



Important Dates to Remember:

- School closed 4/15-4/22 for Spring Recess
- Board of Education Meeting 4/29/19 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

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.

SECOND GRADE NEWS:

It's spring and the second grade is starting a fresh new unit about economics. The students are investigating needs and wants. Each second grader is identifying a natural resource and then learning how it is turned into a product to buy! The students have put this information onto storyboards. Stop by our bulletin boards to see! Along, with this unit, the two classes are creating their own factories in the classroom. The students made a "plan for profit", which includes materials, expenses, prices, and profit. Then the classes created a product to produce and "sell" to each other. We will end our unit of study by going on a field trip to the Crayola Factory!

THIRD GRADE NEWS:

In third grade we have been reading paired passages recently in ELA. The students have been enjoying reading the various texts, especially our stories on Robin Hood. In Math, we are wrapping up our unit on fractions and will be looking at various units of measurement next. During the current Social Studies unit students are learning about various famous inventors such as, Thomas Edison, Henry Ford, and Alexander Graham Bell. Enjoy Spring Break. We'll see you when we return.

MUSIC NEWS:

Please join us in celebrating spring as Stillwater students present this year's Spring Concert: Music Around the World. The students in third and fifth grade will be singing songs representing various countries while exploring new languages. The third graders will also have the opportunity to share their recorder skills. Both the Advanced and Beginning Band will be performing as well. This spring's After School Ensemble features percussionists from the Advanced Band. A select group of students will be presenting music on Handbells during this concert as well! Information regarding students who are participating has been sent home. Please check Ms. Franck's webpage for more information and practicing help with music links and song lyrics. The concert date is Wednesday, May 15th at 7 pm. This is a different date from the school's original calendar.

SPRING GARDEN CLUB NEWS:

The greenhouse and garden are officially open! A new group of 6th grade gardeners have joined the club and are working to clean up the area and plant our first seedlings. The next step will be planting seeds in the raised beds and the greenhouse so that we can continue our growing season through the summer and into the fall. Keep an eye on the space as you drive by, it won't be long and you will see a lot happening this spring!



ET Day - Explore Technology:

Recently, our 3rd grade Pinwheel students participated in the first ever ET Day (Explore Technology Day) at Lafayette School. The day, organized by Mrs. Makarevich, Mrs. Dowd (Byram) and Mrs. Morrow (Sparta) provided an opportunity for Gifted and Talented students to explore different technology devices with peers from around the county. Students rotated through six different stations, with each station providing a unique learning experience. Students explored coding, robots, Stop Motion, and other activities that connected them to new technology. Stop Motion seemed to be one of the favorites!



PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS:

Spring into Fitness - The weather is beginning to get nicer and now is the perfect time to get outside and be fit. You should be trying to get in about 60 minutes of physical fitness a day. Over the Spring break try and get outside and do some physical activity. Here are some activities that you can do outside: go for a family hike, take a bike ride, play on the playground, go walk a walk or run, and play sports. Also remember to drink plenty of water and try and eat healthy foods at every meal. Enjoy your Spring break!

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

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 27th . 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.
Like us on Facebook- "Stillwater Twp. PTA". *

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Nominations Committee - The 2019 Stillwater Township PTA nominations committee has nominated the following members for the upcoming elections. Each term is 2 years, being from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2021

President: Tanya O'Shea
Vice President: Amanda Gilmore
Treasurer: Kayla Philhower
Recording Secretary: Christine Bello
Corresponding Secretary: Samantha Cuff

If any PTA member in good standing would like to self-nominate and run opposed for any of these positions, please email your letter of intent to stillwaterptapresident@yahoo.com and stillwaterptacorsec@yahoo.com NO LATER than April 22, 2019. Elections will take place at our next general meeting on May 2, 2019 at 7:00pm

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

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.