



POSITIVE THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:
"No one is perfect. That is why pencils have erasers."
~ 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



5th GRADE NEWS: Last Friday, Stillwater School's entire 5th grade made their annual trip to see the Liberty Science Center in Jersey City, NJ. LSC is a full hands-on, interactive science center that allows children to become participants in the learning instead of just observing facts. Can you navigate a pitch-black maze using only your sense of touch? Students enjoyed many trips through the Touch Tunnel...minus light of course! Students were also able to enter a cityscape of towers and discover what it takes to design and build the world's tallest skyscrapers. Also, from the 3rd floor deck students were able to see the Liberty Tower in lower Manhattan with its just newly added spire. And of course, students were able to see Miss Liberty from the same deck at LSC. Stillwater students were able to experience the Opening Day of the Block Party Exhibit. This is where kids can create whimsical architecture, ocean-going vessels, space-bound rocket ships, futuristic cities, and fabulous forts using over 16,000 oversized blocks. They designed, created, knocked down, and started all over again in this engineering fun fest. Did you see the size of that NOSE on the 3rd floor in Infection Connection? Just by passing in front of this huge physical nose display, students were 'sneezed on' by the exhibit. From here, students were able to see and feel (yes, there was a wet breeze that could saturate you if you weren't looking!) how microbes are passed from just one simple sneeze. Our IMAX presentation was not just on mere spelunking, it was on the *Journey into Amazing Caves*. We learned about the world's most remote, unexplored caves. Cavers searched for extreme living organisms in the ice caves of Greenland, the underwater caves of the Yucatan Peninsula, and the earth caves of the Little Grand Canyon. 4th graders, be ready for an equally exciting trip next year!!!

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:
JARRETT DECKER & GAGE HENDERSHOT



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.



NJ MATHEMATICS LEAGUE: On May 21st, the fourth graders participated in a contest sponsored by the New Jersey Mathematics League. The contest consisted of 30 very challenging math problems with a time limit of 30 minutes. Our students performed exceptionally well. The following 4th graders have scores ranging from 16 – 23 points: Emily Hendershot, Patrick Franco, Cooper Waldo, Dana Nigro, Gabe Arias, Connor Hanna, Kayla Saraiva, Amanda Goriscak, Jordan Maruska, Ryan Smaletz, Brian Varga, Kyra Ogar and Steven Benson. Our six top performing students will be recognized at the awards assembly in June. Congratulations to all!!!

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 7th, 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 7th), must be paid in full by Friday, June 14th. 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



SOLAR SPRINTS Congratulations to the two Junior Solar Sprints teams that went to the final race at Ridgedale Middle School in Florham Park, NJ. With the rain, TransOptions decided to hold the race anyway, inside, using batteries as the power source. Out of sixty-seven cars, Sabrina Leonard and Matt Cleaver came in fifth place for speed with their car, "Tree"! While Cleary Waldo and Angelique Santore didn't place in the top ten, they placed in the top twenty and were another very proud team with their car, "Jelly". Thanks to all of the students who participated in Junior Solar Sprints this year!



SCHOOL COUNSELING CORNER: A great resource for parents from NORWESCAP: Do you need help paying for child care? They offer assistance paying for child care if you are working and/or going to school full time and live in Sussex County. Call to find out if you may be eligible. NORWESCAP Child and Family Resource Services (973) 383-3461 ~Ruth Najemian 973-383-3998



PRESCHOOL NEWS: Do you know how many legs and body parts an insect has? If you don't know the answer, just ask one of our preschoolers, they are insects experts. The preschoolers have enjoyed listening to stories and singing songs about insects. The children are looking forward to the fun end-of-year activities that are coming up. Preschool Graduation will be Wednesday, June 5th and their trip to the Land of Make Believe is Friday, June 7th rain date - Tuesday, June 11. Looking forward to a fun-filled June!!



FIRST GRADE NEWS: First graders are all "a flutter" learning about the life cycles of butterflies. The butterflies have come out of their chrysalis and have found a new home in our butterfly garden!



ATTENTION 6TH GRADE PARENTS: Permission slips are now due for the party on June 11th at Camp Neveda. You child must have a signed and completed slip in order to attend. Please send them in to Miss Conry's homeroom with attention to Whitney Mayer. Our last meeting will be held on Tues. 6/4 at 6:30pm. Any questions or concerns, email me at: mhoelderlin@yahoo.com



STILLWATER SCHOOL SPELLING BEE 2013 NEWS: Congratulations to the following Semifinal Winners!
 These students will be competing next week in the Championship Round of our 2013 Stillwater School Spelling Bee, which will be held on Tuesday, June 4th, 2013. Good Luck to everyone!

6th Grade: Leah Slobodzian, Gabe Grodsky, Miranda Mazzola, Anna Svendsen, Sabrina Leonard

5th Grade: Teagan Hennes, Anastasia Rabidis, Vaughn Corpus, Andrew Makarevich, Hunter Humenik

4th Grade: Kyle Cain, Jessica Contino, Shane Nelson, Cooper Waldo, Anna Wilson

THE FOLLOWING ARE NOT SCHOOL SPONSORED EVENTS

FUNDRAISERS

MARKET DAY: This is your LAST CHANCE to stock up on your Market Day favorites for the Summer!! Our new item this month is the GoPicnic Salami & Cheese Ready-to-Eat Meal. When you place your order online, don't forget to check out the Web-Only Clearance section for up to 60% off many Market Day items. Please have all paper orders back to school by Tuesday, June 11th. Online order cut-off is 11 pm on Wednesday, June 12th. Sale pick-up is Tuesday, June 18th. Thank You!! Questions: 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 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/kmf. For questions please contact Wendy Kimble 973-214-4643 or 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 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

FREE CONCERT: Jazz in the side parking lot at Kittatinny High School. June 8th @ 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

STILLWATER PTA

OUR JUNE MEETING HAS BEEN CHANGED TO WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12th AT 7 PM!!!!!!

OUR LAST PTA MEETING is Wednesday, June 12th at 7 pm. Please come out to this meeting, as it is our last meeting of your child's 2012/2013 school year!!

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@embargmail.com

SPRING BOOK FAIR: The Spring B.O.G.O. Book Fair is coming to an end. Your last chance to take advantage of the BOGO Book Sale is TONIGHT, May 31st until 7pm!! There are many excellent deals, and who can ever turn down a BOGO sale?!?! Please come to the Book Fair and help foster your child's love of reading! Questions, contact christinemenkins@aol.com

CULTURAL ARTS NIGHT: Cultural Arts Night is TONIGHT, May 31st. Come out to enjoy a night of music and art! Cultural Arts Night will be held TONIGHT 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 or Melissa Hayes: melissa.hayes@stillwaterschool.net Admission is free and all are welcome! See you there!!!

TRICKY TRAY: The Tricky Tray is NEXT 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, information regarding drop-off dates and times for your trays has been sent home. 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).

NEXT MONTH: TRICKY TRAY!!!!

OUR NEXT PTA MEETING IS WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12th AT 7 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!** 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.

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.

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 Saalfield at saalfield@hotmail.com or call 908-850-6160.