

## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

2/25 – Math-a-Thon money due  
2/26 & 2/28 – After School Learning Center  
2/27 – Homework Club

**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.

## IMPORTANT REMINDER

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

**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 student(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!

**BUS NOTE GUIDELINES:** In an effort to provide a safe and sound dismissal for your student(s), and to avoid end of the day confusion, we are asking you to abide by the following guidelines when changing your child's dismissal arrangements.

**Please send your bus notes to school in the morning with your child.** This will help to eliminate the number of students who need to make a phone call from the office to home. It is important to note that time spent in the office is time he/she is losing in the classroom.

We understand there are occasional situations that require a last minute change in plans. If you discover during the day that you will need to pick your child up at the end of the day, (or need him/her to go home with another student) please call the office to let us know as early as possible during the day, so we can follow the steps to assure that the student and teacher receive the information. Please try not to wait until dismissal time to give us this information, unless it's an emergency situation.

Important things to help us in the office to efficiently handle all bus notes:

- ❖ Please **PRINT** your child's name and all other information **clearly** on the bus note.
- ❖ **Always** include your **child's bus number** on the form.
- ❖ If you are requesting that your child go home on another bus with another student, you **must** include the route number of the bus you would like your child to ride on, as well as clearly writing the name of the student he/she will be riding with. You will receive a call from the office if we cannot accommodate your request.

Thank you for your cooperation. Keeping our teachers and office staff well informed will ensure a smooth end of the day process. If you have any questions, feel free to call Dan Cullen at 973-383-6171.

## 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:

Lunch clubs continue to meet for all grade levels and it is never too late to join!! We cover topics such as self-esteem, making friends, and making good choices. *Ruth Najemian - 973-383-3998*

**SCHOOL SAFETY & SECURITY:** We have established recent procedures to ensure the maximum safety and security of the Stillwater Township School. As of February 1, we are locking the front doors of the school at 3:15pm and are requesting all parents, guardians, or community members using our facility to please enter and exit the school through the back doors located in the hallway by the elevator. All other entrance ways in and out of the school will be locked and secured in an effort to maximize our school safety and security efforts. Thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation to make the Stillwater Township School a tremendous place to learn and grow. *Respectfully, Daniel Cullen*

**MIDDLE SCHOOL FAMILY MATH:** Session five is now behind us, with just one more to go. Opening activities kept our families busy rolling dice, spinning spinners, calculating numerical values of words, and playing number games. We had great fun "gambling" with equivalent fraction pieces during the "Judy's Fractions" activity, and derived several linear equations when we examined points and lines on the coordinate plane. Last week's winner of the estimation jar full of peanut M&Ms was Robbie Nodarse! We look forward to one more night of fun with our 5<sup>th</sup> grade families!

**STUDENT COUNCIL:** Our Pennies for Patients drive will continue until the end of February. Look under couch cushions, check behind the furniture, and peek into car cup holders! All of the money collected will go directly to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, which uses the money to research and help families with children battling cancer. The top two collecting classes will receive an ice cream or pizza party! Please help the Student Council with this very important event!

**SAVE THE DATE:** The next Activity Night for the sixth graders will be Friday, March 1, from 7:00–9:00 pm at Kittatinny Regional High School. The information sheet about the event with attached permission slip was sent home with the students. Please return the permission slip with \$3.00 as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Radimer, Mr. Reed, or Mrs. Hayes at Stillwater School. Thank you.

**STAFF JEANS DAY:** The staff at Stillwater School wore jeans last week to donate to the Philanthropic Fund. The Stillwater Education Association gives five scholarships/awards per year. They award two scholarships per year to graduating Kittatinny Regional High School students originally from Stillwater School. They also award three bonds to three 6<sup>th</sup> graders at recognition in honor of former Stillwater staff. This week the staff wore jeans to help raise funds for the American Heart Association's Go Red for Women Movement. Both weeks, the staff also donated items to be given to a local church food bank.

**TREP\$:** On Thursday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, 35 sixth graders enjoyed their third workshop in the Trep\$ program. The workshop taught the students some very key financial terms. The students practiced calculating revenue, expenses, profit and loss. We discussed options for start-up funds and worked in teams to create a product and price it. This year's Marketplace will be on Thursday, March 21st at the Stillwater School Gym from 6:30 – 8:00. The event is free and open to the public. The entire community is invited to come and see what happens when you give children the creative outlet and responsibility that comes with starting a business venture. Your presence will make it even more special for these very talented sixth graders. Our next meeting is Thursday, February 28<sup>th</sup>. **PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR BUS NOTES!**

**THE NORTHWEST JERSEY READING COUNCIL** is sponsoring the Young Author's Conference Poetry Festival on Saturday, March 23, from 9:00 -12:00. This year the conference will be held at the Green Hills School in Greendell, NJ. It is a wonderful experience for any student who has an interest in poetry or enjoys reading or writing. This year John Grandits is the featured poet and author. Also speaking will be Matty Putnam, writer of the featured New Jersey Herald column, *Matty's Book Bag*. There will writing workshops for the students to attend. Please contact your child's teacher or the main office if you would like copies of the registration forms.

**PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION:** If your child will be 3 or 4 years old on or before October 1, 2013, you may register him/her for preschool for the 2013/2014 school year. Please call Mrs. Eileen Theys at 973-383-3998 to have a registration packet mailed to you, or you may pick one up at the school office. To guarantee enrollment for your child, the completed registration packet must be returned to Stillwater Township School as soon as possible as there are a limited number of spaces available.

## THE FOLLOWING ARE NOT SCHOOL SPONSORED EVENTS

### SPORTS

**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.

### FUNDRAISERS

**MARKET DAY:** Thank you to everyone who placed a Market Day order this month!! Pickup is Tuesday, February 26th from 3 to 4 pm at Harmony Hill United Methodist Church. 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

**HAMPTON TOWNSHIP PTA TRICKY TRAY:** Saturday, March 9, at McKeown School, One School Rd., Hampton, NJ. Doors open at 5:00pm, calling begins at 7:00pm. No admission fee. Refreshments available. Hundreds of prizes including regular trays, specials, and super-specials valued at over \$200.

## 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.
- **GERTRUDE HAWK CANDY SALE:** The Spring Gertrude Hawk Candy Sale is coming to an end. Please send all order forms (top copy) and money back by Monday, February 25<sup>th</sup>. Please send in one check for the entire order, made out to Stillwater PTA. The estimated order pick up date is March 15<sup>th</sup>. Any questions, email Kristin Oldenburg at [kris1chiro@hotmail.com](mailto:kris1chiro@hotmail.com) SELL, SELL, SELL!!!
- **TRICKY TRAY:** The donation deadline has been extended to March 1<sup>st</sup>. Please send in your family and class donations in an envelope marked with your child's name, teacher & grade. We have a few classes that are close to 100% participation! The top 5 classes are: Mrs. Murphy (K), Mrs. Knapp (1<sup>st</sup>), Mrs. Collier (2<sup>nd</sup>), Ms. Grau (2<sup>nd</sup>) and Mrs. Smith (2<sup>nd</sup>). Who will get the Pizza Party??? Every class is still in the running so it is not too late to make your donation!!!!!! For questions, please contact Wendy Kimble at 973-214-4643 or [stillwatertrickytray@yahoo.com](mailto:stillwatertrickytray@yahoo.com)
- **TRICKY TRAY:** Planning for this year's Tricky Tray is in full swing! 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!!!!
- **BOOK IT:** The Book It reading program is back!! We will be running the Book It program for the second half of the school year. Please return your child's January reading log now. 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 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](mailto:910raw@gmail.com)
- **COMING NEXT MONTH:** Rollerskating, Book Swap.
- **OUR NEXT PTA MEETING IS WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6TH AT 3:15 PM. ALL ARE WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND!!**