

**POSITIVE THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:**  
**Read by: Ryan Smaletz**  
**“A smile is a curve that can hold a lot of things straight”.**  
**~Victor Borge**

**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 MESSAGES:**

**Due to the amount of snow days we have had recently, we will be extending the yearbook sale until February 28<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 NEWS: WE HAVE A WINNER!!**

**Congratulations Sylvia Atnip;** Stillwater School’s winner of the 2014 Yearbook Cover Design Contest. Thank you to all the 6<sup>th</sup> grade students for their outstanding efforts in creative design, especially our seven finalists: Danielle Choma, Hannah Reznik, Joyce Davis, Grace Maruska, Nicole Vassallo, Teagan Hennet, and **Emily Stanwick**, our runner-up!

**TREP\$:** Trep\$ is beginning next week for sixth graders interested in becoming young business owners! Every Wednesday after school, students will learn different fundamentals of business ownership. They will learn about marketing, pricing, advertising, budgets, and more to start a business. Please save April 16<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 -8:00 pm, to come to the Stillwater gym for the Market Place where students will be selling their products! Any questions may be directed to Mrs. Bickhardt and Miss Conry, the Trep\$ advisors.

**SIXTH GRADE NEWS:** Sixth grade Language Arts and Social Studies are mingling once again. Students are learning about the Holocaust while reading *The Devil’s Arithmetic* by Jane Yolen. In both classes, students are learning about tolerance, silent protests, other cultures and world leaders who stood up for the betterment of the world. Activities are also included to give students hands-on, real-life experiences.

**KINDERGARTEN NEWS:** Hip, Hip Hooray! Kindergarten celebrated the 100<sup>th</sup> day. Since the very first day, Kindergarten has been counting each day they have been in school and we have finally reached 100! Kindergarten classes celebrated by reading stories about the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school, counting to 100 by 1s, 5s and 10s and by making special 100<sup>th</sup> day headbands or hats. The children enjoyed making collections of 100 items at home and shared them with their friends at school. They also enjoyed sorting 10 different snacks into groups of 10 to make a total of 100 snacks! The children proudly wore the 100<sup>th</sup> day headbands and hats they created home on the bus. Counting to 100 is quite an accomplishment and is lots of fun too!

seams with stories about snowmen, snow forts, sledding and snow angels. The fun continues in the classroom as they sing and dance, along with stories about snow, Valentine’s Day and Presidents. If you are wondering where Buddy Bear (our class bear) has been, he is taking a long nap and is expected to wake up early spring to rejoin the class. Enjoy the winter activities!

**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)

**THIRD GRADE NEWS:** Third Graders have been as busy as bees! Third graders just completed the fractions unit. They learned how to use models and compare fractions, learned benchmark fractions, compared fractions on a number line, and found equivalent fractions. Students worked together to create a “Fraction Stew”. Students used fractions to create a creative and original recipe. Next, they wrote directions on how to create their recipe. Fraction stew pots can be seen outside the third grade classrooms. *Reminder:* Students have chosen their biographies. Materials have been sent home and the completed projects are due March 17<sup>th</sup>. We are excited to see all the creative projects and oral presentations! Remember to use the attached rubric while completing the project. The rubric is a tool that teachers use to assess the students’ work. The rubric is attached to the instructions, so the students can use it as a checklist as they complete their biography project.



**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!

**FIRST GRADE NEWS:** First Grade has been learning about the 2014 Winter Olympics in Sochi, Russia. The children learned about the different events taking place. They wrote about what they would do as an Olympian. The first grade children are working on graphing the medals won by various countries. Please stop by and see how the United States is doing at the Olympics.



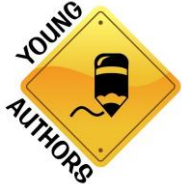
**6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE ACTIVITY NIGHT:** The last Activity Night of the school year is on Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup> at Kittatinny from 7pm-9pm. More information about the night as well as a permission slip was given out this week. If interested in going, please return your permission slip and money to the Health and P.E. teachers by Thursday, February 27<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to seeing all of you there! Mrs. Hayes, Mr. Reed, Ms. Radimer

**100<sup>th</sup> day of school!**

Classes are so bursting at the

**Congratulations** to Molly Strong, Megan Hurley, Jacob Buff and Carly Rigby, whose artwork has been selected to represent Stillwater School in the Sussex County AENJ Youth Art Month Exhibition! Their artwork, along with the work of students from other school districts in the county, will be on display at the SCAHC Gallery in Newton from March 13th – March 31<sup>st</sup>. An artist reception for participating students will be held at the gallery on March 28th from 6:00 – 7:00p.m. The AENJ Youth Art Month exhibit is designed to emphasize the value of art and art education for all children and to encourage public support for quality school art programs.

**Math-A-Thon: Please remember to return your money ASAP to Mrs. Knapp or Mrs. Smith. Thank you for helping the kids at St. Jude's.**



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:** Thank you for placing your orders with us this month! You may pick up your order on Tuesday, February 25th from 2:30 to 4pm. Questions, contact Cheryl Castner, 973-579-3182 or [ccastner@embarqmail.com](mailto:ccastner@embarqmail.com) **THANK YOU!!**

**COMMUNITY EVENTS**

**BASEBALL:** Spring Baseball sign-up sheets are due in soon. Extra sheets are available in the school office or on the Stillwater-Fredon Facebook page. The spring baseball clinics will start Tuesday February 18th and continue every Tuesday night thru March 11th. For more information or to register for the clinic contact Kyle Nelson at [kinelson@MetLife.com](mailto:kinelson@MetLife.com), or 973-271-2307 or Carmen Liuzza at [CL@Gruber.biz](mailto:CL@Gruber.biz) or 973-219-7843. Thanks you, Darren Menkins

**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.

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**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.

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**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!**

**VALENTINE'S SALE:** Many thanks to Helaine Humenik for chairing the Valentine's Sale this week! Even with all of the snow last week, she willingly adjusted her schedule so our kids could still participate in this fun event....it was truly appreciated!! Thank you also to Kristi Meng & LuAnne Wiedow for volunteering their time to help with this event as well!

**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 [stillwaterptacorsec@yahoo.com](mailto:stillwaterptacorsec@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!!