



**POSITIVE THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:**  
 Read by: Gage Hendershot  
 "It's not how good you are. It's how good you want to be."  
 ~ Paul Arden

**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!



Please visit the Assistant Principal's corner of the website to take a brief survey for the Stillwater Municipal Alliance as they help grant fund a variety of critical character education programs. Also you can click on a separate link to see the survey results of our parent and student school climate surveys. The results were very positive! The Stillwater Township School is truly a great place to learn and grow!  
 ~ **Mr. Daniel Cullen**



**LOG IT! - REMINDER!** The last day to turn in LOG IT! sheets is Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup>! The sheets should be turned in to Mr. Reed, Mrs. Hayes, or Miss Radimer. Remember to exercise over the weekend! ~**Mr. Reed, Mrs. Hayes, Miss Radimer**

**DROWN PROOFING!** May 20<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>, your **4<sup>th</sup> GRADE** child will be going over to Kittatinny pool for our Drown Proofing program. In this program, they will be learning and practicing different swimming strokes as well as survival skills in the water. Also, they will learn safe ways to rescue someone using reaching or throwing assists. Please review the Drown Proofing letter as well as the Drown Proofing rules and things to remember paper that will be sent home with your child so that they are prepared for the week. We appreciate your help and look forward to teaching and improving your child's swimming and survival skills! Mr. Reed, Mrs. Hayes, Miss Radimer



**NJASK TESTING:**  
**Grade 3 – May 13<sup>TH</sup> – May 16<sup>TH</sup>**  
**Grade 4 – May 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>**  
**SPRING CONCERT: MAY 21, 7:00PM**  
**FIELD DAY: MAY 30 (RAIN DATE MAY 31)**

**KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION: JUNE 5, 9:10AM**  
**6<sup>TH</sup> 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**



**CONGRATULATIONS** to 4<sup>th</sup> Grader, Alex Willekes, who recently won 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the Sussex County Poster Contest. The contest is sponsored by the Constitutional Officers Association of New Jersey and focuses on the uniqueness of Sussex County. Alex will be recognized by receiving a certificate, having his poster on display at the New Jersey State Fair and receiving 4 tickets to the fair. Good Job Alex !!



**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: **JACOB SUTTON & SOFIA RYLEE FERRARI**



**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.



4<sup>th</sup> Grade students are learning to love poetry! Just ask them about similes, metaphors, alliteration, hyperbole, personification, or onomatopoeia!!! Yes, they know what each type of figurative language is, thanks to our Poetry Unit. They read daily to our "Poet-Tree" and are busy completing a Scavenger Hunt in search of great poems. Fun writing activities include our "Sweet Poetry" that is displayed near the 4<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms. Students enjoyed using similes and metaphors to describe a tasty lollipop. Stop down and see if you can try to find your favorite flavor... the hallway is like a sweet-filled candy jar!

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



**GREEK GODS & GODDESSES:**  
 The Greek Gods and Goddesses once again descended upon Stillwater School. The sixth graders gave persuasive speeches in class to emulate the great orations of the Greeks. Some of the parents might have been surprised when their sixth grader asked for a bed sheet to make a Greek tunic called a chiton, but the students created a variety of clever costumes for their God or Goddess. The students in the sixth grade Social Studies classes have been amazed to learn that many things we know today are a result of the great thinkers of the Ancient Greek society. Topics such as government, education, speech giving, pottery, architecture, mythology, warfare, and language are some of the legacies from the Greeks that have been discussed in class. The sixth graders created red figure/black figure pottery designs depicting an aspect learned about the Ancient Greeks. Greek inspired healthy food was the feast after the speeches. Therefore, these students will probably ask for olive oil on their next salad to make it Greek!



**SOLAR SPRINTS:** Four solar sprints teams are moving on to the county races on May 14<sup>th</sup> at Hardyston Middle School. They compete against other teams in the county in 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, & 8<sup>th</sup> grades. This year the following students are representing Stillwater School: Team 1: Brian Hanna and Mikey Petruolo with "Catnip", Team 2: Cleary Waldo and Angelique Santore with "Jelly", Team 3: Danielle Blide and Zack Zoppy 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!



**BUTTERFLY GARDEN:** The first grade children have been studying plants and butterflies. The children designed their own butterfly garden on paper. Then we discussed the best design for a school butterfly garden. On Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, the children helped plant and mulch a real butterfly garden. Please stop by and see our garden. We hope to see butterflies in the garden this summer!



**STUDENT COUNCIL CAR WASH:**  
**TODAY**, May 10<sup>th</sup> from 3-5pm in front of the school! Please stop by and free your car from all of the dirt and grime from winter. There is no charge, but donations are appreciated!!



**WHERE HAS THE TIME GONE?:** Third graders have just completed their time unit. We reviewed telling time to the half hour, quarter hour, and minute. Students used their prior knowledge to solve problems. For example, how many days are in 5 weeks? We concluded our time unit by practicing finding elapsed time. The third graders are looking forward to the class trip to Franklin Mineral Museum and the spring concert on May 21<sup>st</sup>. We are looking forward to seeing all of you there!

**YIPPEE!!! IT'S SPRING!** How can you tell? Sure, the flowers are blooming. The bees are humming. The robins are back. At Stillwater School you can tell it's spring because you can hear the recorders tooting and the Chorus singing. The Intermediate Band is practicing hard and Handbells are ringing. The Beginning Band is getting ready for its debut. The whole music department is preparing for a super Spring Concert on May 21<sup>st</sup>, 7:00pm. Please come hear the 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders, Handbell ringers, the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade Chorus and the Intermediate and Beginning Bands celebrate spring.



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. Please send order forms back to school by Tuesday, May 21st. Online order cutoff is 11 pm on Wednesday, May 22nd. Sale pickup is Tuesday, May 28th from 3 to 4 pm. 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/kmf](http://www.leaguelineup.com/kmf) 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](mailto:mlupo@krhs.net) or visit <http://www.krhs.net>. Scroll to the bottom and click on the link "Summer Sports Camps".



### STILLWATER TOWNSHIP'S MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCES:

Please join your neighbors this Memorial Day on Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am to honor and remember

those who have served our country to ensure our rights and liberties as Americans. The observance will take place at the Stillwater Presbyterian Church on Main Street, where an Ecumenical service will take place. It will be followed by a wreath placing ceremony at Veteran's Memorial Park on Pond Brook Road. All veterans are encouraged to participate. If you have any questions, please call: 973-579-6402.

## 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 holding one of these positions, please contact Marilyn Geydoshek at [msc23@ptd.net](mailto:msc23@ptd.net) or 973-579-9414.

**MOVIE NIGHT: THANK YOU** to all the families who attended Movie Night! We are happy that everyone had a great time. A special Thank You goes out to Stacy Longcor (and her helper) for arriving early to get the popcorn started. What's a movie without popcorn? Thank you Stacy!

**TEACHER APPRECIATION LUNCH: THANK YOU** Wendy Kimble for planning and coordinating this luncheon!! Wendy has taken charge of this event for several years, and we appreciate all she does, from setup to cleanup. Thank you, Wendy, for helping the PTA show its appreciation to our teachers and staff!

**MOTHER'S DAY FLOWER SALE: THANK YOU** Hilary Manser for chairing this year's flower sale!! Hilary does a wonderful job in planning this event every year, and we are truly thankful for all she does. Thank you Hilary!!

**TRICKY TRAY: CONGRATULATIONS** to Mrs. Pierson's afternoon Pre School Class!!! They are the winners of the 100% participation pizza party. These children were so excited to get a special treat at snack time. Thank you to all who donated to this class!!!!

**SPRING CLOTHING DRIVE:** The Spring Clothing Drive is now! Please package all items in large garbage bags and drop off at the front entrance of the school (**today**) 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](mailto:tighe8@gmail.com).

**TEACHER APPRECIATION LUNCH:** Thank you to all of the families who donated and offered to donate to the spectacular Teacher Appreciation Lunch. As always, we were able to show our teachers and staff how much we appreciate what they do for our children. The generosity of the parents was overwhelming. Please know that every teacher and staff member appreciates that we do this for them. **THANK YOU!!!**—Wendy Kimble

**TRICKY TRAY:** The Tricky Tray is Friday, June 7, 2013. Donations are coming in and do we have some great prizes this year! We have an iPad Mini, a family 4 pack of YANKEES Tickets (including parking pass), and many special themed trays such as gardening, game night, and beach time. There is still time to donate to the Tricky Tray. We will always take family and local business tray donations. Also, please consider donating to our "Team Mom" & "Team Dad" trays. You may send in any monetary donation in an envelope marked "Team Mom" or "Team Dad". Please contact Trish or Larry Hendershot for more details. Finally, we will be sending home tray "drop off" information in the next couple of weeks. Please look for that in your child's backpack. All information will also be posted on our Facebook page, Stillwater PTA Tricky Tray. All Stillwater School Families who donate a tray to this event will receive ONE free sheet of regular tickets. A letter will be sent home and will need to be presented at the Tricky Tray to receive the free tickets. If you have any questions, please contact, Wendy Kimble (973-214-4643 or [wak1016@centurylink.net](mailto:wak1016@centurylink.net)) or Trish Hendershot ([stillwatertrickytray@yahoo.com](mailto:stillwatertrickytray@yahoo.com)).

**CELL PHONE COLLECTION:** The Stillwater PTA is collecting cell phones to benefit DASI of Sussex County. 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](mailto:ms.nut@hotmail.com). **THANK YOU!**

**COOKBOOKS AND MAGNETS:** These cookbooks were compiled by our PTA with recipes provided by our families, school staff, and community members. Cookbooks are on sale for \$8.00 each. We also have Stillwater Township School Magnets for \$2.00 each. If you wish to purchase either (or both), please contact Amanda Connelly at [910raw@gmail.com](mailto:910raw@gmail.com).

**NEXT MONTH: TRICKY TRAY!!!!**

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