



### POSITIVE THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

Read by: Ali Schutte

“Say what you mean, mean what you say, but don’t say it mean.”  
~ Unknown

### 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!



We recently conducted a state mandated self - assessment of our anti - bullying initiatives. We received a 61 out of 75. A copy of the completed self-assessment is located on the assistant principal’s corner of the web-site. Please take a minute to look at the self-assessment and provide us with any feedback as soon as possible. Also please don’t forget to the Stillwater township needs assessment survey which is also located on the assistant principal’s corner of the web-site as this survey helps us get grant funding specifically for our dare and seek programs.

~ Mr. Daniel Cullen



### SECOND GRADE NEWS:

Second graders have been busy exploring “worlds” both large and small. We started out the month of May by “blasting off” to outer space! We decided to focus on the space objects nearest and dearest to us; the Earth, sun and moon. It was fun imagining what it would be like to be an astronaut that landed on the moon. We discovered what the moon’s surface looked like and got to make our very own “moon rocks”. “Back on Earth”, we noticed that the moon’s shape seems to change and learned the names of all the phases. Perhaps some of our second graders will want to be an astronaut or astronomer! We have now started learning about the human body. The human body is pretty complicated and there is a lot to learn. Perhaps some of our second graders will be inspired to be a doctor after completing this unit!



### 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**



### 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: **ARIANA SANTORE & LOGAN ZOPPY**

### 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.



### CAFETERIA CORNER:

We are quickly approaching the end of another school year. With that in mind I would like to let everyone know that Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, will be the last day we will accept charging for lunches. If your child has lost or forgotten their money after that date through the end of school they will be provided with a PB&J sandwich and a milk. Any charges your

child/children may have prior to this date, (June 7<sup>th</sup>), must be paid in full by Friday, June 14<sup>th</sup>. I will be sending home letters with any students who have charges. For those of you who pay for your child’s lunches with a pre-paid ticket, please be aware that we cannot reimburse you for any unused days nor can those days be carried over to the new school year. For this reason, please go over the menu with your child and send in money only for the days they plan on buying. If your child has a lunch ticket here and you are not sure how many days are left on it, please don’t hesitate to call or send in a note. I will be happy to check that for you and let you know. Thank you for your assistance concerning these matters.

~ Ellen Van Skiver/Food Service Manager



Congratulation! Bravo! Bravissimo! Kudos! Great job! What a terrific Spring Concert! Thanks to everyone who sang and/or played: 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Chorus, the Beginning Band, Sabrina Leonard, the Handbell Ensemble and the Intermediate Band. You were all wonderful. Thanks for all your hard work, and for sharing your talent. **Well done!**

~Miss Smith and Mrs. Hatch



### LOG IT RESULTS!:

Great job to everyone that participated in the LOG IT! program! All classes that participated earned over 1,500 minutes of physical activity and will be rewarded with a free gym day! Excellent job! The following classes earned the most total minutes for their grade level and earned a free gym day plus ice pops! Miss Mosner’s class was the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade winner with 5,213 minutes, Mrs. Bickhardt’s class was the 4<sup>th</sup> grade winner with 6,518 minutes, Miss Cashin’s class was the 5<sup>th</sup> grade winner with 8, 871 minutes and Miss Conry’s class was the 6<sup>th</sup> grade winner with 4, 750 minutes. The total number of minutes combined for all classes that participated was 61,503! **Outstanding!** Remember to keep moving!

~Mr. Reed, Mrs. Hayes, Miss Radimer



### 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. 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 on Tuesday, May 28<sup>th</sup> (rain date May 30<sup>th</sup>) at Ridgedale Middle School in Florham Park. Wish them luck!



### Language Arts



### 5<sup>TH</sup> 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.



Summer school registration is due by May 31st.





**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.

## FUNDRAISERS

**MARKET DAY:** Thank you to everyone who placed an order for Market Day this month! Your continuing support of this fundraiser is greatly appreciated. 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!!!

### 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 29<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday, July 30<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>TH</sup> 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/kmf](http://www.leaguelineup.com/kmf). For questions please contact Wendy Kimble 973-214-4643 or [wak1016@centurylink.net](mailto:wak1016@centurylink.net).

**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".

**SPRING FLING DANCE:** The Hampton Soccer Club is hosting a Spring Fling Dance on Friday, May 31st from 7 to 9 pm. 4th, 5th and 6th graders are welcome. Cost is \$10 at the door. The dance will be held at The Baleville Church located in Hampton at 6 Church Road. Questions? Please call Jamie @908-878-9450

**PAULINSKILL LAKE FLEA MARKET:** Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup> from 8:00am – 2:00pm at the ballfield.



## 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.

**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@embargmail.com](mailto:ccastner@embargmail.com)

**CULTURAL ARTS NIGHT:** Cultural Arts Night is May 31st. Come out to enjoy a night of music and art! Cultural Arts Night will be held next Friday in the all-purpose room from 7 until 8:30 pm. Listen to wonderful live music performed by MICHAEL LAWLOR as you peruse the impressive display of student artwork. There will also be demonstrations, art activities, chances to win art supplies, and refreshments! Please plan on spending your Friday night with us! Any questions contact Robin Waldo: [ms.nut@hotmail.com](mailto:ms.nut@hotmail.com) or Melissa Hayes: [melissa.hayes@stillwaterschool.net](mailto:melissa.hayes@stillwaterschool.net) Admission is free and all are welcome! See you there!!!!

**SPRING BOOK FAIR:** The Spring B.O.G.O. Book Fair is next week!! The Book Fair will be held on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8:30 am to 7:00 pm and on Thursday from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Please come, purchase your child's favorite books, and help support this worthwhile event. Questions, contact Chrissy Menkins, [christinemenkins@aol.com](mailto:christinemenkins@aol.com).

**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 Connolly 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!!**

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### 6<sup>th</sup> 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!** VENDOR INFORMATION CALL: 973-948-5500 X. 224 Donation contact Natalie Gooding at 973-579-5126.

**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](mailto: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 7<sup>th</sup>, 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 15<sup>th</sup>- July 19<sup>th</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup>-August 1<sup>st</sup> from 9:00am-12:30pm. The rain makeup date will be August 2<sup>nd</sup>. The program mainly focuses on fundamental football instruction and is no contact. It's for ages entering 1<sup>st</sup> grade through entering 7<sup>th</sup> grade. Visit [www.obenflagfootball.com](http://www.obenflagfootball.com) for more information on the program or to register.

**GIRLS TRAVEL SOCCER:** A new North Warren U-10 Girls Soccer team is forming for the 2013-2014 fall/spring seasons. Tryouts will be held soon for interested girls born between August 2003 and July 2004. For more information please contact Mark Saalfeld at [saalfeld@hotmail.com](mailto:saalfeld@hotmail.com) or call 908-850-6160.

**FREE CONCERT:** Jazz in the side parking lot at Kittatinny High School. June 8<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 pm. Bring your lawn chair, have dinner and enjoy some fantastic music! There will be food to purchase. Info: Colleen Perigo @ 973-579-0157