



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

PARENTS, PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING IMPORTANT MESSAGES

ABSENTEE CALLS: All absences must be reported directly to our dedicated attendance line: **973-383-3227**. Kindly keep this number handy. **DO NOT** call the main school phone number or use the personal voice mail of our nurse, Maureen Beckman. The nurse's voice mail should be used for health concerns other than attendance.

EARLY DISMISSAL: Early dismissal time is 12:40. There is no lunch served when there is an early dismissal. Please send your child in with a snack.

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.

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).** Thank-you for your cooperation!

ATTIRE: Shorts which are appropriate in style & wear may be worn upon return from Spring Recess. Flip flops are considered beach wear and are not to be worn to school for safety reasons.



- **HOMEWORK CLUB DATE FOR 5TH & 6TH GRADE ONLY:**
- **5/14**
- **4TH GRADE ART ENRICHMENT DATES: 5/6, 5/8, 5/13, & 5/15**
- **SPRING CONCERT: 5/20 – 7:00PM**
- FIELD TRIPS:**
- **6TH GRADE MOVE UP DAY AT KRHS: 5/15**
- **KINDERGARTEN TRIP TO SHRINER'S CIRCUS: 5/15**
- **5TH GRADE TRIP TO LIBERTY SCIENCE CENTER: 5/16**
- **3RD GRADE TRIP TO FRANKLIN MINERAL MUSEUM: 5/22**
- **6TH GRADE SCHEDULING W/KRHS: 5/23**
- **4TH GRADE DROWN PROOFING: 6/2 – 6/6**
- **PRESCHOOL TRIP TO LAND OF MAKE BELIEVE: 6/10**
- **6TH GRADE TRIP TO CAMP NEJEDA: 6/11**
- **FIELD DAY: 6/12, RAIN DATE: 6/13**

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION: If your child will be 3 or 4 years old on or before October 1, 2014, you may register him/her for preschool for the 2014/2015 school year. Please call Mrs. Eileen Theys at 973-383-3998 to have a registration packet mailed to you, or you may pick one up at the school office. To guarantee enrollment for your child, the completed registration packet must be returned to Stillwater Township School as soon as possible as there are a limited number of spaces available.

JUNIOR SOLAR SPRINTS: This week, the Junior Solar Sprints racers created their brochures that accompany their cars to the county race. They can win prizes for having the best brochure so our creative teams put their best efforts into them! The students are excited to tweak their cars and race against other students in the county at Kittatinny Regional High School on May 13th. Wish them luck!
Mr. Iradi and Miss Conry



SIXTH GRADE NEWS: April was National Poetry Month and to celebrate, sixth graders were exposed to several types of poetry in their language arts class. They then took their favorite poem to tech class and typed them using colors, creative fonts, borders and backgrounds. To see these poems, come downstairs and visit the hallway outside of the tech lab.

CONNECT WITH KINDNESS: Students showing good behavior and character are being recognized with "Connect with Kindness" awards. This week we would like to congratulate: **Kaila Sauschuck, Carly Ferrari, Jake Riva, Quenten Meng, and Brian Varga.**

TREP\$: Sixth grade young entrepreneurs had one last session on Wednesday of this week to discuss the Trep\$ Market Place that was held before Spring Break. Students discussed profits, losses, and things they could have done differently with their products to be even more successful. The products were creative this year and students learned about starting their own businesses. Maybe we will see these students owning their own businesses in the future. Congratulations on a great Market Place!
Mrs. Bickhardt and Miss Conry

SPRING CONCERT: The Spring concert is on its way. Tuesday, May 20th is the day that many students have been preparing for. They are excited to perform and show off their music abilities. This concert includes all third graders, all sixth graders, Handbell Ensemble, and both Beginning and Advanced Band. The audience will enjoy a combination of different instruments, singing, and the third graders playing recorder. The students involved are asked to dress nicely, and please avoid jeans and sneakers if possible. A flyer has been sent home to all those students participating in the concert with specific information about arrival times. We all look forward to seeing you there.

FOURTH GRADE NEWS: Every year Social Studies students in 4th grade participate in the Sussex County Poster Contest. It is sponsored by the Constitutional Officers Association of New Jersey. The posters depict what each student feels is unique about Sussex County. This year our school had the first place winner. Shannon Blide, as the winner, will have her poster on display at the NJ State Fair, receive tickets to the fair and a Kindle Fire. **Congratulations Shannon!!**

3RD MARKING PERIOD HONOR ROLL

5TH GRADE: Jessica Contino, Patrick Franco, Kyle Ganning, Amanda Goriscak, Jordan Maruska, Ava Nothstine, Kayla Saraiva, Cooper Waldo.

6TH GRADE: Craig Bickhardt, Joshua Bizik, Jacob Burke, Vaughn Corpus, Rachel Durso, Teagan Hennet, Hunter Humenik, Geneva Loff, Andrew Makarevich, Grace Maruska, Robert Nodarse, Jake Riva, Erin Ross, Abigail Schwartz, Carson Throne, Nicole Vassallo, Jonathan Wiedow.



STILLWATER CLEAN UP DAY – On Saturday, April 26 Stillwater Township held its annual Clean Up Day. A group of teachers from Stillwater School joined the event and picked up litter to help keep our local streets and neighborhoods clean. In doing so, the teachers earned money for the SEA Philanthropic Fund. The money is used to present scholarships to two graduating Stillwater alumni at the KRHS Awards Ceremony.

If you have been a resident of Stillwater Township for more than one year and are interested in becoming a school board member, now is the time to obtain the Nominating Petitions and School Board Candidate Kit from the County Clerks website, or the board of education office. There are three positions open, each for a three year term. Petitions must be completed and returned to the Sussex County Clerk's Office by July 28, 2014 by 4:00 p.m. The School Board Election is held with the General Election on November 4, 2014. Please contact René Solar at (973) 383-8954 or rene.solar@stillwaterschool.net if you have any questions.

Spring Cleaning? We are excited to be expanding our preschool program for the 2014-2015 school year and are in need of a few items to help fill our new classroom. Do you have any gently used toys that your children have outgrown? We would love to give your items a new home and a chance for other children to enjoy them! We are looking for the following: ~pretend play items (dolls, dress up, large trucks, etc.), ~wooden puzzles, ~blocks, ~water/sand table, ~children's books, ~children's sized furniture (small table & chair set for kitchen area, small lounge or couch for reading area), ~instruments, music cd's. Please contact Christine Pagano by email: Christine.pagano@stillwaterschool.net. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

THE FOLLOWING ARE NOT SCHOOL SPONSORED EVENTS

FUNDRAISERS

MARKET DAY: The Market Day flyers for May have been distributed. All paper orders are due back to school by Monday, May 19th. The cutoff to input your orders online is 11 pm on Wednesday, May 21st. The sale pick-up date is Tuesday, May 27th from 2:30 to 4 pm. **NEW ITEMS:** Market Day is offering two new items this month: Turkey Burritos and Petite Filet Mignon. **FREQUENT BUYERS:** If you placed two orders of \$40 (pre-tax) during the months of February, March and April, do not forget to place another \$40 (pre-tax) order this month to receive your FREE Storage Basket when you pick up your order! **ALSO FREE THIS MONTH:** If your order totals \$40 (pre-tax), you will receive a FREE Micro Fiber Drying Mat (14" w x 21" h). If you input your order online, and it totals \$90 (pre-tax), do not forget to input the code MAYBONUS at checkout to receive your FREE 4-Pack of Cheesecake Pops. Questions, contact Cheryl Castner, 973-579-3182 or ccastner@embarqmail.com

COMMUNITY EVENTS

STILLWATER RECREATION ANNOUNCEMENT: The Stillwater Recreation League is currently seeking individuals interested in joining our Board. We currently have an opening for President of the Board. Any interested parties should contact Kevin Hanna at 973-300-4943.

COLLABORATIVE PROBLEM SOLVING WORKSHOP: "Is There a Challenging Kid in Your Life?" - Presented by the Sussex County Mental Health Board on Wed., May 7th from 7:00pm - 9:00pm, at the SCCC Student Theater, Bldg. D in Newton. Speaker Alicia Stevenson, a certified CPS Mentor, will present methods of behavioral intervention for challenging children and teens. This presentation is a must see for parents, mental health professionals, law enforcement, and educators. Registration is free. For further information, please call 973-940-3194.

6TH GRADE RECOGNITION COMMITTEE: The 6th Grade Recognition Committee would like to thank all of the children, parents and friends who came out to support our Applebee's Pancake Breakfast fundraiser. It was a HUGE success. A special thank you to Donna & Connor Fritsch, Daele & Luke Phlegar, Heather & Carson Throne, Kurt & Kurt Jr Kimble, Richard & Emily Rodriguez, Sean Burke, Melanie & Renee Slobodzian, Danielle Choma, Robbie Nodarse, Kyle Raposo, Hannah Reznik, Jake Riva and Sylvia Atnip. The kids had a blast "playing restaurant" and did a great job serving their customers. I also want to thank everyone who took the time to sell tickets. It was a fantastic event and helped us reach our goal. Congratulations to Sylvia Atnip for being the first student sell all of her tickets. Sylvia will receive a \$25 gift card.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

SPECIAL PARENT'S NIGHT OUT EVENT: Special Parent's Night Out on Saturday, May 17th from 5:00pm - 9:00pm, sponsored by The Church of The Hills Rt. 206, Far Hills, NJ. Your Special Needs child (and their siblings) will be cared for and entertained by loving, qualified volunteers from local Special Needs Schools and Hospitals, while you take in a **COMPLIMENTARY** dinner for two at one of the local area participating restaurants! RSVP by Friday, May 9th by calling 908-719-9200 x. 232 or by email at SPNO.RSVP@gmail.com. Visit www.special-parents.org for further information on this incredible event!

KITTATINNY BARRACUDAS: Looking for something fun to do this summer that is great exercise and a fun way to spend time with friends? How about joining us for summer 2014! The Kittatinny Barracudas is a *competitive* summer swim team that swims at Kittatinny H.S. We have morning or evening practices and the season runs from the middle of June through the end of July. Meets will be at pools & lakes in Sussex County. **In-Person Registration Night- for New Swimmers - Monday, May 5th @ Kittatinny Regional H.S.** from 6:30 - 8:30pm. Schedule is as follows:

6:30-7:15 Cafeteria- Informational meeting for new swimming families
7:00-8:30 Pool/Pool Lobby-Tryouts, Registration, Team suits, Clothing.
For additional information, please visit our website at <http://www.barracudasswimteam.org>

MOTHER'S MARKET: May 3rd, 2014 from 9:00am - 1:00pm at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel 203 Newton Swartswood Rd. Swartswood. Come browse our varied assortment of gently used baby and children's items, as well as maternity clothes, books and toys. If you are interested in renting a table, please email Jessica Vollero at olmcmothersmarket@hotmail.com

STILLWATER SOCCER SPIRIT WEAR SALE- IT IS NOT TOO LATE! The sale has been extended! Show your Stillwater Soccer Spirit by purchasing a T-shirt/Sweatshirt from our online store at http://1800tshirts.com/stillwater_soccer/Products Orders are being taken now thru May 2nd. If you have any questions please contact Jessica Pappa at jesspappa@yahoo.com



STILLWATER PTA

MOTHER'S DAY FLOWER SALE: This sale will be held May 8th and May 9th during school hours. Hilary Manser is looking for helping hands to mind the store on both days. It's a great opportunity to help the kids pick out a flower for their mothers. Please contact her ASAP at 973-534-1922 to sign up for any time slot. Any time that you can volunteer would be a big help.

PTA CHAIRPEOPLE: With the many events the PTA provides we have several parents helping behind the scenes. Part of the job of running a PTA event is putting out flyers to the school to notify everyone of the upcoming event. These flyers must be approved by the PTA and administration. Please send all flyers to Wendy Kimble via email at stillwaterptavp@yahoo.com for PTA approval. If you have any questions, please contact Wendy via the email address above. Also, if you would like something submitted in the weekly newsletter regarding your event, please email your submission to Jen Kraft at stillwaterptacorsec@yahoo.com no later than Wednesday for it to be published that same Friday.

STILLWATER COOKBOOKS: (\$3 each) and Stillwater School Car Magnets (\$2 each) are available for purchase! If you are interested in purchasing these items or if you have questions, please contact Amanda Connelly at aeconnelly@outlook.com.

HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT SHOPAROO?: It's an easy way to help support Stillwater School. Download: ShopARoo today and choose Stillwater School, NJ as your fundraising cause today. Just snap a picture of your grocery like receipts and start earning points (which convert to cash) for Stillwater School. It's that easy! Really!

NEXT MONTH'S EVENTS: 5/8-5/9- Mother's Day Flower Sale

OUR NEXT PTA MEETING: Wednesday, May 7th at 3:15PM. All are welcome and encouraged to attend!