



POSITIVE THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:
Read by: Sam Borkstrom
"Make each day your masterpiece"
~ John Wooden

Celebrate National Library Week!
April 14th – 20th

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

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.

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 23RD, 25TH
HOMEWORK CLUB: APRIL 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: **KYLE GANNING & CODY OWENS**

Last Friday was SPIRIT DAY!
Students were invited to wear their favorite team t-shirt or team colors! Congratulations to Mrs. Swakopf's class for winning the "School Spirit Award"!



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:
WONDERFUL FREE PROGRAM!!!

When Bad Things Happen: Helping Children Cope with Traumatic Events—presented by Debra E. Koss, M.D., on Wednesday May 8, 2013 7-8:30 pm, at Newton Medical Center's Conference Center (Room 100) 175 High Street, Newton, NJ 07860, National Children's Mental Health Awareness Week is May 5-11, 2013
~ Ruth Najemian - 973-383-3998



LIBRARY UPDATE: This week is National Library Week! At Stillwater School, we're celebrating by playing 'What's Missing in the Library', an event designed by the Student Council to promote homeroom and school wide collaboration. Students are testing their memories by discovering what essential item has gone missing each week. Last week we had 100% of our homerooms correctly guess the missing item! Read and enjoy all the great library books that you take home this week, and try to visit one of the county library branches too! The Sussex County Library is celebrating National Library Week by allowing residents to vote on a new county wide library logo. Log onto their website or stop by one of the branches to vote. You can even enjoy some 'library' time at home by using our web based electronic system, Destiny Quest, to search for books, read reviews, look up authors and browse through our collection. A link to Destiny Quest can be found on Miss Scheider's teacher page through the Stillwater School website. With so many options and resources, everyone can make the most of National Library Week all year long!~ Miss Scheider



"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

STAFF JEANS DAY
The staff at Stillwater School wore jeans today 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 6th graders at recognition in honor of former Stillwater staff. The staff also donated a food item to be given to a local church food bank.

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

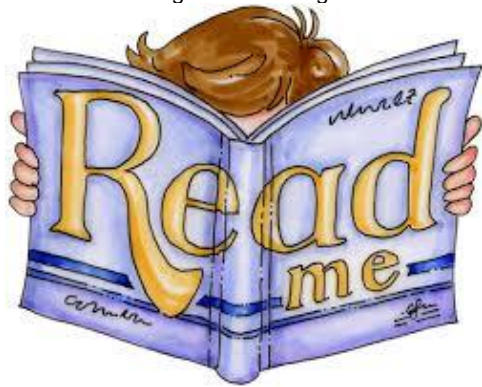
THE FOLLOWING ARE NOT SCHOOL SPONSORED EVENTS

FUNDRAISERS

MARKET DAY: The deadline to place your April Market Day order is almost here! 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. Please return any paper orders by Monday, April 22nd. The cutoff to place your order online is 11 pm on Wednesday, April 23rd. Thank You for your continued support! Questions, contact Cheryl Castner, 973-579-3182.

KITTATINNY MIDGET FOOTBALL LEAGUE:

Registration for the 2013 Football/Cheerleading season is now open. Registration forms have been sent home with your child. They can also be found on our website www.leaguelineup.com/kmf1 or our Facebook page. Registrations are due **JUNE 1 2013.** If you have any questions, please contact (FOOTBALL) George Brook-201-213-7545 or Phil Brown 862-268-400 (CHEERLEADING) Wendy Kimble 973-214-4643. We are all looking forward to a great season!!!



COMMUNITY EVENTS

SPRING RUNNING REGISTRATION STILL OPEN!

Due to the rather late notice about Spring Running, we will extend registration for Spring Running Bears until Thursday, April 25th. The program is open to children in grades 1 through 6, and we meet on Thursdays at 4pm at Lodestar Park under the pavilion. Registration is just \$15 per child for the program which runs until June. Our volunteer coaches teach the kids the many positive physical and mental benefits of the sport of running and the children work according to their ability. We integrate fun relay races and running games as well as guest speakers. To reserve a spot, phone or text Coach Laurie Gordon at 973-271-6624 to let us know your child will be joining us.

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.

PART TIME POSITION AVAILABLE:

The Stillwater Recreation Commission is seeking a part-time secretary to attend meetings on the first Monday of each month, transcribe minutes and assist in general administrative functions. A modest stipend is available. Please drop off or send resumes to the Town Hall, 964 Stillwater Road or contact Rick Nothstine at rnothstine@gmail.com, or call 973-903-2910.

SUMMER CAMP: Lindley G Cook 4-H Camp: Serving Youth since 1951. Nestled in the heart of Stokes State Forest in Branchville, New Jersey, we build self-confidence and independence in our campers. Lindley G Cook 4-H Camp offers a residential Summer Camp program for youth that have completed grades 3 through 11. Six one-week sessions are offered, starting July 1, 2013. Classes are taught by well-trained and enthusiastic counselors, and include water sports, shooting sports, creative arts and outdoor education. We also offer a special Summer Camp session in Science, Engineering and Technology on July 25-28, 2013! For more information please visit our website at www.nj4hcamp.rutgers.edu or contact us at nj4hcamp@njaes.rutgers.edu

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.

BOOK-IT!: This is the last chance to send in your Book It! logs from March! Please have all logs turned in by the end of next week. Remember to put a name and homeroom teacher on them, please!! The top three students who read the most books for the months of January, February, and March will each be receiving a Wal-Mart gift card. Any questions, contact Chrissy Menkins at christinemenkins@aol.com.

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.

TEACHER APPRECIATION LUNCH: The PTA will be hosting their annual Teacher Appreciation Lunch on Wednesday, May 8. Donation letters have been sent home. If you would like to make a donation to this great event, please send in your form by Wednesday April 24th. If you would like to donate, but do not know what we need or would like to help with the event, please indicate that on the form and I will contact you. Please contact Wendy Kimble 973-214-4643 or wak1016@centurylink.net with any questions. Thank you for helping us show the teachers and staff how much we appreciate all they do for our children.

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.

TRICKY TRAY: The PTA Tricky Tray is now **June 7 2013.** All family and class tray donations are due by Friday, April 26. Please send them in an envelope marked **PTA TRICKY TRAY** with the child's name, grade and teacher. We have several classes who are VERY close to having 100% participation and winning the pizza party. Which class will it be??? More information will be sent home and put in the newsletter as we get closer. Please check out and "LIKE" our Facebook page (Stillwater PTA Tricky Tray). This page will be used to keep you as up to date as possible on this event. Please contact Trish Hendershot stillwatertrickytray@yahoo.com or Wendy Kimble at 973-214-4643 or wak1016@centurylink.net.

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!!