

## POSITIVE THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

Read by, Ashley Pavlick

*"Nothing great in this world has been accomplished without passion." George Hegel*

### IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

**1/25/13 (Fri.)** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Marking Period Ends  
**2/5/13 (Tue.)** – Report Cards

**SPRING CONCERT:** The Spring Concert is scheduled for Tues, May 21, 7:00 p.m.

**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.



**SCHOOL COUNSELING CORNER:** In kindergarten guidance time, we are discussing the importance of safety at school, at home, and on the bus. The students are playing a "safety-stand-up" game based on the game Simon

Says. Skills that are covered are safety for self and others, and the children are having a great time learning by playing a fun game.  
*Ruth Najemian - 973-383-3998*

**YEARBOOK ORDERS:** OUR 2012-2013 YEARBOOKS ARE ON SALE NOW! Your memories will be filled with color and design within a quality paperback book. Yearbooks are only \$15.00 each! Checks can be made out to Stillwater School. Sale ends February 8, so please order your copy today, supplies are limited!!



**KINDERGARTEN/PRESCHOOL NEWS:** The preschool and kindergarten classes got together for buddy day. This week's theme was "No Name Calling." The children enjoyed hearing the story Chrysanthemum by Kevin Henkes. The main character, Chrysanthemum, was teased on the first day of school because of her name. The children recognized how teasing and name calling was unkind. We discussed feelings and how we can all celebrate our names. The children stamped their names with bingo dotters and then shared his/her work. The classes worked together very nicely. We all decided our own names are just perfect!

**FIRST GRADE NEWS:** First graders have been busy reading, writing and experimenting with weather. The children are learning about the different types of storms and making a flip book to define them. Some of the things we have demonstrated in class include a tornado in a bottle and pinwheels to see wind. Next week we will make a barometer and an anemometer. We are also practicing our addition and subtraction facts, counting by 2's, 5's and 10's. In addition the first graders have started reading logs for homework. We are counting our way to 100 books. Keep reading!

**2ND GRADE NEWS:** This January our second graders have been "traveling" from one pole to the other. Did you know the South Pole is in the continent of Antarctica and it's the coldest place on Earth? Believe it or not, some penguins are perfectly happy to live there! It was so interesting to learn about these strange birds. We read and wrote penguin stories, completed penguin crafts and we even researched facts about different kinds of penguins. The second grade was thrilled to adopt a Magellanic penguin! We named it "Waddles." Waddles will be sending us letters and photos throughout the year! We also took a "trip" to the North Pole. Although the poles have a lot in common, the Arctic is warmer and there is a lot more wildlife. Each second grader had fun reading about their favorite arctic animals. There sure was a lot to learn about! Where we will go next?

**STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS:** On **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1,** we will be hosting Super Bowl Day. Students and staff may wear their favorite team jersey or just wear the colors of their favorite NFL team. It does not have to be a jersey or colors from the teams in the Super Bowl. We are asking for a donation of \$0.75 on that day. Student Council members will come around to the classrooms to collect the donations. This money will go to benefit children with diabetes who are in the hospital. Thank you very much for participating. ~ *Dawson Ruffino* ~

**MIDDLE SCHOOL FAMILY MATH:** Several of our fifth grade families joined us once again Tuesday night for our second session of math games and activities. The room was humming while parents and children discussed ways to "Close the Lid" and get four in a row with "Coordinate Tic-Tac-Toe." Other opening activities included decimal games and a visual-spatial challenge called "Polynomios." Our families enjoyed discovering 1-,2-,3, 4-, 5- and 6-digit palindromes, and using calculators to compete in "Aunt Bebe's Costly Calculations Contest." Hunter Humenik was the winner of a jar filled with peanuts by having the closest guess of the actual number inside. An evening of fun activities and delicious snacks was enjoyed by all!

**TECHNOLOGY:** Digital Learning Day is a nationwide celebration of innovative teaching and learning through digital media and technology that engages students and provides them with a rich, personalized, educational experience. Stillwater School will present their "Technology in the Classroom" on Wednesday, February 6, 2012 from 3:15pm – 5pm. Contact Mr. Iradi for more details. [Fred.iradi@stillwaterschool.net](mailto:Fred.iradi@stillwaterschool.net)

**SPEECH CLASS:** During this chilly week, Mrs. McGregor's Speech Therapy students enjoyed playing the "Hot Chocolate, Hot Speech" game. As they practiced their sounds, grammar or language concepts, the students were able to also enjoy a delicious cup of hot chocolate, perfectly timed for the extremely cold, wintery weather!

**6TH GRADE REACH:** The 6<sup>th</sup> grade REACH class recently completed a Marble Maze project. They had to design and construct a maze in which a marble was moved around in a labyrinth maze. The winner was a maze constructed by Gage Hendershot and Kathleen Riva. Theirs was the most difficult. It took an average of two minutes and one second to complete the maze.

## SPORTS

**LACROSSE:** Sign-ups for boys and girls lacrosse will be at the Fredon Civic/Recreation Center and McKeown Elementary school on Saturday, January 26, 2013 from 8:30am - noon.

**BASKETBALL:** Kdg. – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade basketball clinic registration sign up is now through January 27. Extra forms are in the main office. If you have any questions, please contact Chrisha Wright 973-306-2675 OR CJWRIGHT11@PTD.NET. We are also looking for coaches!

**ATTENTION ALL SOCCER PLAYERS!:** There will be a 2013 SPRING season for our rec. program. Extra registration forms can be found in the main office or on our website [www.stillwater-rec.org](http://www.stillwater-rec.org). Training will be on Tuesday nights provided by Pure Soccer Academy. Registration deadline is 2/22.

**SOFTBALL:** Stillwater Rec. softball registrations are being accepted until SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17. All girls Pre-K (5 years by 3/1) thru 9<sup>TH</sup> grade are welcome. PLEASE ALSO HELP GET THE WORD OUT TO ALL 7<sup>TH</sup> – 9<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS AT KITTATINNY! Contact Wendy Fabian with any questions at [weefabian@hotmail.com](mailto:weefabian@hotmail.com) or 973-300-4705. The softball program is looking for a new Program Coordinator. This will be my last year as Coordinator and the girls are in need of someone to take over the reins and keep this program moving forward for them. There will be a lot of very disappointed girls if this program ends. This is my 6<sup>th</sup> year as Coordinator, and I have had a LOT OF FUN

working with some of the best players, coaches, parents, umpires opposing teams, etc. during that time. I have everything set in place that is needed to continue running the program smoothly, and will help with EVERYTHING for as long as needed. Please contact me at [weefabian@hotmail.com](mailto:weefabian@hotmail.com) or 973-300-4705. PLEASE DON'T LET THE GIRLS OF STILLWATER DOWN!

## FUNDRAISERS

**MARKET DAY:** Thank you to everyone who supported Market Day this month by placing an order with us! Any questions, contact Cheryl Castner 973-579-3182 or [ccastner@embarqmail.com](mailto:ccastner@embarqmail.com).

**SIXTH GRADE RECOGNITION PARTY FLAPJACK FUNDRAISER** at Applebee's Saturday March 2, 8am - 10am. - \$10/ticket includes pancakes, eggs, sausage, and a beverage. All proceeds will go towards the Sixth Grade Recognition Party Please contact Melissa Nelson to purchase or sell tickets. [melissa@tellurian.net](mailto:melissa@tellurian.net) or 973-903-6940.

## 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](http://www.fairviewlakeymca.org).

**JOE CORBI REMINDER:** Money and order forms are due on Thursday, January 31. Please send in to your homeroom teachers as soon as possible. Pick up is scheduled for Wednesday, February 13-from 3:30-6:30. If you have any questions or concerns please contact me. Thank you! *Maria Hoelderlin* [mhoelderlin@yahoo.com](mailto:mhoelderlin@yahoo.com)

## STILLWATER PTA

- **PTA EXECUTIVE BOARD OPENINGS:** As of June 30, 2013, the PTA Executive Board will have two open positions; President and Corresponding Secretary. These positions will be open due to the conclusion of their current two-year terms. If anyone is interested in being nominated for either of these positions, please contact Marilyn Geydoshek at [msc23@ptd.net](mailto:msc23@ptd.net) or 973-579-9414.
- **PTA MEMBERSHIP:** The Stillwater PTA would like to extend a heartfelt Thank You to every single family and school staff member who joined the PTA this year. Having your continued support of the PTA and the students of Stillwater School means a lot to us. The PTA could not do everything it does without your support...many hands make light work. THANK YOU!
- **TRICKY TRAY:** The 2013 Tricky Tray is now underway. An informational letter and a donation form were sent home with the students last week. This letter includes information about both your FAMILY tray and donating towards your CLASS tray. We are asking for donations of a family tray valued at \$45 (minimum) and a \$5 class donation per child per class. **(Thank You to everyone who has already sent their class and family donations in!!)** With the class donations, the class parent will put together a fantastic tray from the entire class. As an incentive, the first class to have 100% participation will receive a pizza party! For the past three years, we have had classes reach that goal. Please continue the winning streak!!!! Please label ALL class tray donations PTA TRICKY TRAY with the student's name, teacher's name and grade. If you have any questions, please contact Wendy Kimble at 973-214-4643. The Tricky Tray is also on FACEBOOK (Stillwater PTA Tricky Tray). Please "LIKE" that page and check back often for updates and current information. You may also email us directly at [stillwatertrickytray@yahoo.com](mailto:stillwatertrickytray@yahoo.com).
- **TRICKY TRAY:** Planning for this year's Tricky Tray has begun. 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](mailto:stillwatertrickytray@yahoo.com). THANK YOU!!!!
- **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 the students the chance to be on stage and showcase what they are passionate about. It could be 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 KRHS. 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](mailto:msc23@ptd.net) or 973-579-9414.
- **BOOK IT:** The Book-It reading program is back and will be running for the second half of the school year. Please check your child's backpack for their January reading log, which was sent home this week. You can return the completed reading log during the first week of February. Please make sure your child's name and homeroom information are on the log so that they will be sure to receive their Pizza Hut coupon. The top three students who read the most number of books for the combined months of January, February, and March, will each be awarded a Wal Mart gift card! Questions, please contact Chrissy Menkins at [christinemenkins@aol.com](mailto:christinemenkins@aol.com).
- **SPRING CLOTHING DRIVE:** While Winter has arrived, 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](mailto: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](mailto:ms.nut@hotmail.com). THANK YOU!
- **COOKBOOKS:** 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](mailto:910raw@gmail.com).
- **COMING NEXT MONTH:** Roller skating, Valentine's Sale, Gertrude Hawk Candy sale.
- **OUR NEXT PTA MEETING IS WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6TH AT 7 PM. ALL ARE WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND!!**