



POSITIVE THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:
 Read by: Lexi Gray
 "Many of life's failures are people who did not realize how close they were to success when they gave up."
 ~Thomas Edison

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!

PARENTS: Students permitted to wear shorts as of April 29th.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:
NJASK TESTING: GRADES 5 & 6 – MAY 6 –MAY 9
NJASK TESTING: GRADES 3 & 4 – MAY 13TH – MAY 17TH
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: **RACHEL KLINE & KAYLA NEMETH**



PRESCHOOL NEWS: Once again, the preschool stars out did themselves in their production of "The Bunnies are Not in Their Beds". Students performed to a packed audience who applauded their acting skills. Parents and teachers are very proud of their accomplishments. The students have also enjoyed learning about ways to help the Earth through stories and songs. They celebrated Earth Day by making and eating a dirt cake with worms! YUM! YUM!! REMINDER: Preschool Graduation ceremony and our ice cream social will take place on Wednesday, June 5th. The preschool trip to Land of Make Believe is Friday, June 7th. We are looking forward to a fun filled Spring!



POETRY DAY: In honor of Young People's Poetry Week, the Third grade REACH class performed poetry for grades Kdg-3rd. They chose their favorite poetry, created a poster, memorized the poem and dressed up & chose props for their poetry recitation. Hopefully, they inspired the younger grades to read and listen to poetry, especially for Young People's Poetry month.



3rd MARKING PERIOD HONOR ROLL RECIPIENTS:

5TH GRADE: Craig Bickhardt, Joshua Bizik, Danielle Choma, Vaughn Corpus, Rachel Durso, Hunter Humenik, Geneva Loff, Andrew Makarevich, Grace Maruska, Robert Nodarse, Erin Ross, Abigail Schwartz, Carson Throne, Nicole Vassallo.

6th GRADE: Danielle Blide, Matthew Cleaver, Gabriel Grodsky, Gretchen Mayer, Miranda Mazzola, Kayla Nemeth, Michael Petruzzo, Kathleen Riva, Jillian Rogers, Angelique Santore, Leah Slobodzian, Cleary Waldo.



4TH GRADE NEWS: Fourth grade Science classes of Ms. Paladini, celebrated Earth Day by hosting a Science Fair. Students explored, researched and tested a wide variety of topics. After discussions in class, students selected a topic early in March. There were ongoing discussions to follow the progress of the explorations. A wide variety of projects covering various topics including the solar system, fossils, electricity, life cycle of a chicken, plants, and many more. Students were able to attend the fair during the day and parents were invited after school. Attendance was great and students enjoyed sharing and discussing their projects with other students. **Happy Earth Day!!**



SCHOOL COUNSELING CORNER: We had a very successful lunch club season this year. Unfortunately, I have to conclude the lunch clubs for this year, though I always tell the students they can still come to see me individually. Thank you so much for allowing me the opportunity to work with your children in lunch club. It is always so wonderful to see the students support each other in the groups and try to problem solve good solutions. **Ruth Najemian - 973-383-3998**



LOG IT! - From April 29th – May 10th, the Physical Education department will be running a program called LOG IT! The program encourages students to get outside and be physically active in addition to the Physical Education classroom. The program also teaches responsibility, the benefits of exercising, integrates math, and is a lot of fun! Each day of the week, students in grades 3-6 will have an opportunity to choose a way to be physically active outside of school hours either alone, with family or friends. Some exercises that could be performed include running, walking, sports practice/game, bike riding, etc. Each day the students will log their own number of minutes that they were physically active on their LOG IT! sheets. At the end of each week the students will add up their daily minutes of physical activity and record their grand total at the bottom of their LOG IT! sheets. Completed LOG IT! sheets should be signed by a parent/guardian and turned into Mr. Reed, Mrs. Hayes or Ms. Radimer. At the end of the two weeks, each class that logs at least 1,500 total minutes will receive a free gym period where the class gets to choose the games for that day! The class totaling the highest number of minutes for each grade level will receive ice pops in addition to their free gym period!

School Climate survey results will be posted on the Assistant Principal's Corner of the website. Please check them out! Thank you all for helping the Stillwater School to be a great place to learn and grow!
 Sincerely,
 The Admin Team



STILLWATER IDOL: Last week during music class, every 6th grader had the opportunity to be a contestant or a judge. Auditions were held in every homeroom and I am pleased to say many students auditioned. The students who auditioned are (in alphabetical order): Anthony Cagno, Miranda Castner, Tara Douglas, James Franco, Julia Geydoshek, Lexi Gray, Gage Hendershot, Erin Hurley, Sabrina Leonard, Ellie LoCascio, Emma Miller, Kayla Nemeth, Danny Nigro, Angelique Santore, Annalyse Svendsen, Julie Vazquez, and Cleary Waldo. **Well done, everyone!** After the auditions, the students who had the three highest scores from each homeroom advanced to the next round. The students from Mrs. Estock's Homeroom: **James Franco, Julia Geydoshek, and Lexi Gray.** Mrs. Ciccolella's homeroom: **Miranda Castner, Sabrina Leonard and Cleary Waldo.** Miss Conry's homeroom: **Ellie LoCascio, Angelique Santore and Julie Vazquez.**

THIS WEEK: The students mentioned above auditioned during music class. All of the students who did not participate by singing were judges for their classmates. A wide variety of songs were sung and all of the students who sang this week had very impressive auditions. Unfortunately, only one student from each homeroom could advance to the next round of the competition. **Congratulations to LEXI GRAY, SABRINA LEONARD and JULIE VAZQUEZ,** who advanced to the final round. Well done, everyone!

STILLWATER IDOL will conclude on Wednesday, May 1, 2013. All of the 5th and 6th grade classes will be in the cafeteria to listen to this final phase of the competition. The finalists will choose a song to perform on the stage in the all-purpose room. However, for this performance a group of judges from outside of the school will be judging the performances and a new "6th Grade Stillwater Idol" will be announced. Thanks to everyone who participated in Stillwater Idol. Good luck to the finalists!

THE FOLLOWING ARE NOT SCHOOL SPONSORED EVENTS

FUNDRAISERS

MARKET DAY: Thank you for continuing to support this fundraiser! You may pick up your order on Tuesday, April 30th, from 3pm-4pm. 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/kmfl 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!!!

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 nothstine@gmail.com, or call 973-903-2910.


6th ANNUAL TRASH TO TREASURE

COUNTYWIDE YARD SALE: Saturday, June 8, 2013 from 9:00am – 2:00pm, located "On the Green" at Sussex County Community College. All proceeds will benefit: Water Projects, Polio Plus Program, Sussex County Food Bank, Sussex County Habitat for Humanity, and the Salvation Army. **VENDORS NEEDED! FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL: 973-300-2124**




COMMUNITY EVENTS

SUSSEX COUNTY RX DISPOSAL DAY!



Turn in your unused or expired medication for safe disposal



Countywide Disposal Day

Saturday, April 27, 2013
10:00AM-2:00PM

Andover Twp: Andover Twp. Police Department
Byram: ShopRite (Rt. 206)
Hamburg: Hamburg Police Department
Lafayette: SCMUA (Route 94, Lafayette)
Newton: ShopRite (Rt. 206)

The following police departments have permanent disposal boxes open 24/7 all year long.

Hopatcong Police Department
New Jersey State Police Sussex Barracks, Augusta
Newton Police Department
Sparta Police Department
Vernon Police Department

WHAT TO BRING TO THE COLLECTION

- Expired or unwanted prescriptions or over-the-counter medications
- Drugs that didn't work for you, a family member or pet
- Drugs that are no longer used or from deceased family members
- Unknown tablets and capsules

Participating Law Enforcement Agencies:
Sussex County Prosecutor's Office; Sussex County Sheriff's Office; Andover Township Police; Byram Police; Franklin Police; Hamburg Police; Hopatcong Police; NJ State Police (Sussex Barracks); Newton Police; Sparta Police and Vernon Police. .

For more information, call the Center for Prevention and Counseling at 973-383-4787 or visit www.centerforprevention.org

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: The Spring clothing drive is here! 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 NOW. 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!!