

POSITIVE THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

A quote from 6th grade student, Cole Longcor:
"The Beatles once said, 'All you need is love,' and it's true.
All you need is to have someone care about you and to care about other people."

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER
1/21/13 (Mon.) – 12:40pm Dismissal
1/25/13 (Fri.) – 2nd Marking Period Ends
2/5/13 (Tue.) – Report Cards

REMINDER – ALL FLYERS BEING SENT HOME MUST FIRST BE APPROVED BY MR. CULLEN.

ABSENTEE CALLS: Please call the attendance line **383-3227** when calling your child out of school. Do not use the personal voice mail of our nurse, Maureen Beckman. The nurse's voice mail should be used for health concerns other than attendance.

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. And 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!

PHOTO COPYING PROCEDURES: This is a reminder that all photo-copying for the PTA and/or other groups must be done in the downstairs copy room. Please be sure to sign in at the front office and get a visitor pass to do so. Also, all flyers must be distributed through the main office, first being approved by Mr. Cullen. No hand-outs are to be given directly to homeroom teachers. Thank you for your cooperation. ~ *The Administrative Team*

GUIDELINES FOR DROPPING OFF STUDENTS:

1. Enter driveway near the church, which is a one-way entrance from 8:15am – 8:45am.
2. Please stay in line. Do not pass other vehicles or buses.
3. Drop off students at the curb only and please try to get them out of your vehicle promptly.
4. You may pass a bus parked in the lot during our dismissal, however, we ask that you exercise extreme caution.
5. Should you need to come into the school with your child, please use a parking space to the right when you enter the driveway and escort your child into the school.
6. Visitors must report to the main office prior to going anywhere in the building. This procedure was developed with the safety of your children our only priority.

A NOTE FROM MR. CULLEN: Hello everyone! I am excited to announce that our new website is up and running! Please take a look at your student's teacher pages, and take a moment to visit the Assistant Principal's corner where I have attached some really useful links and resources. I will be updating them often. Thank you for taking the time to visit our new Stillwater Township School website located at www.stillwaterschool.net.

Respectfully,
Daniel Cullen, Assistant Principal



SCHOOL COUNSELING CORNER:

This week we talked about "Training our Brain". We learned about the importance of disciplining our brain to focus, listen, and learn even though there may be distractions, or even if it isn't easy. If we work on it now and train ourselves it will become more natural in the future. We learned some strategies on how to train our brains to be good listeners!!
Ruth Najemian - 973-383-3998

CHANGE TO SCHOOL CALENDAR: School will now be in session on Monday, January 21, with a 12:40pm dismissal. This is so we can make up one of the days lost during the hurricane.

LIBRARY UPDATE: In library this January, students of all ages are getting cozy with great books and authors. Kindergarten students are enjoying author Mo Willems' work. First graders are reading books by Jarrett J. Krosoczka. Second graders have been exploring winter books and looking for lessons hidden in the text. Third, fourth, fifth and sixth grade students will begin reading chapter books for several weeks and exploring themes, characters and messages while we read. We barely notice the cold outside while we're warming up with great books!

THE NJ STOCK MARKET GAME: The 6th grade REACH class recently completed the fall edition of the online game, "The New Jersey Stock Market Game." The students were excited when they discovered what a stock is, how to read a newspaper's financial pages, and how to pick a stock. The Stock Market Game helps enhance basic skills in math, reading, social studies, business, and computer, while developing organizational, research, critical thinking, and economic reasoning and team-working skills. Each team was given \$100,000 of play money to invest. Stillwater School had two teams, The Doughasaurus and REACH for the Stocks. The Doughasaurus came in 118th out of 466 teams in the state. Their best stocks were Time Warner Cable, Amazon and Toyota. This team consisted of Jillian Rogers, Sabrina Leonard, Danielle Blide, Gage Hendershot and Leah Slobodzian. REACH for the Stocks participants included Zachary Zoppy, Cleary Waldo, Katie Riva, Ashley Pavlick and Max Hennet. Their best profits came from Yahoo, Hovnanan and Kroger. Winning was not the main focus of the game. The activities that the game provided will become lifelong skills!

**STILLWATER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
2013 MEETING CALENDAR**

In compliance with the "Open Public Meeting Act" Chapter 231, laws of 1975 State of New Jersey, the Stillwater Township Board of Education in the Township of Stillwater, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, at the annual board reorganization meeting on January 2, 2013 established the following schedule of regular and committee of the whole meetings for the period January 28, 2013 through December 16, 2013. All meetings will convene in the Stillwater Township Elementary School Library at 7:00 P.M., located at 904 Stillwater Road, Stillwater, NJ 07875.

<u>COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING</u>	<u>REGULAR MEETING</u>
February 11, 2013	January 28, 2013
March 11, 2013	February 25, 2013
April 15, 2013*	March 25, 2013
No Committee Meeting in May	April 29, 2013*
June 10, 2013	May 13, 2013*
No Committee Meeting in July	June 24, 2013
No Committee Meeting in August	July 22, 2013
September 9, 2013	August 26, 2013
No Committee Meeting in October	September 23, 2013
November 11, 2013	October 28, 2013
No Committee Meeting in December	November 25, 2013
	December 16, 2013

*Change from 2nd & 4th Monday

The agenda for all meetings will be the Opening, Reading of Notification, Public Concerns, Review of or Action on Agenda Items, Executive Session, as needed, and Adjournment. The above schedule is subject to change and adequate notice of additional meetings will be given in accordance with existing law.

René Solar
School Business Administrator/
Board Secretary

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION: If your child will be 5 years old on or before October 1, 2013, you may register him/her for kindergarten for the 2013-2014 school year. Registration packets will be available beginning January 7, 2013. You may call Mrs. Sue Sager (973-383-6171) the first week in January to either have a registration packet mailed to you, or you may pick one up at the school office (beginning Monday, January 7 between 9:30am-2:00pm). Please return the completed packets January 22 – 25, between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Your child does not need to be present with you at registration. Required AT Registration: **1. Birth Certificate** (official - with raised seal); **2. Immunization History** (including Hepatitis B series & Varicella vaccine); **3. Current Physical** from your child's physician (due by August, 2013); **4. Proof of Residency** (2 required): Suggested items: Copy of license with Stillwater address (not PO Box), Copy of deed/mortgage or lease agreement, Stillwater residence tax bill, Utility bill for Stillwater residence. Kindergarten pre-screening dates will be 3/25, 3/26, and 3/27. Appointments will be made when you register your child. Orientation will be Wednesday, June 5, 2013.

THE FOLLOWING ARE NOT SCHOOL SPONSORED EVENTS

COMMUNITY EVENTS

FAIRVIEW LAKE YMCA: Winter Wonderland event will be on Sunday, January 27 from 1pm -4pm. The cost is \$10 per car. For more information, please go to www.fairviewlakeymca.org.

SPORTS

KITTATINNY LACROSSE: Registration is now open for Kittatinny Youth Lacrosse Club boy's and girl's lacrosse, grades 3-8 for the spring 2013 season. Forms can be found at www.kittatinnylax.com. Sign-ups will also be held @ McKeown Elementary on January 5 from 8:30am - 1pm; Fredon Rec. Center on January 12 from 8:30am – noon; and Stillwater Elementary Gym entrance on January 12 from 8:30am - noon. Come play the fastest game on two feet!

FUNDRAISERS

MARKET DAY: We would like to thank everyone who supported us by purchasing Market Day items so far this school year. January order forms went home with the students before the holiday break. **NEW ITEMS FOR JANUARY:** Zucchini Munchables, Mediterranean Tilapia and Whole Grain Sweet Pea Blend. Everyone who makes a purchase in January will receive a FREE Eat Well Guide. This is a full color guide with delicious recipes, easy serving suggestions and healthy eating tips. Please return all order forms to school by Tuesday, January 22. The cutoff for placing your orders online is 11pm on Wednesday, January 23. Pickup date is Tuesday, January 29 from 3 to 4 pm. Any questions, contact Cheryl Castner 973-579-3182 or ccastner@embarqmail.com.

STILLWATER PTA

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!!!!

- **OUR NEXT PTA MEETING IS WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9 AT 3:15pm IN ROOM A119. PLEASE JOIN US!**
- **TRICKY TRAY:** Planning for this year's Tricky Tray will begin after the first of the new year. The Tricky Tray is our largest endeavor and most successful fundraiser of the year. Without the proceeds from it, many of the events and items that the students benefit from throughout the school year would not be able to be offered to them. This fundraiser needs MANY HANDS in order to succeed. If you are willing to volunteer to help with this event, please contact our Tricky Tray Chairperson, Trish Hendershot, at stillwatertrickytray@yahoo.com. THANK YOU!
- **ROLLER SKATING:** This month's roller skating night is next Friday, January 11, from 6:30 to 8 pm in the school gym. For safety purposes, no child is permitted to skate without the proper safety measures, so please remember those helmets! **THIS IS NOT A DROP OFF EVENT. PARENTS/GUARDIANS MUST REMAIN IN THE GYM SUPERVISING THEIR CHILDREN.** Questions, contact Colleen Hurley at 973-940-1035.
- **SPRING CLOTHING DRIVE:** While winter is creeping up on us, it's never too early to start thinking about our Spring Clothing Drive! The drive will take place in early May. Between now and then, please keep the drive in mind when you take the new season's clothing out and put the prior season's clothing away. And, we are not only collecting clothing! Here is a list of things that are being collected: Clothing of any size and for either gender, shoes, gloves, purses, backpacks, ties, belts, bedding (sheets, comforters, pillows), towels, curtains, tablecloths, throw rugs, stuffed animals and disposable diapers (unopened packages). Please consider donating anything you can to this worthy cause. Questions, contact Dawn Tighe, 973-222-8376 or tighe8@gmail.com.
- **CELL PHONE COLLECTION:** The Stillwater PTA is collecting cell phones to benefit DASI of Sussex County. DASI is a non-profit organization that helps provide counseling and shelter to victims of domestic abuse in need. Please consider donating your old cell phones to this worthy cause. A collection box is located outside the main office. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Robin Waldo at 973-459-8724 or ms.nut@hotmail.com. THANK YOU!
- **MEMBERSHIP DRIVE:** The PTA would like to thank everyone who has joined the PTA so far. Our membership drive is an ongoing process, so you may join at any time! If you have lost your membership envelope, simply stop by the main office to obtain another.
- **BOXTOPS/CAMPBELLS SOUP LABELS:** Clip, cut and send in! Please package them up separately (Boxtops in one envelope, soup labels in another), and make sure to put your child's name with teacher's name on the outside of the envelope/bag. THANK YOU!
- **COOKBOOKS AND MAGNETS:** We have cookbooks! The cookbooks are chockfull of recipes from students' families and friends, township residents, and the school staff and administration. Cookbooks are on sale for \$8.00 each. Also available are Stillwater Township School Magnets for \$2.00 each. Purchase a cookbook today and offer your family a new taste at dinner tonight, or purchase a magnet and proudly display it on the back of your vehicle. If you wish to purchase either (or both), please contact Amanda Connelly at 910raw@gmail.com.
- **TALENT SHOW:** In the past, the PTA has held a spring talent show. It is open to all Stillwater School students. There is no judging or prizes...it is simply for entertainment purposes, and it allows students the chance to be on stage and showcase what they are passionate about (dancing, singing, acting, comedy, etc.) It has always been a huge hit with the students. In the past, practices were usually one or two days a week after school, for several weeks, culminating in the talent show, which is held at Kittatinny Regional High School. Due to the lack of a chairperson, we have not been able to hold this event for the past few years. Since this is such a huge hit with the kids (they have really missed it the past few years), we are currently looking for a chairperson or a group of parents who would like to work together, plan, coordinate, and run the talent show. If you are interested, please contact Marilyn Geydoshek at msc23@ptd.net or 973-579-9414.
- **COMING NEXT MONTH:** Rollerskating, Valentine's Sale, Gertrude Hawk Candy sale, Cultural Arts Night.
- **OUR NEXT PTA MEETING IS WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6 AT 7 PM. ALL ARE WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND!**