



Summer Time!

POSITIVE THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

Read by: Erik Gooding

“Don’t let what you can’t do stop you from doing what you can.”~
John Wooden

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!



6th GRADE REACH NEWS: Last Friday, the 6th grade REACH class went to Manna House, a soup kitchen in Newton. The students were Danielle Blide, Gage Hendershot, Max Hennet, Sabrina Leonard, Ashley Pavlick, Katie Riva, Jillian Rogers, Leah Slobodzian, Cleary Waldo and Zachary Zoppy. They had finished reading the book about homelessness and hard times, The Family Under the Bridge. The ten students donated paper towels to the facility. They set up, prepared, served, and cleaned up for the 34 patrons that came. It was a rewarding way to end their REACH career.



6th GRADE NEWS: The sixth grade participated in a Homophone Contest recently. Homophones are two or more words that have the same pronunciation but different meanings, origins, or spellings. In language arts class, each sixth grade homeroom was broken up into teams that competed against each other within their homeroom. Their task was to come up with as many homophones as they could. Miss Conry’s homeroom won for the highest number of homophone pairs or groups and Mrs. Ciccolella’s homeroom won for the highest number of unusual homophones.



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:

NICOLE VASSALLO & OLIVIA O’MEARA



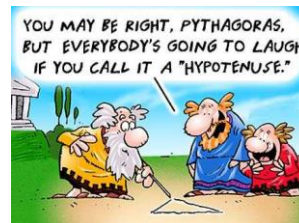
SCHOOL NURSE NEWS: Recently I have been finding and removing ticks from students on an almost daily basis. Lyme disease is a bacterial infection caused by *Borrelia burgdorferi* which is transmitted to humans through the bite of an

infected tick. In our area, the black legged tick (deer tick) is responsible for the transmission of the disease to humans. In NJ, the number of diagnosed cases of Lyme disease is substantial. Individuals who contract the disease do not maintain immunity and can contract the disease more than once.

- **To Prevent Tick Bites:** Stay on cleared paths and avoid walking in areas with high grass or brush. Avoid sitting in the grass. Use a tick repellent. You may apply the repellent on clothing rather than on skin. If you must walk in the woods or brush, wear long sleeves and long pants. Tuck your shirt in pants and pants into socks. Wear a hat.
- **Do Tick Checks:** Parents should check themselves and their children at least daily during this time of year. Be sure to check behind the ears, in the hair and under arms.
- **To Remove a Tick:** Use a fine point tweezer to grasp the tick at the place of attachment to the skin. Gently pull the tick straight out. Cleanse the site with soap and water and an antiseptic after tick removal. Place tick in a closed jar or bag in case there is a need for testing. Mark your calendar with the date of tick removal.

Signs and symptoms of Lyme disease may resemble other illnesses and may include headache, fatigue, fever, chills, nausea, sore throat, stiff neck, and joint swelling and pain. Some victims develop the classic bull’s eye rash in 7-15 days. If left untreated, arthritis and nerve and heart complications may result. **Call your physician if you have any signs or symptoms of Lyme disease.**

IMPORTANT REMINDER: The end of the school year is approaching fast. Students’ medications that are stored in the health office must be picked up by the end of the school year. Ideally, medication should be picked up at the very end of the school year. Medication that remains after the last day of school will be discarded. An exception is made for students who will be attending summer school. If your child is attending summer school, you may pick up the medication at the end of the summer school session. If your child will require medication to be administered at school during the upcoming school year, a new doctor’s order will be required. Look for medication permission slips for the 2013-2014 school year in the summer mailing.



5TH GRADE MATH – IT’S ALL GREEK TO ME:

Pythagoras is not a name you hear too often in 5th grade! As a Greek mathematician, Pythagoras is credited with “proving” the relationship of the three sides of a right triangle. While using the Pythagorean Theorem is generally reserved for Algebra I and Trigonometry classes, our 5th graders were able to use their current knowledge of math to duplicate most of the theorem’s basic concepts. We’ve already learned about the characteristics of a right triangle in addition to working with basic exponents. Therefore, the equation of $a^2+b^2=c^2$ didn’t seem too complicated at all! To satisfy our own inquisitiveness to the Greek’s teachings, all classes took to the softball field to test the newly learned theorem. We used the measurements of the softball field to create our own right angle. We measured the distance from home plate to first base; and then measured to second base. And finally, we measured the distance from second base to home plate (our hypotenuse). After completing our measurements, the classes came inside to test their measures to the Pythagorean Theorem. Our physical measures were only off by 4 inches compared to the mathematical calculations! I don’t know how the Greeks feel about softball, but their math has set the standard for geometry and other high levels of mathematics.



SCHOOL COUNSELING CORNER:

The Department of Education gives some good recommendations for bullying prevention activities parents and children can do together over the summer:

Perform community service to better understand people of different backgrounds, watch films that discourage prejudice and develop empathy, read books together that discourage prejudice, and visit museums and attend educational events on social issues.
Ruth Najemian 973-448-2979



2nd GRADE NEWS:

Last week the second graders welcomed platys and snails to their classroom. They observed these living things, along with duckweed, anacharis, algae, and daphnia in miniature aquariums that they set up on their desks. They saw how the different plants and animals interacted with each other, exploring different food chains. At the end of the week students were allowed to take home the snails and/or platys to enjoy in their own aquariums!



CONGRATULATIONS to Mrs. Malmstrom’s 1st grade class -- they collected more than 2,000 boxtops this year! They will be surprised with a treat during the last week of school! The 2nd place homeroom is Mrs. Makarevich’s 4th grade class with well over 900

boxtops collected during the year .Keep clipping all summer long and start next year’s contest early!



TECHNOLOGY – In Technology class, the students practice their keyboarding skills using online software programs. Have your child try these websites in their free time. (Please Note: Other links, ads and websites can bring you anywhere online. Please take time to assist your children when using the Internet.)

- <http://www.typingweb.com> – Typing Web
- <http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/typing/> - Dance Mat Typing
- <http://10fastfingers.com> – Ten Fast Fingers

- <http://keybr.com> - Keyboarding
- <http://www.powertyping.com/> - Power Typing
- <http://games.yahoo.com/game/typer-shark> - Typing Shark



Today, the 5th grade REACH class debated the topic “Students should have more choices for recess.” Basically, they were debating indoor recess. The students who were on the PRO team were: Rachel Durso, Erin Ross, Andrew Makarevich, Nicole Vassallo and Jacob Burke. The CON team consisted of: Grace Maruska, Teagan Hennes, Abby Schwartz, Geneva Loff, Carson Throne and Jake Riva. The points of order that were debated were that there should be an indoor playground, a choice of which classroom to go into during indoor recess, an open gym available during recess, clubs and an open technology room open to play video games. The 4th grade REACH class decided that the CON team won the debate. A good oral challenge was presented by both teams!

THE FOLLOWING ARE NOT SCHOOL SPONSORED EVENTS

FUNDRAISERS

MARKET DAY Thank you for placing your June orders! You may pick up your order on Tuesday, June 18th from 3 to 4 pm at Harmony Hill UMC, Fairview Lake Road. Thank You for continuing to support this fundraiser! See you in September!!

ALEX'S LEMONADE STAND: June 15th Stillwater Day and July 20 for Stillwater Garage Sale Day, stop by for a cold glass of lemonade and help raise money to help kids with cancer. 100% of the proceeds will be donated to Alex's Lemonade Stand. Contact Melissa Compton at (973) 579-0112.

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/kmfl. 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".

SUMMER THEATER CAMP: YOUR CHILD CAN EXPERIENCE THE MAGIC OF THE KITTATINNY PLAYERS JULY 22 to JULY 26 Children going into grades 5 through 9 can experience the fun and excitement of theater. From backstage tutorials to acting classes, your child will develop confidence in a fun and educational setting. Sessions are Monday through Thursday from 8:30 to 12:00 and Friday from 8:30 to 3:00 with a performance for the public from 3:00 to 5:00. The price is only \$147.50 which includes Friday lunch, performance and t-shirt. Call 973-383-1800 for more information.



COMMUNITY EVENTS

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. All are 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.

STILLWATER STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL:

Sunday, June 16th from 1:00pm – 4:00pm at the Stillwater Historical Society Museum. Enjoy fresh strawberry shortcake, live music, horse and wagon rides, museum tours and a bake sale! For more information, please email Betty at betty.english@historicstillwater.org.

COFFEESTOCK KIDS-FEST 2013: Interactive music festival for children and the whole family! Enjoy Art & Music activities such as: interactive drumming tent, hoola hoop dancers, kid's art activity tent, iron smithing demonstrations, and Food & Craft vendors on Saturday, June 22nd from 11:00am – 7:00pm at the Knowlton Lions Club pavilion – Hwy 46 in Delaware, NJ. Email coffeecoops@yahoo.com for further information.

STILLWATER PTA

PLEASE JOIN US AT OUR FINAL MEETING OF THE SCHOOL YEAR ~ TUESDAY, JUNE 18th

OPEN COMMITTEES: We have several open committees that are in need of a chairperson for the 2013/2014 school year. They are as follows: Bulletin Board, Cultural Arts Trip, Directory, Father's Day, Halloween Party, Hospitality, Membership, Nominating, Spirit Wear, Story Bags and the Welcome Wagon. We are also in need of a CoChairperson for the Talent Show. If you are interested in any of these openings, please contact Marilyn Geydoshek at 973-579-9414 or msc23@ptd.net Thank You!

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.

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR CHAIRPERSONS WHO PLANNED AND ORGANIZED OUR PTA EVENTS THIS YEAR!!! Without all of you and your dedication to our children, the PTA could not do what it does all year long. Seeing the smiling faces of our students might be “payment” enough, but please know that the PTA Executive Board appreciates each and every one of you and all that you have done! THANK YOU!!!

THANK YOU: Please join us in sending out a HUGE THANK YOU to Trish Hendershot, Wendy Kimble and our entire Tricky Tray Committee. Trish, Wendy and the Tricky Tray Committee put in an enormous amount of time, effort and energy into making sure our Tricky Tray was a success. Their hard work started in 2012 and carried over into this year, day after day, week after week, month after month. Thank You, also, to all of our teachers and school staff members who helped by working the event. Thank you, Mr. Cullen, for being our emcee for the evening. Everyone's combined hard work culminated in an awesome evening that was enjoyed by many! THANK YOU!!!

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