



Important Dates to Remember:

- ☐ **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**
- ☐ **12:40 Dismissal Days: 6/11, 6/12 and 6/13**
- ☐ **6TH Grade Recognition Ceremony: 6/12 at 7**
- ☐ **Last Day of School: 6/13**

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

IMPORTANT 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.

ATTENTION YEARBOOK INFORMATION:

We have an extra 11 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.

FIELD DAY!!! Monday, June 3rd!! (Rain Date: Tuesday, June 4th). We are looking forward to a fun day of activities, lunch, and our traditional kickball game! Students are encouraged to dress appropriately for the weather and have water to stay hydrated! Thanks, Mr. Reed & Ms. Radimer

THIRD GRADE NEWS:

Third graders had a blast on their field trip last Friday at Rizzo's Wildlife World. Students enjoyed moving through several stations learning about a variety of animals such as ferrets, hedgehogs, tarantulas, turtles, fish, etc. Students ended their time at Rizzo's with a show where they met a caiman, python, toad, and "Peaches," a Moluccan Cockatoo. They enjoyed interacting and communicating with Peaches, and he even sang them a song! In math, students are enjoying working in centers reviewing skills learned throughout the year! A fan favorite is Pop Win!

ART NEWS:

All art classes will be completing assignments and organizing their art portfolios next week. Portfolio folders will be sent home on the last day of class. An original creative lettering design with the student's first name will be cover of the folder. Students were encouraged to use line, shape and pattern as elements of design within their work. Keep an eye out for your child's 2019 masterpiece portfolio!

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 PTA

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

Mother/Daughter Event - Friday May 31st 6pm-8:30 pm. 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@yahoo.com

Land of Make Believe Trip - Monday, June 17th Rain date June 22. Payment is due no later than May 31st.