



## Important Dates to Remember:

- ☐ **NJSLA Testing – May 6-14**
- ☐ **Book Fair - May 8-10**
- ☐ **Board of Education Meeting – May 13 Library at 7pm**
- ☐ **Spring Concert - May 15 at 7:00 pm**

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

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Grades 3-6 will begin NJSLA testing on Monday, May 6th. English Language Arts units are on Monday and Tuesday for all grades. Mathematics units are on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday for all grades. Science (Grade 5 ONLY) will be given on Monday, May 13 and Tuesday, May 14. Makeups will occur during the week of May 13th.

Do Your Best on the Test!!

- Get plenty of rest and be on time for school
- Have a good, nutritious breakfast
- Leave electronic devices at home
- Wear comfortable clothing (Remember...no hoodies)
- Relax and take a deep breath
- Pace yourself
- Stay positive!

### KINDERGARTEN NEWS:

The kindergarten classes have been enjoying the spring weather and settling back into the school routine. They have been working on applying their sight word vocabulary and their phonetic skills to help them read fluently and write on their own. In math, the children have been working on sorting and identifying 2 and 3 dimensional shapes. Next week the children will begin pouring their love into projects for Mother's Day. We will continue to be very busy as we begin to wrap up our kindergarten journey.

### FIRST GRADE NEWS:

In math we just finished learning about plane and 3D shapes. Children can now identify the number of edges, faces and vertices a 3D shape has. Next, we will be learning about fractions. The children will be able divide various objects into halves and fourths. Ask your child if they can divide a pizza in equal shares.

### SECOND GRADE NEWS:

Do you like Peeps or Jellybeans better? Pizza or hamburgers? Should we have school in the Summer? These are just a few questions that Second Graders pondered as they explored Opinion Writing. They enjoyed stating their opinion, giving reasons and backing them up with examples. They may have even enjoyed a jellybean or two along the way! Ask one of the students what OREO stands for. They will automatically remember the steps of writing their opinions!

### FOURTH GRADE NEWS:

On April 10th, Fourth Grade students presented a Living Wax Museum. Each student researched a famous historical person that has made an important contribution to our country and the world. They stepped back in time and took on the role of their famous person. As families circulated, each child recited about their historical figure dressed in that period clothing. The Fourth Grade students did an amazing job!

### SIXTH GRADE NEWS:

Attention 6th Grade Parents and Guardians! Cheryl Williver is compiling photos of our 6th graders for both a Digital Slideshow and a Printed Photo Banner at the Graduation Party and at Graduation. She is requesting 8-10 digital photos (800px X 800px minimum) to be emailed to her at [cheryllwilliver@gmail.com](mailto:cheryllwilliver@gmail.com). She is also requesting 8-10 printed photos (not to be returned) for the photo banner, to be backpacked via Mrs. Steffens, marked on the envelope with the student's name. (Please read your email for details!) Submissions are due Friday, May 9th. Thank you!

The B-Active Club met for the first time this week. The children participated in a warm up which included dynamic stretches, wall sits and jogging. The group was split into two teams by our 6th grade student leaders and the teams competed in several relay races!

-Mrs. Riva and Mrs. Najemian

### ATTENTION:

Soda Bottles Needed for Rocket Launch! Please send in any empty soda bottles you have for the sixth graders to use when they design and launch water rockets in June. Please contact Laura Ciccolella if you have any questions.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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 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

Our Kittatinny Barracudas Swim Team is our feeder/summer team and will be starting up soon for swimmers ages 5-18. Practices will be at the Kittatinny Regional High School Natatorium, rain or shine, weekdays from June 17- July 28. Join us **May 13th** from 6:30-8:30 for registration night at KRHS pool lobby. There will be a short parent meeting at 6:30. Sign up for donations and volunteer positions (first come, first serve!). Clothing orders will be taken, California Beach Hut will be here for suit try-ons. **OR** Please fill out a registration form and mail it to us ASAP. <http://www.barracadasswimteam.org/>

**The Junior High Kittatinny Players** proudly present Shrek, Jr. on Friday, May 10th and Saturday, May 11th. Both shows start at 7:07 pm. Tickets are \$10.00 each and can be purchased online at [www.kittatinnyplayers.com](http://www.kittatinnyplayers.com), the box office the night of each show, or the main office of Kittatinny Regional High School. Any questions, please call 973-383-1800 ext. 1110.

#### **Stillwater Township's Memorial Day Observance**

Please join your neighbors this Memorial Day on Monday May 27, 2019 at 10:00am to honor and remember all those who have served our country to ensure our rights and liberties as Americans. The Memorial Day ceremony will be at Veterans Memorial Park on Pond Brook Road. All veterans are encouraged to participate. If you have any questions, please call Lou at 862 268 3553.

## Stillwater PTA

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**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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