



## Important Dates to Remember:

- ☐ Board of Education Meeting - 5/13/19 in Library at 7pm
- ☐ Spring Concert - May 15 at 7:00 pm
- ☐ School closed – Memorial Day – May 27

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

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Summer Reading Tips for Parents from Reading Rockets:

1. Read aloud together with your child every day.
  2. Set a good example! Let them see you reading.
  3. Read the same book your child is reading and discuss it.
  4. Let kids choose what they want to read, and don't turn your nose up at popular fiction.
  5. Buy or borrow books on tape from the library, especially for a child with a learning disability.
  6. Take your children to the library regularly.
  7. Subscribe, in your child's name, to magazines like *Sports Illustrated for Kids*, *Highlights for Children*, or *National Geographic World*.
  8. Ease disappointment over summer separation from a favorite school friend by encouraging them to become pen pals.
  9. Make trips a way to encourage reading by reading aloud traffic signs, billboards, notices.
  10. Encourage children to keep a summer scrapbook.
- Go to [www.readingrockets.org](http://www.readingrockets.org) for more information.

### 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.

### SECOND GRADE NEWS:

Our second graders have been very busy readers! Students are working in book clubs to read multiple books from a series such as Horrible Harry, Arthur Chapter Books, and Young Cam Jansen. While reading, students are discussing character traits and patterns throughout the series. We are reading, discussing, and enjoying book club time with our groups!



### FOURTH GRADE MATH NEWS:

Summer is almost here! The summer months offer a great opportunity to reinforce what students have learned this year and/or to introduce new skills to prepare students for the upcoming school year. PBS Parents ([www.pbs.org](http://www.pbs.org)) offers some great tips on how to incorporate math into everyday activities such as grocery shopping or chores. Students can reinforce math skills related to distance and time by taking virtual field trips. They can use measuring, sorting and counting during daily chores. Education World ([www.educationworld.com](http://www.educationworld.com)) outlines how to plant a math garden or how to incorporate math into sporting events which will keep kids engaged and make math more enjoyable for all. So while you are enjoying the hot, sunny weather this summer, be sure to make math part of your daily routine!

### SIXTH GRADE LANGUAGE ARTS NEWS:

Sixth grade students finished reading *The Devil's Arithmetic* by Jane Yolen. This literature unit began with students researching different topics related to the Holocaust. Students teamed up with partners and discussed ideas. The groups also created short presentations for classmates. Each student made an interactive notebook which contained pages of different activities. Students learned to identify flashbacks, symbolism, allusions, and irony. During small group instruction analysis of quotes, characters, and tone was practiced. After each section of reading students participated in discussion groups. The final activity allowed a few students to write an "I am" poem incorporating the central theme of the story. Many students have expressed an interest in this historical time period and plan to read more books on this topic in the future.

### SIXTH GRADE SCIENCE NEWS:

Using their knowledge of kinetic energy (energy in motion) and potential energy (stored energy), sixth grade science students are having fun creating Rube Goldberg machines in class during May! Students must build up enough potential energy and then turn it into enough kinetic energy to get a golf ball over a hill and then complete four other actions in order to meet all of the criteria for a successful project. We can't wait to finishing building and testing the machines so we can set them all off on the same day!

### 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 [cherylwilliver@gmail.com](mailto:cherylwilliver@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!

**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**

**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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## **2018-2019 PTA Executive Board OFFICERS**

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## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Talent Show - RESCHEDULED to June 5<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. Rehearsal will be June 3rd at 7pm. · Contact: Arlean Konar at Arlean.Konar@yahoo.com

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