



POSITIVE THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:
 “Two steps forward, one step back: either way,
 you’re going somewhere.”
 ~ORIGINAL quote written and read by Kyle Cain

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. 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!



AFTER SCHOOL LEARNING CENTER DATES: 1/21, 1/23, 1/28, 1/30, 2/4, 2/6, 2/11, 2/13, 2/25, 2/27
NEWSPAPER CLUB MEETING DATES: 1/21, 1/23, 1/28, 2/4, 2/11, 2/13, 2/25, 2/27
SCHOOL CLOSED: 1/20
YEARBOOK SALE: JANUARY 27TH – FEBRUARY 21ST

CONNECT WITH KINDNESS

Students showing good behavior and character are being recognized with "Connect with Kindness" awards. This week we would like to congratulate:

Kyle Raposo Connor Logan
 Abby Schwartz Jesse Scrowcroft

Keep up the good work!

IMPORTANT NEWS FROM THE NURSE:

Recently, several of our students have become ill with influenza like illness. Please keep this in mind if you or your child begins to develop flu like symptoms, especially if you did not receive a flu vaccine. Symptoms of the flue include fever, headache, excessive fatigue, cough, runny nose, and body aches. Diarrhea and vomiting may also occur, especially in children. Many of these symptoms are similar to cold symptoms but are more severe. Please keep your child at home if he/she is running a fever. Children should be fever free for 24 hours before returning to school. Continue to encourage good hand hygiene and remind children to cover their coughs and sneezes. However, since the flu is primarily spread through respiratory droplet, the best way for us to prevent the spread of infection is for those who are ill with the flu to stay at home.

3rd GRADE NEWS: Third grade has been having fun investigating the concepts of force and motion and has been learning about and building simple machines. Our unit began by learning that a force is a push or a pull and that friction can cause a change in the movement of a force. Students brainstormed when they have used force in real life and used models to experiment with the speed of objects when friction and lubricants are applied. They also learned about different kinds of forces, such as, gravity and magnetism. The children then studied the 6 simple machines: wedges, inclined planes, screws, wheels and axles, pulleys and levers. They then used building materials to create several different examples of these machines. They were surprised to learn how many simple machines they use on a daily basis!

Q. What do you get when you cross a shark with a snowman?
 A. Frostbite!
 Q. What do snowmen wear on their heads?
 A. Icecaps!
 Q. How does a snowman get to work?
 A. By icicle

YEARBOOK NEWS: Attention 6th grade parents: Send in a baby photo of your graduate and it will be displayed next to his/her 6th grade portrait photo in the yearbook. Baby photos for the school’s yearbook are due by January 31st.

STUDENT COUNCIL: On Friday, January 31st, Student Council will be having a Super Bowl fundraiser. Wear your favorite football team’s colors or uniform, whether it be a professional team or the team you play on. We are asking for donations of \$.50 from all who participate. All of the money we raise will go to St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital. Wear your team colors for a school touchdown!

3rd GRADE MUSIC NEWS: The third graders have just begun a new unit in music to welcome them back from the winter break. We have started recorders! The recorder is an instrument that was first used in the medieval time period and remained popular through the 17th century. This woodwind instrument is a great way to spark the interest of instrumental music in young students. The third graders were very excited and anxious to begin as they each received their own recorder to use throughout the unit and keep. These lessons will teach the students music fundamentals, new instrument skills, responsibility, and a new enjoyment for music. Students should play at home and show what they learned and be proud of their new talents.

SCHOOL COUNSELING CORNER: I just started another new lunch club for grades 1 and 2 titled, “making friends. “ We will explore the recipe for friendship, how to start a conversation, roadblocks to friendship, and when to say, “No.” We meet in the B Social lounge every week for lunch and discussion. ~ Ruth Najemian

PRESCHOOL NEWS: **HAPPY WINTER!** The children are thrilled to be back at school learning about the winter season, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and animals that hibernate. Songs, stories, chants and poems are enriching their studies. While learning about Dr. Martin Luther King, the children realized that we are very similar to M&M candies. We are all the same on the inside but different on the outside which makes us special. Our class bear, Buddy Bear has just settled down for his long winter nap so the children had to say good night to their cuddly friend. See you in the spring Buddy Bear!

BOXTOPS UPDATE: The contest for this year is off to a great start! Thank you to all of our Stillwater School families who have been clipping and submitting those Boxtops! After sorting and totaling, we are ready to ship over 5,000 Boxtops for our school... that equals more than \$500 for our students! Special thanks to 5th and 6th grade REACH classes for their help. The top 3 homerooms at this time are as follows: #1 – Ms. Conry 1,762 Boxtops, #2 – Mrs. Knapp 767 Boxtops, #3 – Mrs. Winay 589 Boxtops. **The race is on until June, so keep clipping and submitting those Boxtops to your homeroom teacher!**

YEARBOOK SALE
 Yearbook sale will run from
 January 27th through February
 21st.
ADVANCE ORDERS ONLY
 Sale is for a limited time. You will
 not have the opportunity to
 purchase a yearbook after
 February 21st.
 The cost is \$15.00 per yearbook.
Don’t miss out!



IMPORTANT MESSAGE- OneCall notifications

We will be sending out OneCall notifications throughout the winter months, as needed, due to emergency closings and delays. We are asking you to please check your phone for messages rather than calling the school following the notification. This will help to eliminate the volume of calls that come in to the school immediately after the message is sent. **Thank you for your cooperation!**



THE FOLLOWING ARE NOT SCHOOL SPONSORED EVENTS

FUNDRAISERS

MARKET DAY: Happy New Year!! New items this month: Chicken & Cheese Ravioli, Sweet Corn Cob Minis and Kellogg's Frosted Flakes Bowls. All orders placed for our January sale will receive a FREE 2014 Eat Well Calendar AND a FREE GoGo Squeeze Applesauce Pouch. Please return your paper orders to the school by Monday, January 20, 2014. If you input your order online, the cutoff to do so is 11 pm on Wednesday, January 22nd. Questions, contact Cheryl Castner at ccastner@embargmail.com or 973-579-3182. Thank you for ordering Market Day, and we look forward to seeing you in 2014!!

COMMUNITY EVENTS

SUMMER CAMP AT FAIRVIEW LAKE: Summer at the Blue Mountain YMCA Day Camp is magical. Located on the shores of beautiful Fairview Lake in Stillwater; this unique camp setting offers all of the amenities of a sleep-away camp in a convenient day camp format. Camp focuses on building self-esteem, confidence and social skills while increasing independence and health and wellness awareness. Your camper will have fun and make new friends while exploring new experiences outdoors. Contact camp registrar, June Papa at 973-209-9622, ext. 217 or visit our website: sussexcountymca.org for more information.

RUTGERS DAY: April 26 from 10:00 AM--4:00 PM on the New Brunswick / Piscataway campus of Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey. This is a great opportunity for everyone, from small children to teenagers to adults to learn more about their state university. The event is Free for everyone and will be held rain or shine. Activities include tours, concerts, lectures, art, performances and a chance to meet Rutgers professors, staff, students, and alumni. Enjoy the engineering open house, agricultural field day, the new medical school, and view construction of the new Rutgers Honors College classroom buildings and dorms. Sporting events, including the Rutgers Spring Football Game, will go on throughout the day. Food and Rutgers souvenirs will be available. For more information, visit: www.rutgersday.rutgers.edu

FREE WORKSHOP: Family Partners of Morris and Sussex Counties presents a FREE workshop on Bereavement and Grief in Children on January 30 from 6 to 7:30 pm at our Newton location at 67 Spring Street. Children who are grieving can experience misdirected anger, as well as feelings of guilt and self-blame. This presentation will help teachers, parents, and other caregivers to support children who have experienced a loss. Workshop will be facilitated by Lorri Opitz of the Joseph T. Quinlan Bereavement Center. Light refreshments will be served. Please call 973-940-3194 with questions or to register.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

YOUTH LACROSSE: 3rd-6th graders, registration for the Kittatinny Youth Lacrosse Club spring lacrosse season is now open. Act quickly as teams will fill up. A parents meeting will be held in early February with detailed information. Keep an eye out for date and time. Please visit our website, <http://www.kittatinnylax.com/> for registration forms and information. Questions may be emailed to the respective boys and girls programs. "Come play the fastest growing sport in America".



EYE EXAM: The Stillwater Education Association will be hosting an eye exam clinic on February 22 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. The Optical Academy's Vision Team, which consists of Optometrists, Opticians, and Vision Technicians, will be offering complete eye exams, at the school. Their mobile unit is made up of state of the art, hand held, digital equipment and also includes an on - site eyeglass shop. The purpose of this clinic is to offer affordable vision screening for those who do not have coverage through insurance or may not have complete coverage. It is open to all age groups. All insurances are accepted. No insurance? No problem. Screenings begin as low as \$30 with eyeglasses starting at just \$29. For more information or to make an appointment visit www.optical-academy.com or call 800-530-2730.

FAIRVIEW LAKE YMCA CAMP WINTER WONDERLAND: Experience the crisp winter scene that is Fairview Lake YMCA by joining us for a memorable afternoon on Sunday, January 26th from 1:00-4:00pm. Hone your skills with our bows and arrows at our archery range or enjoy some open fire cooking around a warm fireplace. This event is also a summer camp open house, which is a great time to check out our cabins and learn a little more about what happens during the summer. The experience of a lifetime is right around the corner, join us! This is a free event! For families young and old! Camp is located at 1035 Fairview Lake Road in Stillwater. Please contact Matt at 973-383-9282 for further information.

BASEBALL: Baseball is back! Be on the lookout for the Spring Baseball Registration forms. They will be coming home soon!

FREE WORKSHOP: Family Partners of Morris and Sussex Counties presents a FREE workshop on Understanding the Children's System of Care on January 29 from 6:30 to 7:30pm at our Newton location at 67 Spring Street. So, you've noticed a change in the behavior of your child? Learn where you can get free help, resources, and support. There's a lot to navigating the Children's System of Care in New Jersey. With all the changes, it can be very confusing, but it doesn't have to be! Light refreshments will be served. Please call 973-940-3194 with questions or to register.

STILLWATER PTA

ATTENTION ALL PARENTS: ALL KIDS STUFF COUPON BOOKS MUST BE RETURNED NOW IF YOU ARE NOT KEEPING THEM, OR PLEASE BE SURE TO MAKE YOUR PAYMENT TO THE STILLWATER PTA. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

TALENT SHOW: We are excited to announce that we will be having a Talent Show coming up this Spring (April 4th, 2014). Practices have begun! Pick up your permission slips & bring us your acts! Our meetings are held Mondays & Wednesdays from 3:00-4:00PM. We have quite a large group of talented students, therefore could use a few extra adults to help at practices! For more info please contact Justine Mahon at pta2013recsec@gmail.com.

BOOK IT!: Be sure to fill in your book logs and send them in to the PTA mailbox during the first week of each month. Don't forget to supply a name and homeroom teacher. Every child who completes a book log earns a coupon to Pizza Hut for a free pizza! Any questions can be sent to Chrissy Menkins at christinemenkins@aol.com.

TRICKY TRAY: The PTA has a GREAT need for a lead chairperson and a family tray collection chairperson for the Tricky Tray. This event is held in the Spring, but requires many months of planning. This is also the PTA's largest fundraising event, so please consider one of these positions! For more info, please contact Trish Hendershot at stillwaterptapresident@yahoo.com.

PTA CHAIRPEOPLE: Now that this school year is in full swing, so is your PTA. With the many events the PTA provides, we have several parents helping behind the scenes. Part of the job of running a PTA event is putting out flyers to the school to notify everyone of the upcoming event. These flyers must be approved by the PTA and Mr. Cullen. Please send all flyers to Wendy Kimble via email at stillwaterptavp@yahoo.com for PTA approval. If you have any questions, please contact Wendy via the email address above. Also, if you would like something submitted in the weekly newsletter regarding your event, please email your submission to Jen Kraft at stillwaterptacoresec@yahoo.com no later than Wednesday for it to be published that same Friday.

STILLWATER COOKBOOKS: (\$3 each) and Stillwater School Car Magnets (\$2 each) are available for purchase! If you are interested in purchasing these items or if you have questions, please contact Amanda Connelly at aeconnelly@outlook.com.

HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT SHOPAROO? It's an easy way to help support Stillwater School. Download: ShopARoo today and choose Stillwater School, NJ as your fundraising cause today. Just snap a picture of your grocery like receipts and start earning points (which convert to cash) for Stillwater School. It's that easy! Really!

NEXT MONTH'S EVENTS: 2/7- Family Movie Night, 2/13-2/14- Valentine's Day Sale

OUR NEXT PTA MEETING: Thursday, February 6th at 7:00PM. All are welcome and encouraged to attend!!