



POSITIVE THOUGHT OF THE WEEK: "The Voice",

by Shel Silverstein

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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 EXTENSIVE USE OF SNOW DAYS, SCHOOL WILL BE IN SESSION ON FRIDAY, APRIL 18TH, WITH AN EARLY DISMISSAL AT 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: 3/25, 3/27, 4/1, 4/3, 4/8, 4/10, 4/15
HOMEWORK CLUB DATES: 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.*

POSITIVE THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

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There is a voice inside of you
 That whispers all day long,
 "I feel that this is right for me,
 I know that this is wrong."
 No teacher, preacher, parent, friend
 Or wise man can decide
 What's right for you-- just listen to
 The voice that speaks inside.

D.A.R.E: Once a week during a Social Studies period, fifth graders will be participating in Drug Abuse Resistance Education, D.A.R. E. lessons. Sheriff's Officer, Lew LaBar will be conducting these lessons. This is a ten week course in which students learn about the effects of drug, alcohol, and bullying, and techniques to avoid becoming involved in these. The program has recently been updated with the Elementary School Grade 5 book being called, Too Good for Drugs. The course has an in-class written essay portion in which three winners are selected, and a graduation at the completion of the activities.

SCHOOL COUNSELING CORNER: MARCH 20TH from 7pm – 8pm PARENT NIGHT FOR ASSET BUILDING TRAINING Come out for an hour of fun and learning. Training from the Center for Prevention and Counseling. March is SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER month. The National Association of Social Workers announced this year's theme -- "All People Matter."

6TH GRADE NEWS: The Center for Prevention and Counseling and Stillwater Municipal Alliance sponsored a Family fun Night for all sixth graders and their families on Tuesday, March 11th in our all-purpose room. The sixth graders were honored for their participation in the annual "What's Your Anti-Drug?" contest. They were given dinner from Frank's Pizza in Blairstown, certificates, pins, an interactive game for all participants, and gift cards for seventeen lucky winners. Thanks to all of the students and supportive parents who attended and made this night a success.

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 Halpin & Kaleb Ogar**

ST. JUDE'S MATH-A-THON: A great BIG thank you to all the students who participated in the St. Jude's Math-a-thon fundraiser. Together we raised \$3598.00 to help the children at St. Judes. An extra congratulations to Aiden Bello who raised \$705. GREAT JOB EVERYONE!

5TH GRADE LANGUAGE ARTS: Students have begun reading the book, *Maniac Magee*, by Jerry Spinelli. It is a novel about a run-away orphan searching for a place to call home. 5th grade students are excited to embark on a wild and crazy adventure with Jeffrey Lionel Magee. Jeffrey's nickname is "Maniac Magee" and students will soon find out why. Stop by the 5th grade hallway to see some of our illustrated predictions of the story. We aren't sure what to expect, but we do know there will be a Little League field, band shell, Finsterwald's house that no one wants to go to, and a knotted piece of string hanging on a flag pole at Cobble's Corner. What do these things mean? Well, we'll have to read the book to find out.

THE DISTRICT BAND AND DISTRICT CHORUS CONCERT IS HERE! Mrs. Hatch and Ms. Franck have been working with many 5th and 6th grade students so they can participate in the upcoming District concert. The students have been learning the same music as the other schools in our sending districts and after two combined rehearsals held at KRHS, the concert will be held in the KRHS auditorium tonight Friday, March 14th. The concert will begin at 7:30 p.m. and typically lasts under an hour. Everyone is invited to come and hear the Band and Chorus perform – you will be glad you did! We hope to see you there.

KINDERGARTEN TECHNOLOGY CLASS: The Kindergarten classes have been doing various projects based on the story, The Three Little Pigs. Mrs. Hatch read the story to each class while they looked at the pictures from the book on the ActivBoard. After the story was read, each student drew their favorite part of the story. To reinforce what the students had done in Technology, the next time each Kindergarten class had music, they learned a "rap" song about "The Three Little Pigs" that reinforced the music concept of high and low. To complete the 3 little pig theme, each student built a house out of straw, sticks (pretzel sticks) and bricks (Legos) and then watched (and squealed with delight!) as the wolf tried to "blow their house down!" Everyone seemed to have a fun time doing the activities during Technology as well as music class.

LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Time for a little spring organization! Volunteer to help organize shelves and put away books at the Stillwater School Library. If you are available on Tuesdays or Thursdays in the morning from 9:30-10:45 or in the afternoon from 1:30-2:45, please contact Miss Scheider to volunteer! Email keri.scheider@stillwaterschool.net.

Q: Why do people wear shamrocks on St. Patrick's Day?

A: Real rocks are too heavy!

Q: Why can't you iron a four-leaf clover?

A: Because you shouldn't press your luck!

Q: What do you call a fake stone in Ireland?

A: A sham-rock!

Q: Where can you always find gold?

A: In the dictionary!



THE FOLLOWING ARE NOT SCHOOL SPONSORED EVENTS

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.



Young Authors' Conference sponsored by the Northwest Jersey Reading Council is being held again this year! Mark the date on your calendars: Saturday, March 15th 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 1st. 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!

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

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 donnafrisch@gmail.com for more information.

SPRING SOCCER SIGN-UPS: It is not too late to send in your registrations for the Spring Season. We need a few more 3rd/4th grade players to complete a team. Registrations can be found on the Stillwater Rec. League website: www.stillwater-rec.org or you can contact Jessica Pappa at jesspappa@yahoo.com.

TRICKY TRAY AT KRHS: Kittatinny Regional High School Project Graduation Tricky Tray on March 28th at the Kittatinny High School. Doors open at 6pm. Please come out to support the class of 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.

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: ** A special thank you to Danielle LoCascio for chairing & running the Family Book Swap last week! Thank you also to Lisa Chamings & Cheryl Williver for being our guest readers! **

GERTRUDE HAWK CANDY SALE: The Gertrude Hawk Candy sale ends TODAY- March 14, 2014. Please send in order forms and 1 check for the total amount due, made out to Stillwater PTA. Also, please be sure your child's name is legible and provide a phone number in case I have a question about your order. Thank you for supporting our children. (Online ordering continues until April 11, 2014.) ~ Kristin Oldenburg 973-903-7028

ROLLERSKATING: Please join us in the gym TONIGHT- 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, Rollerskating- 3/14

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