spring Recess

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

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

ATTENTION STILLWATER PARENTS/GUARDIANS:

Beginning Monday April 8, 2019 all exterior building doors will be locked for after school programs. This includes the rear door by the elevator and the gym doors. This security measure is recommended by local law enforcement, our school security officers and the Stillwater Safety Committee. If your child participates in after school clubs/events, this will impact pick up procedures.

- Pick up will ONLY take place at the main entrance of the school.
- Clubs will dismiss at their regularly scheduled time.
- Teachers will escort students to the main entrance to be released to parents/guardians.
- If you will be picking up early from a club or ASLC, please notify the main office via green note or email. Early pick-ups must be by 4 pm. Otherwise, the students must remain in their club or activity until the designated dismissal time.

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.

P.E. FITNESS TESTING: Grades 3-6 have begun our fitness testing. The testing consists of 5 events which are the mile run, sit and reach, shuttle run, sit-ups, and push-ups. If the students meet or exceed the standards in all 5 of the events, they earn the gold award. If the students meet or exceed the standards in 3-4 events, they earn the silver award. They are off to a great start! Remember to work hard and practice the events on your own time as well! Good luck to everyone! Mr. Reed & Ms. Radimer

THIRD GRADE NEWS:

In math, third graders have been busy working hard with fractions. They've covered a variety of skills such identifying, comparing, and finding equivalent fractions. They applied their understanding of fractions and created fraction flowers, and wrote a word problem about their flower for their classmates to solve. In social studies, students are excited to learn about amazing inventors in our next unit!

ART NEWS:

Our first graders have completed their study of Mondrian, a Dutch painter known for his simple geometric designs. Students created multiple drawings using a ruler, with line, shape and primary colors. Their drawings were later cut into strips and formed into sculpture. During this creative process, the first graders also completed a computer generated image using Microsoft Paint.



TREPS 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

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.

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.

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

Kittatinny Cougar Athletic Association (KCAA) will be hosting a GOLF OUTING at High Point Golf Club to benefit the student athletes of KRHS. Saturday, April 27 th . 8:30 Shotgun start. Golfers and Sponsors needed. For more information, visit www.thekcaa.org or email information@thekcaa.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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UPCOMING EVENTS:

Next PTA meeting - Thursday May 2nd 7pm in room A119. Voting on new board members will take place at this meeting.
Mother/Son Event - Friday, May 3rd. Additional information coming soon. Please contact Kate Teresi for information.
Scholastic Book Fair - rescheduled to May 8-10th. Anyone interested in volunteering please email stillwaterptacorsec@yahoo.com A link for volunteer sign ups has also been posted on the Stillwater Twp PTA Facebook event page.
Teacher Appreciation Luncheon - Wednesday May 8th. We are currently looking for a chairperson or persons for this event. Please see our Facebook and Instagram pages or email vpptastillwater@yahoo.com if interested.
Mother's Day Flower Sale - during lunches May 9th and 10th. Additional information coming soon.
Talent Show - RESCHEDULED to Friday, May 10th. Rehearsal will be Thursday, May 9th. Additional information coming soon. Contact: Arlean Konar
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!
Land of Make Believe Trip - Monday, June 17th Rain date June 22. Payment is due no later than May 31st.
Mother/Daughter Event - Friday May 31st. Contact: Tara Tosti