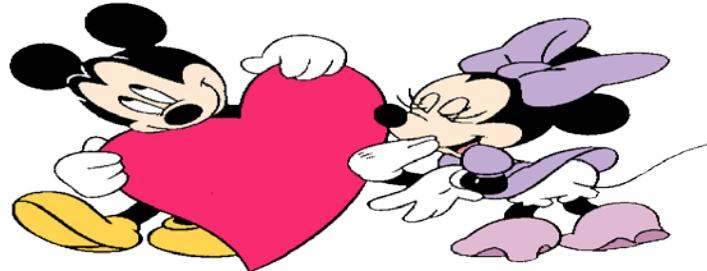


February 9, 2018



### Important Dates to Remember:

- ◆ YEARBOOK SALES: 1/16-2/28
- ◆ VALENTINES DAY SALE: 2/13-2/14
- ◆ COLONIAL FAIR: 2/15
- ◆ REPORT CARDS: 2/16
- ◆ SCHOOL CLOSED: 2/19

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

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**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 3:00 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. WALKERS AND/OR CHILDREN WHO ARE DROPPED OFF BY THEIR PARENTS SHOULD NOT ARRIVE TO SCHOOL PRIOR TO 8:15 AM.**

**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).**

**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.

**THIRD GRADE NEWS:** This week, in third grade, we are finishing up our nonfiction reading unit. Students have become experts on different topics. We also finished our information writing topics which taught us all some new facts about many different subjects! More fun things are in store for us next week as we begin a new reading unit and a new writing unit. We are also excited for our scientific journey, learning about the life cycles of plants and different animals!

**FOURTH GRADE NEWS:** This month our fourth graders have been privy to the wide world of fractions and how fractions are a necessary part of understanding parts of a whole. We have learned how fractions can help us in our daily lives and are beginning to see that fractions are all around us! The students have practiced drawing number lines in order to compare fractions especially when using the greater than, less than or equal to symbols. At this moment we are carefully breaking apart or decomposing mixed number fractions and improper fractions and then adding them back together again; sounds complicated but we persevere! Student Challenge: If there were 23 commercials advertised for each quarter of the Super Bowl then what would that improper fraction be? Can you convert your improper fraction to a mixed number fraction? Bring both correct answers to me for something out of the 'Extra Special Box.' Students remember to use our Google classroom, "Mr. Licata's Mobile Mathematics," to help you along the way of becoming a math wiz.

**FIFTH GRADE NEWS:** The 5th graders have begun learning about fractions. Fractions are fun but can also be very challenging. The students will not only learn how to add and subtract fractions with unlike denominators, but to multiply and divide them as well. They will also learn to perform those same operations on mixed numbers as well! The students are all working hard and before long, will become fraction experts!

**SIXTH GRADE NEWS:** Sixth grade students have just finished up an algebra unit and have become quite skilled at solving for unknowns. They began by learning how to represent an unknown amount in an equation by using a variable. Using a pan balance (scale), students identified that both sides need to be equal in order to have that balance be level and applied that knowledge to solving algebraic equations. (Both sides of the equal sign need to have the same value for the equation to be true.) They learned to isolate the variable in problems and apply inverse operations and the properties of equality to solve for its value. Students then extended that knowledge to inequalities and solving equations with 2 variables (when one's value is known). Students were able to connect patterns in tables to equations with two variables and were able to graph possible solutions as a line on a coordinate plane. Sixth grade students should be proud of the hard work they did during this unit and the connections they made by applying the strategies already learned to solve these new kinds of problems.

**NEWS FROM MR IRADI:** When thinking about skills and helping a student succeed, we sometimes forget how to slow down and focus on learning. A very simple way for better learning is to create an atmosphere where a person is able to concentrate. So whether you are a student or a parent, try this: If you are using a computer, close the other items that are distracting such as chat, videos, and games and or items that pull you away from getting your homework finished. During homework time, turn off the phone and TV and, be sure to focus on the homework. Also, allow plenty of room to spread out your books, study guides, worksheets and folders with all of your materials. If you have brothers and sisters who are playing or making noise, ask to work in a quiet location. Fewer distractions allow you to finish your work more quickly and with a better understanding. Quiet areas allow for better concentration in reviewing, studying, completing homework and reading. Try these tips to help you learn and remember without distractions. Keep up the good work and always do your best!

**FAMILY MATH:** Third Grade Family Math began on Thursday, February 1st. Openers included toothpick puzzles, cut a card, coin problems, tangrams and a Venn diagram. Activities enjoyed by all were "Sum What Dice" and "Double Digit" both place-value dice games. Congratulations to Trent Funari who came closest to the goldfish estimation of 660. He estimated 723! Congratulations! ~ **Ms. Grau and Miss Johnson**

**STILLWATER TOWNSHIP SCHOOL  
KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION  
For 2018-2019 School Year**

If your child will be 5 years old on or before October 1, 2018, you may register him/her for Kindergarten for the 2018-2019 school year. Registration packets are available in the school office. You may call Mrs. Lisa Roycroft (973-383-6171) or email her at [lisa.roycroft@stillwaterschool.net](mailto:lisa.roycroft@stillwaterschool.net) to have a registration packet mailed to you, or you may pick one up at the school office **between the hours of 9:30am – 2:00pm**. Complete instructions and important dates are included in the packet.

**REQUIRED FOR REGISTRATION:**

- Birth Certificate (original – with raised seal)
- Up to date immunization history – please contact school nurse, Maureen Beckman, with questions at 973-383-6171 ext. 216 or [maureen.beckman@stillwaterschool.net](mailto:maureen.beckman@stillwaterschool.net)
- Physical examination form completed by your child's physician
- Proof of Residency (2) – preferred items are:
  - Copy of deed/mortgage or lease agreement
  - Stillwater residence tax bill
  - Utility bill for Stillwater residence
  - Copy of NJ driver's license with Stillwater address (not a PO Box)

Kindergarten pre-screening dates are planned for **Tuesday & Wednesday, April 10-11, 2018**. An appointment will be scheduled for your child when you return your registration papers.

Registration packets can be returned the week of **January 16, 2018**

THE FOLLOWING ARE NOT SCHOOL SPONSORED EVENTS

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

KITTATINNY YOUTH LACROSSE is excited to announce our first ever youth Lacrosse clinic open to grades K - 2 grade, boys and girls . Come experience the fastest growing sport in the country. This clinic will be based off the US Lacrosse soft stick development program. It will be fun, drill based with the kids broken into small groups, they will be constantly moving and learning the fundamentals in a fun and exciting way . The goal is to eventually field a team at these younger age groups to compete in the NJYLL. The clinic will take place for 5 weeks starting February 18th- March 25th from 11:30am to 12:30pm at the Fredon Civic Center. Please email me at [robertjmangino@titleondemand.net](mailto:robertjmangino@titleondemand.net) if you would like more info or to sign up. Kids will need a mouthpiece to participate. All other equipment will be provided at the clinic. Become part of our growing and thriving Kittatinny Lacrosse Family!!! Go Cougars!

## Stillwater PTA

**PTA MEMBERSHIP:** \*\*Keep up with what's happening with the PTA...

Like us on Facebook- Stillwater Twp PTA. You can also visit our websites! [www.pt-avenue.com](http://www.pt-avenue.com) (Code: Stillwater) Keep up to date with our calendar of events, announcements, and sign up to volunteer! You can also visit [www.stillwatertwppta.my-pta.org](http://www.stillwatertwppta.my-pta.org).

**VALENTINE'S DAY SALE:** This year's Valentine's Day Sale will take place on Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday February 14<sup>th</sup> during all lunch periods. Students will have an opportunity to purchase Heart Lollipops (nut, milk, shellfish, egg, & gluten free) and Valentine Smencils, both for \$1.00 each. If paying by check, please make checks payable to Stillwater PTA. For questions or if you are interested in helping, please contact Meredith Reilly at [mreilly32@yahoo.com](mailto:mreilly32@yahoo.com)

**TREMENDOUSLY-TREASURED TROOPS:** Care Packages enhance the morale and well-being of our deployed troops worldwide. This is especially important outside the established holidays. It is our goal to put together 20 boxes of supplies and 100 inspirational thank you cards for the selfless act of serving. Please join us on February 23<sup>rd</sup> from 3:00pm to 5:00pm in room A119 (subject to change). Register at [allforgood.org](http://allforgood.org) or just show up.

**TALENT SHOW:** The Talent Show will now be held on Thursday, April 26<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-8:30PM in the gym. Calling all participants! Parent acts are also welcomed. Sign-ups will take place on Monday, March 26<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-6:00PM in the gym. Practice dates are as follows: April 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, & 25<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-6:00PM. Parent volunteers are needed to make this event a success. If you are able to help, please contact Justine Mahon ASAP at [jmahon@gmail.com](mailto:jmahon@gmail.com) or (908) 625-1710.

**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 promote the upcoming event. **Please remember we are now digital and all flyers will be attached to the weekly newsletters.** Flyers must be first approved by the PTA and administration by emailing them to Jen Kraft at [stillwaterptapresident@yahoo.com](mailto:stillwaterptapresident@yahoo.com) and Cali Roberts at [Cali.roberts@stillwaterschool.net](mailto:Cali.roberts@stillwaterschool.net). Also, if you would like something submitted in the weekly newsletter regarding your event, please email your submission to Aneesha Begraft at [stillwaterptacorsec@yahoo.com](mailto:stillwaterptacorsec@yahoo.com) no later than Wednesday for it to be published that same Friday.

### CHECK OUT SOME GREAT WAYS TO RAISE MONEY FOR STILLWATER SCHOOL...

1. Have you heard about ShopARoo? It's an easy way to help support Stillwater School. All funds that are raised go directly to the 6<sup>th</sup> grade trip to Washington, D.C! 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**. Schools with just 40 supporters are earning an average of \$1000 per year. The top earning grade level at the end of the school year will win extra recess time and a special treat. Thank you for your continued support.
2. Keep cutting your Box Tops and Labels for Education! Be sure to include your child's homeroom teacher when submitting. Please note by downloading the app you can now simply select the items you plan on purchasing or have already purchased and scan your receipt for validation. Your account is linked to Stillwater school when you sign up! Visit the link at: <http://www.boxtops4education.com/bonusapp>
3. Shop at AmazonSmile! Amazon donates 0.5% of the purchase price to **18906 Stillwater PTA**. Bookmark the link <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/23-7214634> and support us every time you shop.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:** FATHER DAUGHTER DANCE-FEBRUARY 9, 2018, VALENTINES DAY SALE-FEBRUARY 13 & 14, 2018, SPRING BOGO BOOK FAIR-APRIL 24-26, 2018, TALENT SHOW-APRIL 26, 2018

**NEXT PTA MEETING:** **Thursday, March 1, 2018 from 7:00-8:00PM in room A119. We welcome and encourage all to attend!**