



Important Dates to Remember:

- ☐ KRHS – Sixth Grade Move Up Day – 5/23/19
- ☐ School closed: 5/27/19 – Memorial Day
- ☐ Board of Education Meeting - 6/3/19 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

PRESCHOOL NEWS:

Farm animals, zoo animals and pets are some of the topics that the preschoolers have been learning about this Spring. It has been interesting learning about animal babies, animal homes, animal body coverings and special facts about various animals. Stories, songs, dances and finger plays about animals have been very entertaining. The preschoolers are now animal experts! Just a reminder for preschool parents: Graduation is May 31st and the trip to The Land of Make Believe is Thursday, June 6th with a rain date of Friday, June 7th. Looking forward to a fun-filled ending to our school year!

KINDERGARTEN NEWS:

The kindergarten classes had a great time at the Sussex Fairgrounds. They attended a fun program called "Down on the Farm." The children learned about life on a farm and all the hard work that farmers do every day. We are ending the year by reviewing all of the skills that we learned this year.

FIRST GRADE NEWS:

Future Botanists! The children have been learning about plants. They can identify the parts of a plant and their function. They have observed the life cycle of a plant after constructing a Sprout House. The children placed lima beans in a plastic bag. The houses are on display in the first grade classrooms.

NURSE NEWS:

After many dreary, wet days, I am hoping that we will finally start enjoying some bright summer days. This month is Melanoma Awareness Month and is a timely reminder for us to practice sun safety. Melanoma is a preventable disease and is the deadliest type of skin cancer. Much of the sun damage that may lead to skin cancer is caused by sunburn that takes place during childhood making it essential that children are protected from sunburn. Remember to apply a broad spectrum sunscreen with SPF of 30 or higher to all exposed skin. Sunglasses with 99-100% UVA UVB protection should be worn to protect eyes. Hats, long sleeve clothing and long pants will also prevent exposure to the sun's rays. Children and adults can learn more about sun safety by taking the online Sun Safety Certification offered by the Enright Melanoma Foundation. Go to www.applycoverenjoy.org to access the courses. There are courses available for ages 5-8, 9-12, and 13 and up. Have fun and learn more about sun safety! If you print an extra copy of your certificate, I will display it in the health office.

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 for more information.

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 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

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:

Tricky Tray - Friday May 24th. Donation requests have begun, please contact Christine Bello for information Stillwatertwppta@gmail.com
Mother/Daughter Event - Friday May 31st. Contact: Tara Tosti
Cultural Arts Trip - Aladdin on Broadway - Sold out!
Talent Show - RESCHEDULED to June 5th at 6pm. Rehearsal will be June 3rd at 7pm. Contact: Arlean Konar at Arlean.Konar@yahoo.com
Land of Make Believe Trip - Monday, June 17th Rain date June 22. Payment is due no later than May 31st.