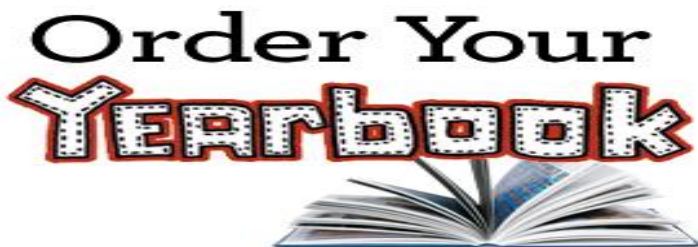


February 16, 2018

**Important Dates to Remember:**

- ◆ YEARBOOK SALE ENDS: 2/28
- ◆ REPORT CARDS: 2/16
- ◆ SCHOOL CLOSED: 2/19
- ◆ PROGRESS REPORTS: 3/1
- ◆ SPRING AHEAD: 3/11

**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.

**SPEECH NEWS:** The month of February has been all things Valentine's Day! We have been focusing on kindness, caring, being a good friend, and giving each other compliments. Grades 4, 5, and 6 have learned a brief history of how Valentine's Day originated. Grades pre-k, Kindergarten, 1, 2, and 3 have been sequencing common events, routines, and tasks with a valentine's day twist. At home this month, try to incorporate movement when studying or practicing new skills. Kids love to move!! The more you can incorporate fun movement into your learning/studying, the more fun the child will have and the harder he or she will end up working. You can try incorporating yoga, playing a game of basketball, or even go for a walk.

This month, check out the book 'The Giving Tree' by Shel Silverstein. This classic story is about a boy that eats a tree's apples, swings on the tree's branches, and sits in the tree's shade. As the boy grows older he wants more and more from the tree and the self-less tree continues to give until it has nothing left. This book teaches the importance of giving, which is perfect for February.

**ART NEWS:** Our STEAM art classes have been exploring the world of sculpture with Louise Nevelson, a 20th century American sculptor known for her monochromatic designs. Students were asked to select found objects and assemble them into a puzzle-like composition, creating balance, space and rhythm. This form of visual art utilizes critical thinking, problem solving skills and engineering in design.

**AMERICAN RED CROSS EVENT: MONDAY, MARCH 12<sup>th</sup> – FRIDAY, MARCH 16<sup>th</sup>.** On Friday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, The Fitness for the American Red Cross event will take place during periods 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, and 9 in the gym. A variety of *fun fitness stations* will be set up for the students during their gym period. Some of these stations include: Sit-ups, shuttle run, burpees, hurdles, jump rope activities, tires and more. Packets will be sent home soon! Parent volunteers are greatly appreciated. Volunteers may contact Mr. Reed or Ms. Radimer. We are looking forward to a great event! Thank you in advance for your help and cooperation.

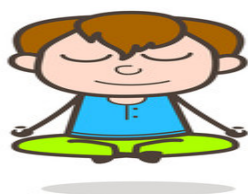
**MORNING FITNESS CLUB:** Just a reminder - Grades K-3 meet on Wednesday and Grades 4-6 meet on Thursdays! You may be dropped off at the gym no earlier than 7:45 and a parent must come in to sign you in. If there is a delayed opening students may be dropped off at 9:45 and club will begin at 9:50! Thank you! ~ **Miss Radimer and Mrs.Riva**



LOOKING FOR A FUN WAY TO IMPROVE YOUR CHILD'S NUMBER IDENTIFICATION OR BASIC ADDITION FACTS? TOUCH MATH NOW OFFERS APPS FOR THE IPAD!

Recent research shows just a few minutes a day of meditation for school age children has many benefits such as:

1. Rise in IQ levels
2. Academic stress goes down
3. Better focus
4. Lower absenteeism and better behavior
5. Happier and more confident students



**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

Ridge and Valley Conservancy will be offering Hooked on Fishing Not on Drugs, a free youth fishing program, at White Lake from April 10-August 30 2018, Tues and Thurs, 3-5:30 pm. Program is for middle school children ages 12-15 (those graduating 6th grade in June 2018 are eligible). Open house informational session on 3/3 at White Lake from 3-5 pm. Sign ups on 3/13 at RVC, [16 Main Street, Blairstown](http://16 Main Street, Blairstown). More info, please call 908-362-7989 or email [susi@ridgeandvalleyconservancy.org](mailto:susi@ridgeandvalleyconservancy.org).

## 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).

FATHER/DAUGHTER DANCE: A special thank you to Tim Reilly and Justine Mahon for co-chairing last week's Father/Daughter Dance! Thank you also to Cheryl Williver for providing her photography services and to all of the parents who donated food/drinks and/or volunteered their time to help make it a special evening!

VALENTINE'S DAY SALE: A special thank you to Meredith Reilly for organizing this week's Valentine's Day Sale! Thank you also to the parents who volunteered their time to help with the sale.

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 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 [jmarymahon@gmail.com](mailto:jmarymahon@gmail.com) or (908) 625-1710. A canned food drive will also take place during this event.

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: TREMENDOUSLY TREASURED TROOPS-FEBRUARY 23, 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!**