



**SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED
MARCH 29th – APRIL 5th
FOR SPRING BREAK.**

POSITIVE THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

Read by: Carson Powell

“Don’t tell me the sky’s the limit when I know there are footprints on the moon”

~Paul Brandt

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: APRIL 9TH, 11TH, 16TH, 18TH, 23RD

HOMEWORK CLUB: APRIL 10TH, 17TH, 24TH



MATH-A-THON UPDATE: A great big THANK YOU to all the students who participated in the St. Jude’s Math-a-Thon. We raised \$3250.00 to help the kids at St. Jude’s! ~Mrs. Knapp



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: **ABBIE ANKROM & RYAN SMALETZ!** ~ Congratulations!!!!

TREPS: Congratulations to our 32 entrepreneurs who created and sold amazing and innovative products at the Trep\$ Marketplace last Thursday. The students were mature and business-like in their presentation of their products and salesmanship. We are extremely proud of their efforts and applaud each one of them on their successes. A very special thank you goes to Mrs. Sager, Mrs. Woehr, Mr. Carbonaro, Mrs. Memmelaar, Mr. Cullen and Mrs. Cramer for all their support, as well as a “THANK YOU” to all the teachers and the members of the Board of Education. Thank you to Mr. Iradi for helping us with the Technology which was so crucial to our workshops. We thank the parents for helping their children learn and grow through entrepreneurship. And a very huge “THANK YOU” to the community for coming out and shopping to help make this Marketplace a great success. ~Miss Conry & Mrs. Bickhardt



DRESS LIKE A GYM TEACHER DAY: The staff at Stillwater School also participated in the Red Cross activities last Friday! For a donation to the Red Cross, the staff got to “dress like a gym teacher”. Comments heard all day were – “WOW! This is really comfortable! I never knew how wonderful sneakers are!” It was a fun day for the staff. Many of them participated in the gym activities as well!

APPLIED TECHNOLOGY: During the past month we had many events which 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

IMMIGRATION DAY: 4th grade Social Studies students have recently been studying immigration and growth in the United States, particularly New Jersey. They celebrated their heritage by recognizing Immigration Day. Students shared their backgrounds with reports, pictures and various artifacts. There were delicious snacks and treats representing countries shared as well. What a great way to learn about our backgrounds! ~Mrs. Paladini



SCHOOL COUNSELING CORNER:

This week I enjoyed reading the book “The Girl Who Never Made Mistakes” to the second grade students. We talked about how we all make mistakes and sometimes we learn great things through our mistakes. We also talked about our “good qualities” and “things we do well.” Have a wonderful spring break!!

~ Ruth Najemian - 973-383-3998

LIBRARY UPDATE: The students have been enjoying great books and great authors this spring in our library! Some of our spring time authors include: Steven Kellogg, Audrey Wood, Even bunting, and Shel Silverstein. By finding the messages, making references, and looking for themes while we read, the literature is not only enjoyable but also becomes more meaningful. Dig deeper to find useful lessons each time you hop into a good book! ~ Miss Scheider

BUG PROJECTS: The 3rd grade REACH class of Stillwater School recently constructed “Bugs” out of recyclable materials. The bugs had to be anatomically correct, with the 3 parts of a bug: the head, abdomen & thorax. In addition, they had to have six legs and two antennae. As a culmination, the students had to write a story about their bug and come up with a creative name. The 4th, 5th and 6th grade REACH classes judged the bugs and based their decision on the best constructed bug as well as the best written story. Congratulations to **LUKE RIVA** who had the best bug!



2nd GRADE ECONOMICS: The second grade classes have been studying economics. As a culminating activity each class produced a product that can be used in the classroom. The students designed a plan for profit, calculated income and expense, and set a price on their goods. During the week the children created an assembly line factory to mass produce their products. On Wednesday, each student role played a clerk in a store and a consumer. They were given \$1.00 to shop in each classroom. Each second grader purchased a pencil and eraser, a bookmark, and a set of clock flashcards. These activities were an excellent way to combine social studies, math, and social skills!

ATTENTION 6TH GRADE PARENTS: Please send in photos of your son or daughter for a collage that will be made and displayed in June at the end of the year party, and on graduation night. Single photos, group shots, holidays, Washington DC trip, scouts, and any other school photo will be accepted. Prints are best, because we will not be able to return the pictures. Pictures can be sent in through your homeroom teachers to my attention. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 23rd, at 6:30pm. Thank You.

~Maria Hoelderlin



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 5th 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 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! 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 14th 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:

NOTICE!! PLEASE NOTE NEW DATES!!

2013 KMFL Competition Cheerleading is excited to offer tumbling, cheering and dancing like never before! Cheerleading at a higher level! For the first time, our team will have the opportunity to work with a professional dancer/choreographer. Kimmi Reigert has over 20 years' experience, and is willing to share her talent that gave her the chance to "Dance With The Stars"! 2013 Competition Cheerleading try outs / sign-ups will be held April 10th, 11th & 12th, at the Stillwater Elementary School from 6pm-8pm. All students in grades 3-8th as of September 2013 are eligible. No cheerleading, tumbling or dance experience required. The desire to share in this special opportunity, to have fun, work hard and compete at the next level is required! All those interested **MUST** attend on April 10th for a parents meeting at 6:30 pm. For more information contact: kmflcompcheer@gmail.com

COMMUNITY EVENTS

STILLWATER AREA VOL FIRE COMPANY: Annual Easter Egg Hunt! Saturday March 30th, 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 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



FITNESS FOR HEROES EVENT!

The event was a big success! The students had an opportunity to participate in a variety of fitness stations and had a lot of fun! They worked really hard and got a ton of exercise! Thank you for all of the very generous donations to the American Red Cross! We raised \$632.23! The American Red Cross will now match the amount that we raised for a grand total of 1,264.46!!!! All of that money will go towards helping people in need! Nice job! *Thank you to all of the parents that helped out with the event! We really appreciate it! *Thank you to the PTA for providing the water bottles for the students! They loved them! *Thank you to the staff for all of your donations and for your participation with the stations! You all did a great job! (Especially Ruth Najemian! Ruth earned staff M.V.P.!!) Phenomenal job Ruth!

~Miss Radimer, Mrs. Hayes, Mr. Reed

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 mssc23@ptd.net or 973-579-9414.

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.

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 Connelly at 910raw@gmail.com.

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

MARKET DAY: April sale flyers went home this week. NEW ITEMS IN APRIL: Mini Breakfast Bagels, 100 Calorie Steaks, and 100 Calorie Turkey Filets. There are only three more Market Day sales this school year, which means it is time to start stocking up on all your favorite items for the Summer. If your April order totals \$40 (pre-tax/coupons), you will receive a FREE Whole Grain Sweet Pea Blend at pick-up. If your April order totals \$90 (pre-tax/coupons), you will also receive a FREE 4-Pack of Lemon Pepper ChicNSteakes at pickup. To receive the ChicNSteakes, you MUST input the code APRBONUS at checkout. FREQUENT BUYERS: Last chance! Make two purchases of \$40 (pre-tax/coupons) between February and April. Then place a third order of \$40 (pre-tax/coupons) in May to receive your FREE EcoBags at your May sale pick-up. Thank You for your continued support! Questions, contact Cheryl Castner, 973-579-3182.