

STILLWATER TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

MARCH 3, 2023

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Report Cards Parent Portal 3/13/23
Board of Education Meeting 3/14/23 7:00 PM
Early Dismissal 12:40 PM Parent Teacher Conferences 3/16/23
Pre-School Parent Night 3/21/23
PTA Tricky Tray 3/24/23
Board of Education Meeting 3/27/23 7:00 PM
Second Grade Field Trip Crayola Factory 3/30/23

SECOND GRADE NEWS

Second graders are scientists! The students are exploring and understanding the ways that our earth changes. The classes are using Mystery Science, an online exploration science guide, to learn about fast and slow changes to our earth's surface. Second graders will observe two rivers that look very different and pose questions about why this may be happening. Students will work with small groups to explore questions like: "Why is there sand at the beach?", "Where do flash floods happen?", and "If you floated down a river, where would you end up?" They will also build models that solve a common problem, "How do you stop erosion?". We are so excited to be beginning this unit of study!

Mrs. Collier

FOURTH GRADE NEWS

Fourth Grade ELA and Social Studies Update:

The fourth graders have all been so busy these last few weeks digging into our nonfiction reading and writing units! Everyone has been researching and exploring exciting new topics. The students wrote essays and gave presentations after reading multiple nonfiction texts. We

have been transitioning into a new class novel, *The City of Ember*, and everyone is very excited to see what adventures the characters will embark on in this unusual setting!

Students have been practicing fluency techniques and small group book discussions in English Language Arts as well.

In Social Studies, we learned about the Lunar New Year as we read a short novel called *Year of the Dog*. We have also been exploring the American government structure using our social studies textbook. We have gotten off to a great start in 2023!

Mrs. Maeurer

MUSIC NEWS

This month in Music some of our Advanced Band and Select Choir members have been rehearsing new music for the upcoming District Band and Choir Concert! These students will have the opportunity to meet and perform with students from other elementary schools in our district as well as some middle school students from Kittatinny Regional High School! This concert will be at KRHS on Monday, March 27, 2023.

In our music classes, the sixth graders have begun learning about different musical careers (both performing and non-performing). The fourth and fifth graders have been working on composing, rehearsing, and performing their original percussion compositions. Third grade has been working on reading rhythms and notes to get ready to learn the recorder!

Miss O'Brien

NEWS FROM MRS. MAKAREVICH

Recycling News!

Our student recycling group, ***Cafeteria Connections***, continues to lead our school's recycling efforts, with the help of the 5th grade Green Team! In our school cafeteria, students recycle every day and have reduced the waste that goes into a landfill. 6th-grade volunteers continue to assist younger students with placing recyclables in the correct bins during their lunch periods. In classrooms, everyone recycles paper, plastics, cans, juice boxes, and bottles. We are so proud of our school wide efforts to recycle and make a difference!

This year we continue to partner with the TREX decking company and have shared recycling bins for the collection of plastic film in the community. The community's locations are outside of Town Hall and the Community Center. Parent volunteers take the plastic from the community bins and deliver it to school, where the members of our student club weigh and organize the plastic film. After placing the bags in our outdoor recycling area, more parent

volunteers collect them and deliver them to Weis in Newton to be transported to the TREX company. We have already recycled over 410 pounds of plastic this school year!

We are excited to be able to continue our efforts to reduce waste that travels to landfills! Please share the news with friends and neighbors in the community - we welcome all recyclers! Please see attached flyers for more information and specifics regarding what can be recycled in these bins.

Keep Recycling!

[SCHOOL.pdf](#)

[Flow of plastic film from recycling to bin.](#)

MORE NEWS FROM MRS. MAKAREVICH

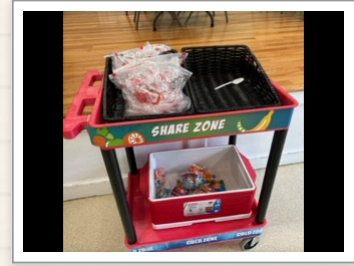
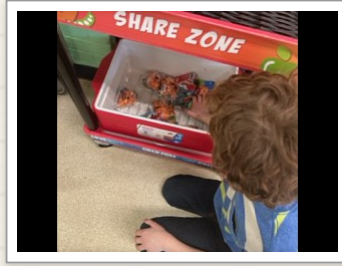
Sustainable Jersey for Schools and NJEA

\$2,000 Grant Project Complete

Many of our students look forward to their time in our school cafeteria - it's a time to socialize with friends and refuel for the day. However, in Stillwater, some students come to school hungry - food insecurity is a reality in their lives. Our Cafeteria Connection (a group of student volunteers) supports our school recycling programs and noticed that there is an awful lot of food wasted in the cafeteria each day. They wondered if there was a way to "recycle" the packaged food items and pass them along to our students. A Sustainable Jersey for Schools/NJEA grant was written by Mrs. Makarevich to obtain funds to purchase sharing carts for extra food. In 2022, our school received \$2,000 to support this project from the Sustainable Jersey for Schools Program and NJEA.

This is yet another example of the students' efforts to address an issue in their school and work together for a positive solution!

After receiving preliminary approval from the Administration, the sharing program was developed. The Cafeteria Connection purchased two sharing carts, complete with cooler, reusable ice packs, and baskets to place in two locations in the cafeteria. Students collect and save unopened, prepackaged food items from our school cafeteria, such as milk, carrot sticks, yogurt, cheese sticks, and more. Items are placed in a bin for students to snack from. At the end of the final lunch period, the snacks are placed in the large refrigerator to be saved for the next day. Teachers are able to select snacks for students in their classrooms who are not able to bring their own snacks from home for designated snack times. The extra food is also available for students in the cafeteria who are still hungry after finishing their lunches. So, in effect, our students have found a way to "recycle" food to solve the problem of food insecurity for students at Stillwater Elementary School!



YEAR BOOK NEWS

ATTENTION 6TH GRADE PARENTS:

It is that time of the year for you to submit your child's baby picture for the yearbook. You may email the baby photo to meghan.earley@stillwaterschool.net or you may send in a copy and we will scan the photo and get it back to you! We would like to have them all by the end of January.

Thank You!

Mrs. Earley & Mrs. Riva

YEAR BOOK BIOGRAPHY FORMS

Attention 6th Grader! Please remember to complete your Yearbook Biography Form that was shared with you! This, as well as a baby picture (print or digital) will be included in the yearbook. Please reach out to Mrs. Riva or Mrs. Earley if you have any questions! The baby picture can either be brought to school and we will scan and return it, or you may email it to either of us: maureen.riva@stillwaterschool.net meghan.earley@stillwaterschool.net

Mrs. Riva

YEARBOOK ORDERS

Our yearbook sale has begun! What better way to remember the 2022-2023 school year than by purchasing a yearbook. The cost this year is \$24! There are two ways you can order. By using the link below and ordering online or sending in the money to your child's homeroom teacher! Flyers will be coming home with students next week as well as order forms if you prefer to send the money into the school. For ordering or payment questions, please contact Kimberly Williams Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent at 973-383-6635 or email kimberly.williams@stillwaterschool.net



Stillwater PTA Tricky Tray
THE GREAT OUTDOORS
Friday, March 24, 2023

Location: Stillwater Twp. School
904 Stillwater Rd, Newton NJ 07860

Doors Open: 5:00 pm
(Presales Only admitted@4:00pm)

Drawing: 7:00 pm **FREE ADMISSION**
Presale Bundles and/or Table Reservations
Available until 3/01/23

Adults Only-No one under 18 will be admitted-No Exceptions
HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE

PRIZES

Level 1 \$30-\$99 Value \$5/sheet or 5 sheets/\$20	*Level 2* \$100-\$199 Value \$3/ticket or 4 tickets/\$10
Level 3 \$200+ Value \$4/ticket or 3 tickets/\$10	

Refreshments will be sold by our 6th grade class or
Bring your own (only non-alcoholic beverages allowed)

50/50 Raffle
\$1/1 ticket
\$5/6 tickets
\$10/15 tickets

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<http://www.facebook.com/StillwaterPTA>

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STILLWATER TOWNSHIP PTA

Stillwater Township PTA
904 Stillwater Road
PO Box 12
Stillwater, NJ 07875

Dear Friends,

Stillwater Township PTA is a non-profit serving about 300 children in preschool through sixth grade. Stillwater is in a rural community in Sussex County and our residents are involved in our schools, sports, and community organizations. The Stillwater Township PTA works closely with the school to help with purchases of books and support materials for the classrooms, special programs and/or supplies for those programs, underwrite many school assemblies and much more. The PTA's mission is to make every child's potential a reality through engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children.

Our Tricky Tray is our most popular and most profitable fundraiser of the year. We rely on these funds raised to provide valuable resources and free activities to the entire student body; and the PTA is so proud that we can support our children in these important ways.

Stillwater Township PTA's Annual Tricky Tray fundraiser is on Friday, March 24, 2023 at the Stillwater Township School. We would like to request your assistance with helping us continue to enrich our students academic experience by donating. Your donation to our Tricky Tray would be greatly appreciated and would go a long way in achieving the goals listed above.

Nearly 100+ people will attend the Tricky Tray this spring and purchase tickets to win more than 100 prizes. Many prizes are donated from our parents and community members, but ultimately, we need the support of businesses such as yours. In return for a product, gift certificate, service or monetary contributions, you are entitled to:

- A tax deduction to the extent allowed by law (Federal Tax ID below)
- Acknowledgement in our school newsletter, the evening's program, and social media

In order to place your donation in the proper category please include a note stating the retail value and retain a copy of this letter as proof of receipt.

You may mail your donation to the school address found above with the attention of Kaitlin Oskirko. If you are using USPS please use the PO Box and if you are sending your donation through another carrier please use the physical address. If you have any questions or would like to request your prize be picked up please contact Kaitlin Oskirko by emailing at stilleatertickytray@gmail.com or calling (973) 670 - 1115.

We truly appreciate your consideration and look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

Kaitlin Oskirko, Event Chair

Donation:

Retail Value:

stilleatertickytray@gmail.com

Stillwater Township PTA is a non-profit corporation, Tax ID #23-7214634

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Stillwater Twp PTA Tricky Tray Pre-Sale Ticket Order Form

The Great Outdoors
Friday, March 24, 2023

Contact Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Ticket packages are only available for sale **PRIOR** to the event. Forms and payments are due no later than **March 1, 2023**. No forms will be accepted beyond that date to ensure all checks clear prior to the event.

NEW for 2023: online ordering available until 3/1. Scan QR code at the bottom to order*

Pre-Sale ticket packages includes early entry starting @4pm and:

- Level 1 – 6 Sheets
- Level 2 – 4 tickets
- Level 3 – 2 tickets

Reserved seating is also available with your ticket bundle purchase for an extra \$5 per seat.

Order Details

of Ticket Bundles only _____ x \$40 each = \$ _____

Reserved Seating Orders:

Name	Tickets with Reserved Seating \$45	Extra Ticket Bundle \$40	Total Due

Partial groups (less than 8) will be placed together. Reservations are taken on a first come first serve basis. If we are unable to accommodate your request, we will notify you prior to the event.

Total Due/Enclosed = \$ _____

Please make checks payable to: Stillwater PTA

Mail/Return to:
Stillwater PTA – 2023 Tricky Tray
c/o Christine Prtorich
904 Stillwater Road, PO Box 12
Stillwater NJ 07875



Scan to order online until 3/1

Contact Christine Prtorich with questions:
ptaxptstillwater@gmail.com
call/text: 973-903-2877

Like & Share on Facebook: www.facebook.com/stillwaterptatrickytray














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*Online purchases subject to fee charged by payment processor

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Join the PTA Today for only \$5 per member!

<p>INVEST</p>  <p>FOR YOUR CHILD</p>	<p>JOIN</p>  <p>FOR YOUR CHILD</p>	<p>ADVOCATE</p>  <p>FOR YOUR CHILD</p>
<p>ENGAGE</p>  <p>FOR YOUR CHILD</p>	<p>PTA FOR YOUR CHILD</p> 	<p>CHAMPION</p>  <p>FOR YOUR CHILD</p>
<p>ACT</p>  <p>FOR YOUR CHILD</p>	<p>VOLUNTEER</p>  <p>FOR YOUR CHILD</p>	
<p>GUIDE</p>  <p>FOR YOUR CHILD</p>	<p>PROTECT</p>  <p>FOR YOUR CHILD</p>	<p>CONNECT</p>  <p>FOR YOUR CHILD</p>

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STILLWATER PTA MEMBERSHIP FORM 2022 - 2023

Online Member Sign Up Instructions: <https://stillwatertwp.memberhub.com>

On main page of MemberHub enter your email address. Select need to create password. A code will be sent to your email. Enter code on MemberHub page and create your password. You will be directed to your PTA MemberHub home page. Select Shop tab at top of page. Select the correct icon PTA Individual for Parents, PTA Teachers & Faculty or PTA Community Member to get started for enrollment. Fill out your information and add to cart. Select cart and continue to checkout. Your name will be located on top right you can click on your name for the drop tab and select edit your profile visit hubs or log out.

Stillwater Twp. School – 2022-2023 PTA Membership Please print clearly – Thank you!
\$5 per member – Payments should be made to “Stillwater PTA” by cash or check

Member Information:

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Relation to Stillwater Twp. School: (Circle One)

Parent Staff Member Community Member Other

Member Information:

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Relation to Stillwater Twp. School: (Circle One)

Parent Staff Member Community Member Other

My child(ren)(s) picture is allowed in social media and print: (Circle One) Yes No

*****RETURN TO SCHOOL “ATTN: TARYN MACALUSO, PTA MEMBERSHIP”*****

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STILLWATER SCHOOL PTA FUNDRAISER

online ordering



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TWENTYFOURINK.COM/PAGES/STILLWATER

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KITTATINNY SOFTBALL



Register for the 2023 Spring Recreation Season!

Little Sluggers - \$50

Pre-K4 – Kindergarten

This is a t-ball program that introduces basic softball skills and concepts. NEW this year – we will have Saturday games scheduled against teams from nearby towns! Little Sluggers will practice on **FRIDAYS**.

Rookies - \$75

1st – 2nd Grades

This level is coach pitch. Girls will learn the rules of the game, the roles of various positions and play games against nearby towns. Rookies will play on **MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS** and **SATURDAYS**.

Minors - \$100

3rd – 4th Grades

This level is player pitch with modified USA rules. The girls will learn the importance of pitching and catching, as well as how to steal and slide. This level has an official umpire for their scheduled games against nearby towns. Intermediates will play on **TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS** and **SATURDAYS**.

Majors - \$100

5th – 6th Grades

This level helps players master their skills and introduces more advanced rules. Girls will learn new strategies and techniques for games against surrounding towns. Juniors will play on **MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS** and **SATURDAYS**.

Seniors - \$100

7th – 8th Grades

This level prepares girls for playing at the High School level if they choose to continue the sport. Players learn to push themselves to compete at a higher level in games against nearby towns. Seniors will play on **TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS** and **SATURDAYS**.

- \$10 discount for each additional sibling registered -

For more information please contact: Anna Pascarella 973.202.4487 HamptonSoftballRec@gmail.com

AT THIS TIME, TRAVEL/CLUB PLAYERS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO PLAY ON A RECREATION TEAM.

ALL Registrations must be submitted online at www.kittatinnysoftball.com

Register by February 25th to avoid the late fee! ~ No Registrations will be accepted after March 4, 2023.



Find us on Facebook!
Kittatinny Softball



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KITTATINNY LACROSSE



Spring Registration is NOW!!!!

The Fastest Growing Sport in Sussex County
Kittatinny Youth Lacrosse Club would like to invite All Kittatinny sending district residents in grades K-8 to join our lacrosse family.

- ✓ **Boys And Girls Teams** K-8th grade
- ✓ Spring Registration **2023** is Now Open!!!!
- ✓ Email us at **Kittatinnylax@gmail.com** for multi-child discount
- ✓ Open to all Kittatinny residents, as well as county residents **without** a town program to join

Practices start in March!

WWW.KITTATINNYLACROSSE.COM

Registration Includes the required membership to US Lacrosse.
Find **Kittatinny Youth Lax** on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.



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*2023 Miss Stillwater
Little Miss and Mr. Stillwater
Contest*

Friday May 12, 2023 6 pm @ Stillwater Township Community Center

Attention all young ladies that want to represent Stillwater as **Miss Stillwater** at the Sussex County Queen of the Fair Contest.

Contestants must be:

- **Reside in Stillwater**
- **Age 17-21**
- Represent Stillwater at Queen of the Fair Competition In August 2023
- Participate at the Stillwater Fall Fest in October 2023

Cash prizes will be awarded to the successful candidates and participation gifts will be presented to all.

Little Miss and Mr. Stillwater must also complete an application for participation. Gifts will be presented to all participants.

- **For Stillwater Residents only**
- **ages 4-7**

Applications can be found at the Municipal Building and on the Stillwater Township website: www.stillwatertownshipnj.com

Deadline for all applicants is May 1, 2023 by the end of office hours @ 4:30 PM applications can be turned into the Municipal Building or emailed to:

Recreation@stillwatertwp.com

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Tickets are now on sale!

LEGALLY BLONDE

The Musical.

MARCH 9, 10, AND 11th
www.thekpbc.org

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THE STILLWATER RECOGNITION COMMITTEE INVITES
YOU TO.....

Death by



Dessert

A MURDER MYSTERY DINNER PARTY WHERE
EVERYONE IS A SUSPECT

All proceeds to benefit the Stillwater 6th grade graduating class

Dinner and Dessert
by Dominicks
Cash Bar

Location and Time of the Crime:
Stillwater Firehouse 929 Stillwater
Rd, Newton NJ. April 29th, 6-9pm

Tickets \$50 at Eventbrite
[deathbydessertstillwater
.eventbrite.com](https://deathbydessertstillwater.eventbrite.com)

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SAVE THE DATE

a Night Under the Stars

*All proceeds to benefit The Kittatinny Players
and the KRHS Theater Program*

Messages from Heaven with Catherine McCall

PSYCHIC MEDIUM

Live Music • Silent Auction

MAY 16, 2023 • 6 -9 PM

PRICE PER TICKET \$75
choice of entrée | chicken • fish • pasta
attire | dressy casual

ANDRE'S LAKESIDE DINING

112 TOMAHAWK TRAIL • SPARTA, NJ
outside under the tents • BYOB

Purchase tickets at www.TheKPBC.org

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THE PRODIGAL'S JOURNEY

MARCH 11, 2023
PERFORMANCE BEGINS AT 3PM

The Evangelical Free Church of Blirstown
11 Lambert Road, Blirstown, NJ 07825



To purchase tickets,
scan the QR code
below.



13 yrs & older \$20
12 yrs & under \$15
General Admission
Doors open at 2:30pm

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Dance Workshops for All Ages

MARCH 10, 2023

3:30pm-4:30pm
\$20/person



The Evangelical Free Church of Blairstown
11 Lambert Road, Blairstown, NJ 07825
Sign up at www.knowltonfinearts.org

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MARCH 11, 2023
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THE PRODIGAL'S JOURNEY

<https://balletmagnificatnj.ticketspice.com/ballet-magnificat-the-prodigals-journey>

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