



POSITIVE THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:
Read by: Julia Geydoshek
"Only surround yourself with people who will lift you higher"
~ Oprah Winfrey

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 attendance line **973-383-3227** 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!



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**



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!



NJASK TESTING:
Grades 5 & 6 – May 6 - May 9
Grade 3 – May 13TH – May 16TH
Grade 4 – May 13th – 17th
SPRING CONCERT: MAY 21, 7:00PM
FIELD DAY: MAY 30 (RAIN DATE MAY 31)
HOMEWORK CLUB – May8th – grade 3 & 4 only
(this will be the **LAST HWC session**)
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
PARENTS: Students permitted to wear shorts as of April 29th



STILLWATER IDOL: The 2013 STILLWATER IDOL winner has been named. The finale was held on Wednesday, May 1, 2013. The finalists performed for a panel of judges brought in from outside of the school and for the 5th and 6th graders. Sabrina Leonard opened the finale by singing "The Star Spangled Banner" a cappella. Next, Lexi Gray sang "The Climb" by Miley Cyrus and Julianna Vazquez concluded the finale by singing "Castle on a Cloud" from the musical Les Miserable. The judge's job was not easy, but the final results were: 3rd place: Julianna Vazquez, 2nd place Lexi Gray and **Sabrina Leonard** was named **Stillwater Idol for 2013**. All of the finalists received a certificate as well as a gift card from Dairy Queen. Sabrina also received a "2013 Stillwater Idol" trophy and will also sing a solo in the Spring Concert at the school on May 21. **CONGRATULATIONS EVERYONE!** A special thank you to our sound technician, Dr. Hatch and to the judges: Mrs. Alger, Mrs. Burlew and Mrs. Selkow. --Mrs. Hatch



NJ ASK Testing is here! Please encourage your child to get plenty of rest and eat a healthy breakfast! **Please make every effort to ensure your child arrives to school on time and is present for all of the days he/she will be tested.**



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: **MILLA HORNUNG & SOFIA BODNAR**



SCHOOL NURSE NEWS: Effective immediately and upon recommendation from our school physician and approval of our Board of Education, we are no longer offering strep tests in school. The regulations pertaining to running a clinical laboratory in the school setting have become too time consuming and costly for us to continue. Please note that strep tests are readily available throughout the county and are performed at physician's offices, urgent clinics, and even retail pharmacy clinics. Students coming to the health office showing signs of strep throat will be referred to their health care provider for evaluation.



Summer is fast approaching!
Registration for summer school will be sent home in the beginning of May, so be on the look out!



LIBRARY UPDATE: During this time of year, students are blooming with curiosity! What better way to answer the questions that we've been wondering about than by digging into some great nonfiction? Preschool, Kindergarten, and First grade students will be finding facts and comparing informational text. Second graders are practicing using our electronic catalog system, Destiny Quest. The Third grade students will explore more Eve Bunting books throughout May while Fourth and Sixth grade find messages and connections in the fiction text we are reading. The Fifth graders will read and write poetry to share. Great readers are growing in library this spring!



SOLAR SPRINTS: Four solar sprints teams are moving on to the county races on May 14th at Hardyston Middle School. They compete against other teams in the county in 6th, 7th, & 8th grades. This year the following students are representing Stillwater School: Team 1: Brian Hanna and Mikey Petruccio with "Catnip", Team 2: Cleary Waldo and Angeliqe Santore with "Jelly", Team 3: Danielle Blide and Zack Zopyy with "The Epic Unicorn" and Team 4: Sabrina Leonard and Matt Cleaver with "Tree". Wish them all luck at the race. We are also VERY proud of all of the other participants who also built terrific solar powered cars!

"The School Climate Survey results are posted on the Assistant Principal's Corner of our school web-site. Please take a look! I am proud to say that the results are extremely positive and really highlight a strong positive school climate!"
~ **Dan Cullen, Vice Principal**

The staff at Stillwater School wore jeans today to donate money for a large item for the PTA's annual Tricky Tray. They also donated a food item to be given to a Stillwater food pantry.

MAY IS BETTER HEARING AND SPEECH MONTH!

Children with communication disorders frequently do not perform on grade level because they have difficulty understanding and talking, struggle with reading and writing, misunderstand social cues, show poor judgment, have trouble taking tests, and may avoid school. **Is this your child?** Children with communication problems have difficulty learning to listen, speak, read, or write. Parents and teachers should refer any student who shows signs of a speech and language problem to the school-based speech-language pathologist for an evaluation immediately. "It's crucial that children are identified and begin treatment as early as possible because summer break will only compound the consequences of a communication disorder if left untreated," Mrs. McGregor says. Parents should look out for the various types of speech and language disorders that affect school-age children, including:

- [Speech sound](#) disorders (difficulty pronouncing sounds)
- [Language](#) disorders (difficulty understanding others and expressing themselves)
- [Cognitive-communication](#) disorders (difficulty with thinking skills including perception, memory, awareness, reasoning, judgment, intellect, and imagination)
- [Stuttering](#) (fluency) disorders (interruption of the flow of speech that may include hesitations, repetitions, or prolongations of sounds or words)
- [Voice](#) disorders (quality of voice that may include hoarseness, nasality, or loudness)

For more information about speech and language disorders and prevention, visit www.asha.org. To find a speech-language pathologist in your local area, go to ProSearch at www.asha.org/findpro/ or contact Mrs. McGregor at Stillwater School with your concerns.

THE FOLLOWING ARE NOT SCHOOL SPONSORED EVENTS

FUNDRAISERS

MARKET DAY: There are only two months left to stock up on your favorite Market Day items before summer break. **NEW THIS MONTH:** Hummus & Pita Chips To Go, Bacon & Cheddar Angus Burger and All Beef Hot Dogs. **FREQUENT BUYERS:** If you made two purchases of \$40 between February and April, simply place a third \$40 purchase this month to receive your FREE EcoBags at your May sale pick-up. **FREE THIS MONTH:** All \$40 orders will receive a pack of Quick'n'Crispy Shoestring French Fries. If you input your order online, and it totals at least \$90, please input the code MAYBONUS at checkout, and you will receive a FREE 4-pack of 1/4 lb. Beef Patties. Questions, contact Cheryl Castner at 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!!!

SUMMER CAMPS: Kittatinny Regional High School is offering 4 Summer Sports Camps. **Tennis (boys & girls)**: July 8-12 for students entering grades 3-11. Girl's time: 9-11:30. Boy's time: 12-2:30. **Boys Basketball:** July 8-12 for students entering grades 3-8. Times are 9-12. **Girls Basketball:** July 29-August 2 for students entering grades 3-8. Times are 9-12. **Field Hockey:** July 29-August 2 for students entering grades 2-8. To obtain a registration form, email Mike Lupo mlupo@krhs.net or visit <http://www.krhs.net> Scroll to the bottom and click on the link "Summer Sports Camps".

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.

MOVIE NIGHT: The PTA Spring Movie Night is TONIGHT!!!! Festivities kick off at 7pm with a Wii Dance Party, followed promptly by a showing of Wreck-It Ralph, an animated PG-rated Disney Movie. Popcorn and water will be provided. Bring your blankets, pillows or camp chairs, get comfortable and enjoy the show! **THIS IS NOT A DROP-OFF EVENT. PARENTS MUST REMAIN TO SUPERVISE THEIR CHILDREN!!** Questions, contact Cheryl Castner, 973-579-3182.

SPRING CLOTHING DRIVE: The Spring Clothing Drive is only a few weeks away! Please package all items in large garbage bags and drop off at the front entrance of the school on Friday, May 10th from 3 to 9 pm, or Saturday, May 11th from 8 am to 12 noon. 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, 862-354-7304 or tighe8@gmail.com.

TEACHER APPRECIATION LUNCH: Thank you to everyone who has offered to donate items for our Teacher Appreciation Lunch. Letters went home this week to those who are donating. 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 should have been turned in by now. 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!

NEXT MONTH: TRICKY TRAY!!!!

OUR NEXT PTA MEETING IS WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5th AT 3:15 PM. ALL ARE WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND!!

COMMUNITY EVENTS

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**

STAMPEDE 5K and MILE: The Stampede 5K and Mile fun run will be held on Sunday, May 19th at 10 am at Lodestar Park. Registration fee is \$15 pre-reg, or \$20 the day of the race for the 5K and \$5 for the Mile Run. Music, great give-aways and prizes, plus home baked goods after the race and benefitting The Bears Youth Running Program. For info/applications, please call/text Laurie Gordon at 973-271-6624 or e-mail BearsRunningClub@aol.com.

X-TREME YOUTH RUNNING CAMP: Camp will be held Monday, August 5th through Friday August 9th from 9 am to noon at Lodestar Park. Great for kids who like to run and/or to prepare for other fall sports! Child should be able to run two miles. Camp includes group runs, fun relays, nationally-acclaimed guest speakers, speed drills and prizes. For information/registration forms, call/text Laurie Gordon at 973-271-6624 or e-mail LaurieGordonRun@aol.com.

KITTATINNY BARRACUDAS: Summer swim team registration is now open to all returning swimmers. For new swimmers, an in person registration, mandatory parent informational meeting and try-out night will be held on Monday, May 13th at KRHS from 6:30-8:30 pm in the pool lobby. Team suit/ team gear ordering and volunteer signup sheets for all families will also be available! For more information please visit our website at www.barracudasswimteam.org

PTA TRICKY TRAY: Friday, June 7th at 6:00pm. Donations of baskets, ribbon, plastic wrap – ALL NEEDED! Also, we need support from all PTA members to solicit businesses, put together trays, event help (set up, clean up, runners). Both Moms and Dads are encouraged to help the night of the Event!