

POSITIVE THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

Read by Angelique Santore

"I rate enthusiasm even above professional skill." Sir Edward Appleton

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

3/5 & 3/7 – After School Learning Center
3/6 – Homework Club

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 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!

ATTENTION PARENTS/GUARDIANS: There will be a letter coming home with your child next week addressing bus note procedure and end of the day dismissal guidelines.

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.

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*

TREP\$: The sixth grade entrepreneurs learned about the magic of marketing at Thursday's Trep\$ workshop. The students discussed the 4P's of marketing which are product, price, place and promotion. Students had the pleasure of learning about these key terms from Mr. Bob Fuchs, the owner of Krogh's Restaurant in Sparta. The students discussed with Mr. Fuchs their product ideas. Discussion also included the very important question of how each student will promote their product to get shoppers to want to purchase their product at the Marketplace. We thank Mr. Fuchs very much for his time and appreciate his expertise. This year's Marketplace will be held on Thursday, March 21st from 6:30 – 8:00 in the Stillwater School Gym. Your presence will make it even more special for these very talented sixth graders. Our next meeting will be Thursday, March 14th. Please use this time to be working on your products!

NEW JERSEY MATHEMATICS LEAGUE

On February 25th, our sixth graders participated in a contest sponsored by the New Jersey Mathematics League. The contest consisted of 35 very challenging math problems, with a time limit of just 30 minutes in which to solve them. Most students score between 14 and 20 points, while few students score as high as 28 points. As usual, our students far exceeded these expectations! The following 6th graders had scores ranging from 29 - 21: Cleary Waldo, Ellie LoCascio, Matthew Cleaver, Sabrina Leonard, Max Hennes, Gabe Fronzkowski, Gage Hendershot, Anthony Cagno, Cole Longcor, Julie Vazquez, Leah Slobodzian, James Franco, Katie Riva, Michael Nelson, Carson Powell, and Emma Miller.

Top scorers will be recognized at the awards assembly in June. Congratulations to all!



SCHOOL COUNSELING CORNER:

Try these simple problem solving steps when working with your children. 1) What's the problem? 2) Think about what to do. 3) Try an idea. Some great problem solving ideas: talk it out, get help, avoid, send an "I" message, compromise, take turns, ignore, share.
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: Middle School Family Math is over for another year. Our sixth and final session was held last Thursday night, when we explored a variety of interesting math concepts. In "The Zero Board Game" we had fun adding and subtracting integers on a number line. "Exploring Number Sequences" tested us on our ability to recognize patterns that doubled, squared, and cubed numbers. Students were able to calculate their age in seconds with "Benchmarks for Estimation". Several decks of cards were used to play a game that kept our addition skills sharp and our eyes opened! We also included an activity that allowed us to explore the many amazing features our classroom calculators are capable of performing. We had no idea these calculators could do so much! Our estimation jar filled with bubble gum was won by Renee Slobodzian. Finally, we wish to thank our outstanding fifth grade families for the yummy snacks they provided each week, and for making our sessions so much fun! *Mrs. Ciccolella and Mr. Orlando*

3rd GRADE FAMILY MATH: Families enjoyed the M&M, Create a Puzzle activity using geometric word vocabulary, Pentasquares and How Close Can you Get card game. Warm up activities included a Birthday graph, Box Math, bean salad word problems, a height activity, geoboards and clock activities. Congratulations to Abby LoCascio who won the estimation jar of Hershey Kisses with an estimation of 100 (actual 102). Shannon Blide and Megan Halpin won the Cheez-it crackers estimation jar with estimations of 308 and 342 (actual 325). We will meet again on Thursday evening of next week.

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.

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 be writing workshops for the students to attend. Please contact your child's teacher or the main office for a copy of the registration form.

FITNESS FOR HEROES EVENT!

When: **Friday, March 15** - Maryann Maikisch from the American Red Cross will kick off the Heroes program during the students' lunch periods.

Monday, March 18 – Friday, March 22 - Students may bring in a donation to the American Red Cross. Please have your child put the donation in the attached envelope and return to one of the Health and P.E. teachers.

Friday, March 22 - The Fitness for Heroes Event will take place during periods 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, and 9.

Where: Gym – A variety of fun fitness stations will be set up!

Why: To get exercise and raise money for the 2013 Heroes for the American Red Cross program.

*Parent help would be greatly appreciated!! If interested, please contact Mr. Reed, Mrs. Hayes, or Ms. Radimer ASAP.

*No younger siblings please.

*PTA will be providing water bottles to all participating students!

*We are looking forward to a great event!!

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

FUNDRAISERS

MARKET DAY: March order forms went home this week. NEW THIS MONTH: Petite Banana Breads, Wood Roasted Wild Salmon and GoGo SqueeZ Apple Strawberry. March is Pie Month! There are eleven kinds of pies to choose from; Raspberry Lemonade Pie, Strawberry Rhubarb Pie, Decadent Chocolate Cake, Mint Brownie Blast Pie, Key Lime Pie, Lemon Cake, Fruit Medley Deep Dish Pie, French Silk Pie, Peanut Butter Cup Pie, and Classic Apple Pie. Market Day also has many of your favorites, ranging from entrees all the way to desserts, and breakfast too! **FREQUENT BUYERS:** Make two purchases of \$40 (pre-tax) between February and April. Then, place a third order of \$40 (pre-tax) in May to receive your FREE EcoBags at your May sale pick-up. If your order totals \$90 (pre-tax), don't forget to input the code MARBONUS at checkout to receive your FREE Peppercorn Pork Loin. Paper orders due back to school by March 19th. Cut-off to place your order online is 11 pm on Wednesday, March 20th. Pick-up date is Tuesday, March 26th. Questions, contact Cheryl Castner, 973-579-3182.

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 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.

CHILI COOK-OFF: Come out to **Harmony Hill United Methodist Church** this Saturday, March 2, at 5pm to sample and vote on some chili. Cornbread and coleslaw will also be served. Our annual chili cook-off will begin at 5pm and costs \$7 for adults. Children are free.

OPEN MIC NIGHT: On Saturday March 9, 7-10pm, **Harmony Hill United Methodist Church** will be hosting its monthly Open Mic Night, which is open to all styles and all ages. This event is FREE and is a great opportunity for people of all ages to share their talents, whether they are musicians, poets, artists, dancers or any other form of art.

SPRING DANCE AT FREDON SCHOOL for 4th-6th grade students hosted by the Fredon 6th grade class. Friday, March 15, 6-8:00 pm. \$8 advance and \$10 at door. Questions. . . Contact Alli Kruck at 973-495-7998 or krucks@mac.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 or 973-579-9414.
- **TRICKY TRAY:** Due to an issue in obtaining our New Jersey Gaming License, the Tricky Tray will be rescheduled for a later date. The Tricky Tray Committee will continue to accept donations. Please continue to support this event.
- **BOOK SWAP:** Our Annual Book Swap event will take place on Friday, March 15th at 7:00 pm in the All Purpose Room. It is a wonderful evening of book sharing. A few special Stillwater Community members will share their favorite books, reading them aloud. Book swappers are encouraged to bring good books for swapping, wear their pajamas, and even bring something to snuggle for during the story time. Milk and cookies will be provided as a part of the sharing. A flyer will be sent home with more information. The flyer requests an R.S.V.P. so we may place an accurate milk order. Thank you! Any questions, please contact Danielle LoCascio at dl@locascio.com 973-901-1110.
- **FITNESS FOR HEROES:** Our Physical Education teachers will be holding a Fitness for Heroes Event on March 22 during school hours. We are in need of parent volunteers to help with the event that day. If you are available during school hours, and would like to volunteer to help, please contact Mrs. Hayes at mary.hayes@stillwaterschool.net or Mr. Reed at justin.reed@stillwaterschool.net We are also in need of donations of small water bottles (8 oz.) so that each student will have one that day. If you are able to donate 8 oz. bottles of water to the event, please drop them off at the main office to the attention of Mrs. Hayes or Mr. Reed. This promises to be a fun event for everyone, and we look forward to working with you!
- **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
- **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!
- **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 Connolly at 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!!**