



SPIRIT WEEK: MAY 20TH – 24TH!

POSITIVE THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

Read by: Jillian Rogers
"You always pass failure on the way to success."
~ Mickey Rooney

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

DROWN PROOFING!: May 20th – 24th, your **4th 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, and 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



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



Kindergarten had enjoyed learning about the circus this week. The children created hand print elephants, read and wrote stories about the circus, made clown crafts and participated in many other thematic activities relating to this topic. Adding to the fun, all of the Kindergarten classes had the opportunity to see the circus for themselves on their field trip to the Shriner's Circus. The trapeze artists, lions and clowns were a big hit, but nothing was as exciting as the elephants. What a fun way to learn about the circus!



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. This week's winners are: **LUKE RIVA & ALEXA BABCOCK**



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.



Our fifth Grade students are nearing completion of the D.A.R.E. program. They are currently writing an essay explaining what they have learned about drug and alcohol resistance techniques, and stopping bullying situations. There will be two essays from each class chosen to be read aloud.

On May 23, 2013 these students will graduate from their D.A.R.E. program at 2:00 pm in our school cafeteria. Parents are welcome to attend.

SPIRIT WEEK SCHEDULE:

- Monday – school colors day (blue & white)
- Tuesday – Disney Day (dress as your favorite Disney character)
- Wednesday – Twin Day
- Thursday – Hero Day (dress as your favorite hero)
- Friday – Inside Out Day



6TH GRADE REACH: The 6th grade REACH-Stillwater School Court Mock Trial was held last Friday. The 6th grade REACH class is the gifted and talented students of Stillwater School. Presented was "The Case of the Falling Rider"; a case seeking monetary awards for a girl who

unbuckled before the roller coaster ride stopped, fell and was injured. The jury awarded for the Defense team of Cleary Waldo, Kathleen Riva and Danielle Blide. Their witnesses were Max Hennes who played the part of Brian Fastener and Zachary Zopy who was Mitch Rich (the owner of Rides R Us). The Plaintiff team, consisting of Leah Slobodzian and Sabrina Leonard, also did a great job. Their witnesses were Ashley Pavlick who played the part of Rebecca Fallor and Jillian Black who portrayed the part of Julia Ryder. Gage Hendershot served as the Bailiff/County Clerk. There were excellent questions from all attorneys and wonderful testimonies from the witnesses. A special thanks to our lawyer who helped us with the trial, Assistant Prosecutor of Sussex County, Mr. Francis Koch. A great job was done by all!



SOLAR SPRINTS COUNTY WINNERS:

Congratulations to Matt Cleaver and Sabrina Leonard with their car, "Tree" for coming in second place for speed in the county at the Junior Solar Sprints race at Hardyston Middle School on Tuesday! The pair also won third place in the people's choice category for their car. Another congratulations to Angelique Santore and Cleary Waldo for their car, "Jelly", which took fifth place for speed. All four students are moving on to the Inter-County Solar Sprints Finals in a couple of weeks at Ridgedale Middle School in Florham Park. Wish them luck!

Language Arts



5TH GRADE LANGUAGE ARTS –

Wouldn't it be cool to design a machine that could do all of your homework for you? That's exactly what a group of students at Grand Canyon School invented in the novel, *The Homework Machine*, by Dan Gutman. Our fifth graders recently started reading this novel. To introduce our new book, students illustrated a homework machine of their own. If you could design a homework machine what would it look like? How big would it be? What kind of noises do you think it would make? Most importantly, would you tell anyone else about it? We know that such an invention doesn't exist, but we're anxious to read about what happens when the secret of the homework machine is revealed. We sense there might be trouble.



STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS:

Our car wash was a great success! Thank you to all who came by to support us. Thanks to your generous donations, we will be able to present a check to Camp Nejeda for \$235.45! **THANK YOU!**

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.



CLEAN UP DAY: Stillwater Township held its annual Clean Up Day on April 27th. And armed with gloves, orange vests and plenty of large trash bags, a group of Stillwater School teachers set out to help clean our neighborhood streets. A lot of trash was removed from Dove Island Road and the monies raised by our teachers donated to the SEA Philanthropic Fund. Each year the SEA Philanthropic Fund provides scholarships to current and previous Stillwater students that are graduating from the 6th and 12th grade.

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

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 21st, 7:00pm. Please come hear the 3rd Graders, Handbell ringers, the 5th and 6th 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/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!!!

KITTATINNY MIDGET FOOTBALL LEAGUE

CHEERLEADING CAMP: Will be hosting a TWO day Cheer Camp with the Universal Cheerleading Association. All Aspects of Cheerleading will be taught, Cheer, Dance & Stunting. Monday, July 29th & Tuesday, July 30th from 9am-3pm at Stillwater School. \$75 per Cheerleader (Includes TWO 6 hour days of cheering, dancing and stunting. Also includes a Cheerleading T-Shirt). **REGISTRATIONS ARE DUE BY JUNE 15TH AND YOU MUST PRE REGISTER.**

Information will be sent home with your child or you may download the info and pay online at www.leaguelineup.com/kmfl. For questions please contact Wendy Kimble 973-214-4643 or wak1016@centurylink.net.



STILLWATER TOWNSHIP'S MEMORIAL

DAY OBSERVANCES: Please join your neighbors this Memorial Day on Monday, May 27th 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.

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.

STILLWATER DAY: Stillwater Day will be held Saturday, June 15, 2013 at Veteran's Park. Festivities kick off @ 1PM with the Little Miss and Mister Stillwater contests, followed by the Miss Stillwater pageant, then Snake Oil Willy will take the stage around 5PM! A bounce house, games and pie-eating contest will add fun to the day. Everyone welcome! Vendor applications are available at the township office or website.

LITTLE MISS & MISTER STILLWATER: Contests will be held on Saturday June 15, 2013 on Stillwater Day at Veteran's Park beginning at 1PM. All residents of Stillwater Township between the ages of 4 and 7 years are eligible. Applications, due by June 7th, are available at the school, Township offices and on the Township website. Everyone welcome!

KICKZ UK SOCCER CAMP. Camps are co-ed and are a week long from July 15th - July 19th at Hampton Park. The World Cup Soccer is from 9:00am – 12:00pm and for ages 7-12 years old and is \$100 for the week. The Kiddie Kickz Soccer is from 9:00am- 10:15am and for ages 3-6 years and is \$79 for the week. Sign up with the flyer or online on the website at <http://kickzsocceruk.com>.

ROMAN OBEN FLAG FOOTBALL PROGRAM. Co-ed program runs from July 29th-August 1st from 9:00am-12:30pm. The rain makeup date will be August 2nd. The program mainly focuses on fundamental football instruction and is no contact. It's for ages entering 1st grade through entering 7th grade. Visit www.obenflagfootball.com for more information on the program or to register.

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".

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 or 973-579-9414.

2012/2013 EVENT CHAIRPERSONS: If you chaired a PTA event this school year, please send me an email to let me know if you would (or wouldn't) like to chair the event again in the 2013/2014 school year. We would like to get these positions filled before the end of this school year so we can start out in September knowing all of our events have a chairperson. I would like to post any open positions in this newsletter as soon as possible. Thank you! Cheryl Castner ccastner@embarqmail.com

THANK YOU: The PTA would like to extend a Thank You to Dawn Tighe. Dawn coordinated our Spring Clothing Drive this year, and she did an excellent job! **THANK YOU DAWN!!!** A Thank You also goes out to all those who dropped off donations on Friday and Saturday. Your clothing donations will go to those in need, and the monetary amount we raised from this event will go towards helping the PTA continue to support all of our students.

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) or Trish Hendershot (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. **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.

NEXT MONTH: TRICKY TRAY!!!!

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