



### POSITIVE THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

Read by: Leah Slobodzian  
"No one can make you feel inferior without your consent"  
~Eleanor Roosevelt

**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 was a letter sent home with your child this week addressing bus note procedure and end of day dismissal guidelines. Please be sure to read it carefully to become familiar with our new guidelines.

### **IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:**

**ASLC: WILL BE MEETING MARCH 26TH**  
**NO ASLC MARCH 28TH**  
**HOMEWORK CLUB: MARCH 27TH**

**FAMILY MATH:** The last class of 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Family Math was held Thursday night! Activities enjoyed by all were the "Save Twenty" game and "NIM". The estimation jar was won by Mrs. Goriscak. We look forward to another Family Math class next year!  
~ Ms. Grau & Miss Johnson.



**SHINING STARS ARE BACK!:** The teachers have been looking for students who demonstrate good manners and citizenship. These students will be bringing home shining star certificates to be signed by the parents and then the certificates will be displayed outside the cafeteria. Each week 2 names will be chosen for a special gift card generously donated by the PTA. This week's winners are: **BROOKE NELSON AND AUSTIN SMITH!** ~ Congratulations!!!!

**TREP\$:** What happens when you take today's kids and challenge them to become business people for a day? Come shop at the TREP\$ MARKETPLACE to be amazed by 32 tables of innovative products and services – all developed, marketed and sold by young entrepreneurs ages 11 – 12. **WHEN?** - Thursday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, 6:30 – 8:00pm. **WHERE?** - Stillwater School Gym. **COME SUPPORT THE KIDS!**  
~Miss Conry & Mrs. Bickhardt

**GUITAR CLUB:** Our **FIRST** ever Guitar Club starts March 25<sup>th</sup>! Students will have the opportunity to learn the basics of playing guitar in a group setting as well as concepts of music theory, history and popular music. Learning music has many benefits: improves concentration, discipline, abstract thinking, self-esteem, and is a lot of fun and a great way to meet new people. Students may bring their own guitars or rent one for a small fee. Guitars can be left in the back of the library.



**D.A.R.E:** Once a week during a Social Studies period, fifth graders will be participating in Drug Abuse Resistance Education, D.A.R.E lessons. Sheriff's Officer Ed Galinski will be conducting these lessons, as he comes to us with years of experience working with students. This is a ten week course in which students learn about the effects of drug, alcohol, and bullying, and techniques to avoid becoming involved in these. The course has an in-class written essay portion in which three winners are selected, and a graduation at the completion of the activities.



**SCHOOL COUNSELING CORNER:** For parents and students grades 5-12. "Navigating the Internet Age" will be presented at High Point Regional HS Media Center on Mar. 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00pm. Presented by David Fallon, Special Agent in Charge, Homeland Security, and Cyber Crimes/Child Exploitation.  
~ Ruth Najemian - 973-383-3998

**PRESCHOOL PERFORMANCE:** The preschool class is busy rehearsing for their upcoming performance of, The Bunnies Are Not in Their Beds, a children's story by Marisabina Russo, on March 26<sup>th</sup>. Immediately following the performance is our class Spring Egg Hunt and our Bunny Brunch. The children are anxiously awaiting to shine on stage! Coming soon to our bulletin board is photos of our star performers. Stop by and take a look! Autographs will be given by request only. We are looking forward to Spring! ~Mrs. Pierson

**KINDERGARTEN FUN:** The kindergarten classes had so much fun with rhyming words and Dr. Seuss books this month. We talked about weather, learned about different types of clouds and how a rainbow is made. We had fun creating a book about weather. Our classrooms were filled with lots of green and leprechauns in honor of St. Patrick's Day. Subtraction, coins and measurement were reinforced in math. We are all watching for signs of spring and hoping for the nice warm weather to arrive soon!  
~ Mrs. Bessemer, Mrs. Murphy, & Mrs. Mahedy

**APPLIED TECHNOLOGY:** During the past month we had many events that focused on reading. In Technology we worked on creating our own stories by utilizing KidPix and MS Word. The older grades are working on Excel and creating their own data graphs.

An easy way to help your child and prepare for the future is to practice keyboarding in your own home. A new website for keyboarding is "Ten Fast Fingers" found at: <http://10fastfingers.com>. Be sure to have parental guidance when going online, any website, link or search may provide material that may not be appropriate for children.

~ Mr. Iradi



### **FITNESS FOR HEROES EVENT!**



**When:** **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!!



**MULTICULTURAL CLUB:** The Stillwater School Multicultural Club would like to invite you to our Cultural Fair on Thursday, March 28, 2013. Members of our club have been working hard to prepare "Living Museums" that will be displayed during this culminating event. We hope you will join us so that we can share what we have researched and explored. Our Cultural fair will be from 7:00pm – 8:00pm in the All-Purpose Room. We are looking forward to taking a trip around the world with you!

~Miss Corter, Miss Scheider & the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Multicultural Club Members

**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 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.

THE FOLLOWING ARE NOT SCHOOL SPONSORED EVENTS

## FUNDRAISERS

**MARKET DAY:** Thank you, everyone, who placed a Market Day order this month. Your continuing support of this fundraiser is greatly appreciated! Pick-up date is Tuesday, March 26th. Questions, contact Cheryl Castner, 973-579-3182.

**AUTISM SPEAKS BENEFIT:** The Newton Theatre has scheduled an Autism Awareness concert to benefit Autism Speaks, Autism NJ, Reed Academy and Celebrate the Children on Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm, featuring Brady Rymer & The Little Band that Could! The show will be sensory friendly, inclusive of all and children are encouraged to be themselves, move around, dance and have fun! For further information, please call 973-383-3700.

**COMPETITION CHEERLEADING:** Kittatinny Midget Football League (KMFL) 2013 Competition Cheerleading try outs/sign ups will be held April 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, & 12<sup>th</sup>, at the Stillwater Elementary School from 6pm – 8pm. All students in grades 3-8<sup>th</sup> as of September 2013 are eligible. No cheerleading, tumbling or dance experience required. The desire to have fun learning to cheer, tumble and dance (with a professional choreographer/dancer) is required! All those interested **MUST** attend on April 8<sup>th</sup> where there will be a parents meeting at 6:30pm. For more information contact [fmlcompcheer@gmail.com](mailto:fmlcompcheer@gmail.com)

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

**STILLWATER AREA VOL FIRE COMPANY:** Annual Easter Egg Hunt! Saturday March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at 12:00pm (noon) at The Stillwater School.

**STILLWATER REC. SOFTBALL IS NOW CLOSED:** Thank you to all who signed up. We have full teams at each level. PLEASE KEEP IN MIND – The softball program is in need of a Coordinator for next year – please contact Wendy Fabian for details at [weefabian@hotmail.com](mailto:weefabian@hotmail.com) or call 973-300-4705.

**BEEFSTEAK FUNDRAISER:** Kittatinny Cougar Athletic Association is sponsoring a BEEFSTEAK DINNER at April 12, 2013, at 7:00pm at the Fredon Rec Center. "All You Can Eat"! Music will be provided by Snake Oil Willy. For tickets call Joe Fitzpatrick at 973-579-6424

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## STILLWATER PTA

**PTA EXECUTIVE BOARD OPENINGS:** As of June 30, 2013, the PTA Executive Board will have *three* open positions; President, Treasurer and Corresponding Secretary. 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.

**BOOK SWAP:** Please join us in extending a heartfelt THANK YOU to Danielle LoCascio for chairing our annual Book Swap event. Planning, preparing, and running the event is a task that Danielle willingly took on, and she did an awesome job! It is because of her dedication to the PTA, that we are able to continue to offer events such as this one to our students. THANK YOU DANIELLE!!

**FITNESS FOR HEROES:** THANK YOU to everyone who came out to support this event! Your help and donations were greatly appreciated, and the children had an awesome time! A THANK YOU also goes out to our Stillwater School Staff Members who asked us to partner up with them for this event. We were honored to be asked, and pleased to pitch in and help!

**SPRING CLOTHING DRIVE:** It's almost time!! If you are going through your clothing and deciding what to put away and what to take out for the next season, please keep in mind that our annual clothing drive will take place soon. 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).

**OUR NEXT PTA MEETING IS WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10 TH AT 7 PM. ALL ARE WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND!!**