



Happy Valentine's Day

**POSITIVE THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:**

Read by: Avery Yeager  
 "No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted". ~ Aesop

**IMPORTANT REMINDER:** ALL VISITORS TO STILLWATER SCHOOL MUST SIGN IN AT THE MAIN OFFICE UPON ARRIVAL AND SIGN OUT WHEN LEAVING.

**PARENTS, PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING IMPORTANT MESSAGE:**  
**SCHOOL WILL BE IN SESSION ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18<sup>TH</sup>.**

**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: 2/25, 2/27, 3/4, 3/6, 3/11, 3/13, 3/25, 3/27**  
**NEWSPAPER CLUB MEETING DATES: 2/25, 2/27**  
**HOMEWORK CLUB DATES: 2/26, 3/5, 3/12, 3/26**  
**YEARBOOK SALE: JANUARY 27<sup>TH</sup> – FEBRUARY 21<sup>ST</sup>**  
**WINTER RECESS: FEBRUARY 17<sup>TH</sup> ONLY**  
**SCHOOL RESUMES TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18<sup>TH</sup>**

**YEARBOOK SALE**

Yearbooks are on sale now!  
 The sale will run from January 27<sup>th</sup> through February 21<sup>st</sup>.

**ADVANCE ORDERS ONLY**

Sale is for a limited time. You will not have the opportunity to purchase a yearbook after February 21<sup>st</sup>.

The cost is \$15.00 per yearbook.

**Have you ordered yours?**

**DON'T MISS OUT!**



**FIRST GRADE NEWS:** First grade is getting ready to learn about President Lincoln and President Washington. They will be writing stories telling what they would do if they were the President. Don't forget to read their stories.

Q: What did the stamp say to the envelope?  
 A: I'm stuck on you.  
 Q: What kind of flowers do you never give on Valentine's Day?  
 A: Cauliflowers!  
 Q: What did the bat say to his girlfriend?  
 A: You're fun to hang around with.  
 Q: What did the elephant say to his girlfriend?  
 A: I love you a ton!

**SIXTH GRADE NEWS:** Sixth graders have just begun the Modifiers Unit in Language Arts which consists of adjectives, articles, adverbs, demonstratives, and negatives. There are several websites that the students can use for learning and practice, such as [www.sheppardsoftware.com/grammar/adjectives](http://www.sheppardsoftware.com/grammar/adjectives) and [www.funenglishgames.com/grammargames/verbnounadjective](http://www.funenglishgames.com/grammargames/verbnounadjective).

**FAMILY MATH:** Third Grade Family Math began on Thursday, February 6th. Openers included toothpick puzzles, cut a card, coin problems, tangrams and a Venn diagram. Activities enjoyed by all were "Sum What Dice" and "Double Digit" both place-value dice games. Congratulations to Andrea Nykaza and Joshua Cornman who came closest to the goldfish estimation of 1,540. They estimated 1,500! Team Schwartz was the first family to solve the cut a card. Congratulations to all! Ms. Grau and Miss Johnson

**JUNIOR SOLAR SPRINTS:** JUNIOR Solar Sprints is beginning! 16 sixth graders are pairing up to create their own solar powered vehicles. Under the direction of Mr. Iradi and Miss Conry, these students are researching topics related to solar powered cars, presenting their information to the group, and then creating the best solar powered car that they can. Eight students will be competing in the county competition in May. All Junior Solar Sprints participants can be seen working on their cars right after school on Tuesdays in the Tech Lab.

**FIFTH GRADE NEWS:** The American Revolution is a unit of study that Grade 5 students recently completed. During their studies, the students created caricatures and wrote facts about important people of the time period. Come to our hallway to view this work. These students also went online and visited the home of Thomas Jefferson, Monticello. Now, using the lap tops, they are typing an essay about a place they would take Thomas Jefferson if he could visit our time.

**SIXTH GRADE NEWS:** Grade 6 students are currently learning about Ancient India, Hinduism, and Buddhism. These students are typing an essay about Gandhi and hunger.

**SCHOOL COUNSELING CORNER:** Children's Art Bereavement Program, On Thursday evenings: March 6, 13, 20, 27, from 6:00-8:00 pm at Joseph T. Quinlan Bereavement Center 61 Spring Street, Newton, NJ. The program was designed for children (age 6-12) who have experienced the loss of a loved one through death. A simultaneous group will be provided for the parents or guardians. Registration for each session is limited. Pre-registration is required and there is a \$100.00 fee to help cover the cost of materials and supplies. Limited Scholarships are available 973-940-0413 [bereavement@karenannquinlanhospice.org](mailto:bereavement@karenannquinlanhospice.org)

**LIBRARY UPDATE:** Show your love for reading this February! Our library has been busy with students enjoying many collaborative reading opportunities and great fiction literature. Winter has brought some interesting weather, but we have stayed cozy with great books. Authors such as Mo Willems, Jarrett J. Krosoczka and Laura Numeroff have been some favorites for our younger students. Eve Bunting and Patricia Polacco have been authors that the third and fourth grades have been reading. Fifth Graders spent time recommending some favorites to their friends while Sixth Graders participated in literature reading groups. It isn't hard to love reading with great books and great friends!

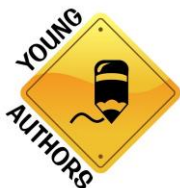
**EXCITING NEWS!!!!** Beginning on March 6 we are going to start our first after school Volleyball Club. This club is for students in grades 4-6. We will meet in the Stillwater gym from 3:00 until 4:15 on the following Thursdays – March 6, 13, 20, 27 and April 3 and 10. Permission slips are going home this week. Please check your schedule and return the permission slip as soon as possible. What a great way to beat the winter blues!





**STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS:** Please keep those pennies coming! Even with all of our delayed openings and snow days, we have had a tremendous start to our penny drive. As of last week, we have already collected over \$90 in pennies! There are just two more weeks left to go, so please continue to bring in pennies. Remember, the two winning homerooms will be rewarded with a pizza or ice cream party!

Young Authors' Conference sponsored by the Northwest Jersey Reading Council is being held again this year! Mark the date on your calendars: Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to noon at the Frankford Township School. Students who attended three years ago here at Stillwater will remember the fun they had meeting authors and illustrators. This year will feature authors David Lubar (who writes children's books and programs video games) and Deborah Guarino, who wrote *Is Your Mama a Llama?* If you like to write or just want to be included in this fun-filled morning, send in your Young Authors' Conference paperwork before March 1<sup>st</sup>. The address is on the slip and there are also books that you may pre-order and pick up at the conference. The authors will autograph them for you too!



**THE FOLLOWING ARE NOT SCHOOL SPONSORED EVENTS**

**FUNDRAISERS**

**MARKET DAY:** February flyers have bent sent home! February's Market Day sale is Tuesday, February 25th. Paper orders are due back by Tuesday, February 18th, and all online orders must be in by 11 pm on Wednesday, February 19th. **NEW ITEMS THIS MONTH:** Cheez-It Snack Packs, Dijon Encrusted Pork Chops and Fudge Dipped Brownie Pops. All \$40 (pre-tax) orders this month will receive a box of FREE Five Cheese Garlic Toast. If you input your order online, and it totals \$90 (pre-tax), please remember to input the code FEBBONUS at checkout to receive your FREE box of Cheese Ravioli. **FREQUENT BUYERS:** Make two purchases of \$40 (pre-tax) between February and April. Then place a third order of \$40 (pre-tax) in May to receive your FREE Storage Basket at the May sale pick-up. February is Cookie Dough Month! There are 11 kinds of cookies to choose from. Thank you for your continuing support of this fundraiser! Questions, contact Cheryl Castner, 973-579-3182 or [ccastner@embarqmail.com](mailto:ccastner@embarqmail.com) **THANK YOU!!**

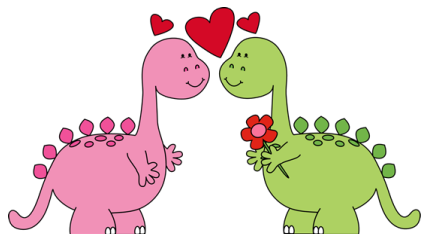
**COMMUNITY EVENTS**

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

**BASKETBALL:** Stillwater basketball clinic registrations are here for K - 2nd grade. Three weeks, twice a week, starting the end of February through March please contact Chrisha Wright with any questions 973-306-2675.

**TRAVEL SOCCER:** North Warren Alliance U11 Boys Travel Soccer Team based at Blairstown seeks players for the spring season (2014). If your son was born between August 2002 and July 2004, please contact coach Rejano at: [emilio\\_re@yahoo.com](mailto:emilio_re@yahoo.com) or 973-809-1435 for more information.

**LACROSSE:** Registration for Kittatinny Youth Lacrosse Clubs 2014 spring season will be closing on Feb 15. Please visit our website at [www.kittatinnylax.com](http://www.kittatinnylax.com) for registration information. We will be having a parents meeting for all participants at the Hampton Senior Center at 7:00PM on the following dates: Girls Weds 2/12 and Boys 2/13. Registration, schedules, uniform ordering, general info and questions will be addressed. Please join us.



**COMMUNITY EVENTS**

**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](http://www.optical-academy.com) or call 800-530-2730.

**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](http://sussexcountymca.org) for more information.

**GIRL SCOUT TROOP 710 NEWS:** Last Friday, GS troop 710 visited the Sussex County Food Pantry. The girls filled bags with food to be distributed to those in need. We were saddened to see their nearly empty shelves. They are in great need of items such as crackers (packaged in sleeves), cereal and peanut butter, although they will accept any non-perishable food donation. They are located at 83 Spring St in Newton if you would like to assist in replenishing their shelves by making a donation.



**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:** Save the date...We are excited to announce that we will be having a Talent Show on Friday, April 4th, 2014 from 6:30-8:00PM! Practices are well underway but it is not too late to join, so bring us your acts! Our meetings are held Mondays & Wednesdays from 3:00-4:00PM. For more info please contact Justine Mahon at [pta2013recsec@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:christinemenkins@aol.com).

**TRICKY TRAY:** At this time no one has stepped forward to chair the Tricky Tray, therefore this event will be cancelled for this school year. Unfortunately this will result in a substantial financial loss.

**PTA CHAIRPEOPLE:** 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 administration. Please send all flyers to Wendy Kimble via email at [stillwaterptavp@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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:** Gertrude Hawk Sale- 3/5- 3/14, Book Swap- 3/7, Rollerskating- 3/14

**OUR NEXT PTA MEETING:** Wednesday, March 5th at 3:15PM. All are welcome and encouraged to attend!!!