



Important Dates to Remember:

- ☐ School closed: 5/27 – Memorial Day
- ☐ Preschool Graduation: 5/31 at 10:45 and 1:45
- ☐ Board of Education Meeting: 6/3 in All-Purpose Room at 6:30 pm
- ☐ Field Day: 6/3 (rain date of 6/4)
- ☐ Kindergarten Orientation: 6/5 at 9-10:30
- ☐ 6TH Grade Recognition Ceremony: 6/12 at 7

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

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

We have an emergency roof repair tentatively scheduled for Friday, May 31 to Sunday, June 2, weather permitting. The 1st and 2nd grade classes will be relocated to other classrooms in the building during construction.

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.

THIRD GRADE NEWS:

Third grade students just finished our unit in Math comparing area and perimeter of shapes, rectangles in particular! The students have been doing great. Everyone remember: Area = Length x Width. The grade has enjoyed our Science unit on magnets, which we finished last week. The students had a blast participating in all of the fun experiments. Now in Science, we are moving on to weather and climate.

Third grade students started reading their last novel for the year, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl. We are identifying characteristics and behaviors of each character. Students will be developing and creating a new candy to present to the class. Third graders read fairy tales and are writing adapted fairy tales. They started out by reading well known fairy tales, then read fractured fairy tales, and now we are adapting our own fairy tales. We are excited for our class trip to Rizzo's World!

FOURTH GRADE NEWS:

Science - Our last unit two units have to do with Energy & Speed. Students are able to test the distance an object moves with different amounts of force. We use model cars and set the amount of force and calculate the distance each car travel in a scientific approach. This concept is used to discuss speed limits on our roads and how distance might be in stopping a car. It's exciting to see when the students figure on their own how force and energy relate using the automobile as a model and demonstration in this lab.

Social Studies - In our visit to Jockey Hollow on Friday, May 24, 2019, the students will learn more about George Washington and how he faced difficult times during the winter of 1777-1778. They will also learn how important it was for the commander to lead the troops and succeed in their battle for freedom. These ideas are an important piece of New Jersey's history while enjoying a fun day for everyone.

SIX GRADE NEWS:

Sixth grade math students have completed their unit on Data Analysis and Statistics. They learned how to identify statistical questions and to represent data with a histogram. They then learned about measures of center (mean, median and mode) and variability (range, mean absolute deviation and interquartile range). Determining if there were outliers or symmetrical data helped students to decide which measures were best to represent different data sets. We will finish the year by "putting it altogether" and applying concepts learned to become better problem solvers.

Congratulations to the following students who competed in our annual Spelling Bee on Monday, May 20th! We would like to recognize these students for their achievement and congratulate our top 3 finalists!

<p>4th Grade Skyler Andrejack Justin Bair Ryan Broderick Tristan Champignon Ezequiel Osorio</p>	<p>5th Grade Luke Hendershot Eden Inglima Camryn McCord Josiah Moncayo Mackenzie Reilly</p>	<p>6th Grade Joey DePaola Cassidy Hayes Nathan Kraft Vincent Lessack Katy Sills</p>	<p>2019 Spelling Bee Champion - Cassidy Hayes, Grade 6</p> <p>2nd Place - Josiah Moncayo, Grade 5</p> <p>3rd Place - Vincent Lessack, Grade 6</p>
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ATTENTION YEARBOOK INFORMATION:

We have an extra 15 yearbooks available for purchase. Please contact Michelle Gerhardt at 973-383-6635 if you would like to purchase one for \$19. They will be available on a first come, first serve basis.

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. As of 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.

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 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.