



POSITIVE THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:
 Read by: Miranda Mazzola
 "Do what you can, with what you have, where you are"
 ~Theodore 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 recently 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 16TH, 18TH, 23RD
HOMEWORK CLUB: APRIL 10TH, 17TH, 24TH
SPRING CONCERT: MAY 21, 7:00PM
FIELD DAY: MAY 30 (RAIN DATE MAY 31)
KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION: JUNE 5, 9:10AM
6TH GRADE RECOGNITION: JUNE 20, 7:00PM
LAST DAY OF SCHOOL: JUNE 21

The last 3 days of school are early dismissal days - 12:40pm



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. **CONGRATULATIONS!** This week's winners are: **HUNTER HUMENIK & SHANE NELSON**

TODAY WAS SPIRIT DAY!
Students were invited to wear their favorite team t-shirt or team colors!



6TH GRADE NEWS: At the end of February our 6th graders participated in a math contest sponsored by the New Jersey Mathematics League. We have recently learned that our Stillwater School "team" ranked **FIRST** in Sussex County! Their team score of 134 beat all of the other 6th grade teams from other schools in our county who participated in the contest. We have also learned that two of our 6th graders are ranked "Top Students in the Region". **CLEARY WALDO** earned 2nd place with her score of 29 points, and **ELLIE LOCASCIO** ranked 4th place with a score of 28 points. We are very proud of these students and all of our "team"!
 ~Mrs. Ciccolella



SCHOOL COUNSELING CORNER: Project Self-Sufficiency in Newton is a great resource for parents. Trainings are available on many subjects to help educate and empower community members.
www.projectselfsufficiency.org ~ 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

3RD GRADE MATH: Third graders have been learning about area and perimeter. They learned the equation for area, $l \times w$ and the equation for perimeter, $2l + 2w$. They have been incorporating their multiplication and division facts to find the area and perimeter of different figures. They have been dividing irregular figures into regular shapes to find the measurements. Each day we have discussed how we could use area and perimeter in our daily lives.



"STILLWATER IDOL" is coming to Stillwater Township School. Mrs. Hatch's 6th grade music classes have learned a variety of songs representing various styles of music including: Broadway, folk, 60's rock-n-roll, patriotic, ballad, and spirituals. A music packet, along with a practice CD has been given to any 6th grader who would like to take part in the quest to be this year's "6th Grade Stillwater Idol". The auditions are optional. If a student does not want to audition, they will participate by being a judge. Stay "tuned" – the auditions begin next week!
 ~Mrs. Hatch



MULTICULTURAL CLUB: The Stillwater School Multicultural Club hosted the 2nd Annual Cultural Fair this week. This culminating event celebrated the culture and traditions of countries from around the world through "Living Museums" designed and created by club members and their parents. The "Living Museums" were on display for guests to enjoy and included food, pictures, games, crafts, artifacts, flags, research and music. Visitors were able to get their passports stamped at each "Living Museum" they explored. Guests were able to explore the cultures of Prague, Scotland, Brazil, South Africa, England, New Zealand, Lebanon & Italy. The fifth graders did an outstanding job hosting our journey around the world! Thank you to all of the families for making this event a huge success!
 ~Miss Corter, Miss Scheider & 5th Grade Multicultural Club Members

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



APRIL IS ALCOHOL ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH. IN RESPONSE TO AN INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN AN ESSAY AND POSTER CONTEST SPONSORED BY SUSSEX COUNTY COALITION FOR HEALTHY & SAFE COMMUNITIES, A PROGRAM OF THE CENTER FOR PREVENTION AND COUNSELING, GRADE 5 STUDENTS IN CONJUNCTION WITH DARE AND SOCIAL STUDIES LESSONS, AND GRADE 4 AND 6 STUDENTS DURING HEALTH CLASSES, CREATED THEN ENTERED THEIR WORK. WE ARE EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE THAT OUT OF 140 ENTRIES, 5 STILLWATER STUDENTS WERE SELECTED TO BE FEATURED IN THE NJ HERALD OR ON WSUS RADIO. CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS FOR POSTERS: **MIRANDA MAZZOLA,**

CLEARY WALDO, GRACE MARUSKA, ANNA WILSON AND FOR HER ESSAY, **GENEVA LOFF.** THEIR WORK IS BEING PRINTED IN THE NJ HERALD AND CAN BE HEARD ON THE WSUS RADIO STATION EACH DAY. ~MRS. ESTOCK

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: April sale flyers were sent home before Spring Break. 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

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! 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. 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

HARMONY HILL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH:

Will be hosting its monthly Open Mic Night on Saturday, April 13th, which is open to all styles and to 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. The Open Mic will run from 7 – 10PM.

STILLWATER REC. SOFTBALL: NOTICE CHANGE!

There are still openings available for any 9 or 10 year old girl who would like to sign up! 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 on 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



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 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.

MOTHER'S DAY FLOWER SALE: This year's Mother's Day Flower Sale is on Thursday, May 9th and Friday, May 10th during regular school hours. A flyer that includes the class schedule will be sent home soon. Each flower costs \$2.50 and is being supplied by Fredon Farms. This is not a fundraiser but a nice way for the kids to be able to shop for the "mothers" in their lives. I am in much need of volunteers to staff the flower sale during those dates so please contact me if you are available to help. For more information, please contact Hilary Manser at 973-534-1922.

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.

NEXT MONTH: Teacher Appreciation Week, Mother's Day Flower Sale, BOGO Book Fair, Family Movie Night.

OUR NEXT PTA MEETING IS WEDNESDAY, MAY 1ST 3:15 PM. ALL ARE WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND!!