



POSITIVE THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:
 An original quote written & read by: **Jacob Torkildsen**
"Mistakes shape us into who we are".

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:

ABSENTEE CALLS: All absences must be reported directly to our dedicated attendance line: **973-383-3227**. Kindly keep this number handy. **DO NOT call the main school phone number or use the personal voice mail of our nurse, Maureen Beckman.** The nurse's voice mail should be used for health concerns other than attendance.

EARLY DISMISSAL: Early dismissal time is 12:40. There is no lunch served when there is an early dismissal. Please send your child in with a snack.

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: 3/11, 3/13, 3/25, 3/27, 4/1, 4/3, 4/8, 4/10, 4/15
HOMEWORK CLUB DATES: 3/12, 3/26, 4/2, 4/9, 4/16
(5TH & 6TH GRADE ONLY ON 4/30, 5/14 & 5/21)

SCHOOLCRAFT SPRING PORTRAITS:

Spring Portraits will be held on Tuesday, March 25th by Schoolcraft. Order forms will be sent home with students in early to middle of March. If you choose to have your child's photo taken, complete the order form and enclose payment. Have your child bring the order form/envelope to school on the day photos will be taken. If you have any questions, please call the main office.



ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL CORNER:

Happy Spring! My name is Mike Reinknecht, and I will be taking the place of Mr. Daniel Cullen as Assistant Principal for the remainder of the year through a shared service agreement with the Fredon Township Board of Education, where I currently serve as the Director of Special Services. I will be splitting my time in half between the two districts until the end of June, and am looking forward to meeting you as we head into the final part of the year. Previously, I served as the Director of Special Services and as Elementary Principal in Hackettstown. As a graduate of High Point, I grew up in Sussex County, and currently I reside in Morris County. As the parent of a 16 year old son and 14 year old daughter, I additionally bring the perspective of parent to my position here with you. I would like to invite you to stop by and introduce yourselves to me whenever you're in the building, and please know that I am here to support your children to the fullest extent possible. Please feel free to contact me by phone or by email (michael.reinknecht@stillwaterschool.net) any time that I can be of assistance or if you need to bring to my attention any issue that may affect your child(ren).

I'm looking forward to the arrival of spring, to meeting you all, and to working with your children.

~ Mr. Michael Reinknecht

ATTENTION 6TH GRADE PARENTS: Our next 6th grade recognition meeting will be Monday, March 10th @ 7pm @ Stillwater School. Please make every attempt to attend so you can find out what is happening with our year end party. Please contact Donna Fritsch @ 201-280-0627 or donnafritsch@gmail.com with any questions.

CONNECT WITH KINDNESS: Students showing good behavior and character are being recognized with "Connect with Kindness" awards. This week we would like to congratulate: **Megan Hurley, Abbie Ankrom, & Harley Schmidt**

TREP\$ NEWS: On Wednesday, March 5th, 27 sixth graders enjoyed their second workshop in the Trep\$ program. The workshop taught the students some very key financial terms. The students practiced calculating revenue, expenses, profit and loss. We discussed options for start-up funds and worked in teams to create a product and price it.

This year's Marketplace will be on Wednesday, April 16th at the Stillwater School Gym from 6:30 – 8:00. The event is free and open to the public. The entire community is invited to come and see what happens when you give children the creative outlet and responsibility that comes with starting a business venture. Your presence will make it even more special for these very talented sixth graders. **Our next meeting will be Wednesday, March 12th. Please remember your bus notes.**

FITNESS FOR THE AMERICAN RED CROSS EVENT!

When?: Friday, March 14th, During the student's lunch periods, speakers from the American Red Cross will talk to the students about how their support will make a difference.

Monday, March 17th – Friday, March 21st, The students may bring in a donation to the American Red Cross. Please have your child put the donation in the attached envelope and return to one of the Health and P.E. teachers.

Friday, March 21st, The Fitness for the American Red Cross Event will take place during periods 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, and 9.

Where?: Gym – A variety of fun fitness stations will be set up for the students to do during their gym period. Example of some stations include: Sit-ups, shuttle run, jump rope activities, fun with the Dyna bands + more.

Why?: To have fun while getting exercise and also to benefit the American Red Cross.

Parent help would be greatly appreciated!! If interested, please contact Mr. Reed, Mrs. Hayes, or Ms. Radimer ASAP. **(No younger siblings, please).** We are looking forward to a great event! Thank you in advance for your help and cooperation!

FAMILY MATH: Families taking the 3rd grade Family Math Class enjoyed the M&M, Create a Puzzle activity using geometric word vocabulary, Pentasquares and "How Close Can you Get" card game. Warm up activities included a Birthday graph, Box Math, bean salad word problems, a height activity, geoboards and clock activities. Congratulations to Carissa Roycroft who won the estimation jar of candy hearts. Joshua Cornman won the Cheez-it crackers estimation jar. We will meet again on Thursday evening of next week.

OPTICAL ACADEMY: On February 22nd, members of the Stillwater Education Association volunteered their time to host Optical Academy at the school. This event was highly successful and provided affordable eye exams and eyewear to over eighty county residents. Teachers were present to assist the public and provide refreshments. The Stillwater Education Association plans on making this an annual event, and looks forward to helping the community with the Optical Academy again next year. A special thank-you to Nick Carbonaro for helping with set up and take down of this event!

6TH Grade Recognition Party Fundraiser- The Stillwater School 6th grade Recognition Party Committee will be hosting an Applebee's Pancake Breakfast fundraiser on Saturday, April 19 2014 from 8am-10am at the Newton Applebee's. Tickets are \$10 each and may be purchased in advance or at the door. (in advance is preferred). Please contact Wendy Kimble for tickets or more information at 973-214-4643 or wak1016@centurylink.net. Please check out our Facebook page (Stillwater School 6th Grade Recognition Party) for updated information.

6th Grade Students and Parents- we will need volunteers to work at this event. Please contact Wendy if you would like to help.

6TH GRADE NEWS: Last week our 6th graders participated in a math contest sponsored by the New Jersey Mathematics League. As usual, our students performed extremely well. I am pleased to announce the names of our top-scoring students. First place was awarded to Andrew Makarevich for his score of 22. 2nd place went to Jacob Burke and Carson Throne for their scores of 21. Grace Maruska and Geneva Loff tied for 3rd place with their scores of 19. Other students who deserve recognition for their high scores are Jonathan Wiedow, Emily Stanwick, Patrick Janosch, Hunter Humenik, Josh Bizik, Taylor Van Gorden, and CJ Bickhardt. Congratulations to all!

THE FOLLOWING ARE NOT SCHOOL SPONSORED EVENTS

FUNDRAISERS

MARKET DAY: Dessert Days are here! Choose from 11 different desserts, including the new Strawberry Patch Cake. See Page 3 of the March Market Day flyer for details. **TWO NEW ITEMS:** Spaghetti Pie and Fish Sticks. **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 your May sale pick-up. If your online purchase is over \$90 (pre-tax), do not forget to input the Promo Code of MARBONUS at checkout to receive your FREE Munchables Combo Pack. Thank you for continuing to support this ongoing fundraiser! Questions, contact Cheryl Castner, 973-579-3182 or 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, or 973-271-2307 or Carmen Liuzza at CL@Gruber.biz or 973-219-7843. Thanks you, Darren Menkins

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 or 973-809-1435 for more information.

STILLWATER CLEAN-UP DAY 2014: All non-profit organizations, registrations are now being accepted for our Clean-Up day being held Saturday, April, 26th, with rain date of Sunday, April, 27th. They are available at town hall or please contact Donna Fritsch at 201-280-0627 or donnafritsch@gmail.com for more information.

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.

FAMILY THINK FEST: Come join us for a FREE community event for families of children in grades 2 – 4 on Wednesday, April 9th from 6:30 – 8:00PM at the Kittatinny Regional High School Library. Sample a variety of thinking games to spark curiosity, develop persistence, boost self-confidence, sharpen strategic thinking, investigate challenging puzzles, and have fun while learning. Discover new games – it is great FREE fun for the whole family! This FUN event is sponsored by Kittatinny 8th grade Kaleidoscope. Please contact Mrs. Ellen Kolonoski at ekolonos@krhs.net with any questions.

STILLWATER CLEAN UP DAY: Saturday, April 26—rain date Sunday, April 27. The Stillwater 6th grade Recognition Committee is looking for volunteers to help raise money for our students 6th grade party as well as clean up the beautiful town we live in. If you are interested in joining our team, please contact Wendy Kimble by April 1st at 973-214-4643 or wak1016@centurylink.net.

SPRING DANCE: Attention all 4th-6th graders from Fredon, Hampton, Sandyston, and Stillwater. There will be a Spring dance Friday, March 21st at Fredon School from 6pm-8pm, hosted by the Fredon 6th grade class. Pre-pay \$8.00 by Tuesday, March 18th, or \$10.00 at the door. Contact Julie Wilson 973*903*7781 or Christen Redden 973*903*1093 with any questions.

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!

FAMILY BOOK SWAP: Join us **TONIGHT- March 7th at 7:00PM** in the All Purpose Room. It is a wonderful evening of book sharing. A few special Stillwater Community members will share their favorite books, reading them aloud. Book swappers are encouraged to bring good books for swapping, wear their pajamas, and even bring something to snuggle during the story time. Milk and cookies will be provided as a part of the sharing. An R.S.V.P. is requested so we may place an accurate milk order. Thank you! Any questions please contact Danielle LoCascio at dl@locascio.com or 973-901-1110.

ROLLERSKATING: Please join us in the gym on **Friday, March 14th from 6:30-8:00PM**. All children are welcome. There are plenty of extra rollerskates/rollerblades in case you need them. Feel free to bring any extra skates you may not be using. All skaters are required to wear helmets and must be supervised by an adult. **This is not a DROP OFF event.** We all have a great time!!!! If you have any questions, please call Colleen Hurley at 973-600-0456. Thank you.

PARENTS NEEDED: 6- 8 parent volunteers are needed to help with an assembly program that will be held on **Thursday, March 20th**. Parents are needed to help set up and run small stations throughout the day (from approximately 10:45-3:00PM). The small group workshops are scheduled as follows: 11:30-12:15, 12:45 – 1:30, 1:30 – 2:15, and 2:15 – 3:00. Please contact Eileen Smith at eileen.smith@stillwaterschool.net if you are able to volunteer your time to help with this event.

TALENT SHOW: The Talent Show will be held on **Friday, April 4th from 6:30-8:00PM**. The students have been working very hard on their performances so please come out to support them! A surprise appearance will be made...come see who it is! All participants must have their music to Mrs. Mahon by Monday, March 10th. Dress rehearsal will be held Thursday, April 3rd from 3:00-4:30PM. Participants are to report to the cafeteria at 5:15PM on April 4th. Any questions, 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: 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 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 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!

MARCH'S EVENTS: Gertrude Hawk Sale- 3/5- 3/14, Book Swap- 3/7, Rollerskating- 3/14

OUR NEXT PTA MEETING: Wednesday, April 2nd at 7:00PM. All are welcome and encouraged to attend!!