



**POSITIVE THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:**  
 Read by: **Shane Nelson**  
 "St. Patrick's Day is an enchanted time... A day to begin transforming winter's dreams into summer's magic". ~Adrienne Cook

**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 18<sup>TH</sup>, 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 (5<sup>TH</sup> & 6<sup>TH</sup> 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.*

**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.

**3<sup>RD</sup> GRADE FAMILY MATH:** More fun-filled nights of Family Math have happened! Parents and children worked together doing a Hurtle game, a fraction activity, rainbow logic, and calculator paths. Congratulations to Mr. Schwartz and Amanda Chadwick who won the estimation jar of Teddy Grahams and pretzels. Our last class will be held Thursday, March 20th. 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Family Math graduation will occur!

**ART NEWS – STUDENT GALLERY @ THE BANK!**  
 Please stop by the Lakeland Bank in Stillwater to view student art work on display! Congratulations to the following students, their art work was chosen as a result of their outstanding efforts in the visual arts; Carly Ferrari, Shane Carman, Cassidy Hayes, Rachel Durso, Isabella Brannan, Siera Meng, Jude Swakopf, Aylia Mahon, Sylvia Atnip, Trent Molfetto, Emily Stanwick, Jackson Choma, & Delaney Campanella.

**PRESCHOOL NEWS:** The preschool class is busy rehearsing for their upcoming performance of, Giggle, Giggle, Quack, based on the beloved story written by Doreen Cronin, on April 2nd. The children are anxiously awaiting to shine on stage! Coming soon to our bulletin board are photos of our star performers. Stop by and take a look! Autographs will be available after the performances. Happy Spring!



**CONNECT WITH KINDNESS:** Students showing good behavior and character are being recognized with "Connect with Kindness" awards. This week we would like to congratulate: **Kaleb Ogar, Megan Halpin, Kinya Kajogo, and Megan Williver**

**TREP\$:** The sixth grade entrepreneurs learned about the magic of marketing at Wednesday's Trep\$ workshop. The students discussed the 4P's of marketing which are product, price, place and promotion. **This year's Marketplace will be held on Wednesday, April 16<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup>. **PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR BUS NOTES!**

**FIFTH GRADE NEWS:** On Monday, the fifth grade students had the pleasure of having Mr. and Mrs. Hanna come to their classrooms. The students learned about the Geography and musical instruments of Ireland. Mr. Hanna was born in Ireland and showed the students where he lived and shared personal stories of growing up in Ireland. Mrs. Hanna provided the students with delicious Irish Soda bread. The students really enjoyed listening to the Irish music as Mr. Hanna presented the students with pictures of the beautiful countryside of Ireland. A special thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Hanna for taking the time to come speak to the fifth grade students! We really appreciate their time.

**PEDOMETER "OPOLY" RESULTS:** The Pedometer "Opoly" Program is complete. The total number of combined steps from all of the classes that participated was 3,275,565! Mrs. Ciccolella's class was the overall winner as well as the 6<sup>th</sup> grade class winner with a total of 364,755 steps. The 5<sup>th</sup> grade class winner was Mrs. Celentano with a total of 303,231 steps. The 4<sup>th</sup> grade class winner was Ms. Paladini with a total of 300,471 steps. The 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class winner was Mrs. Swakopf with a total of 233,385 steps. Great job to all of the classes! Your efforts were phenomenal!! Remember to keep moving!!! ~ Mrs. Hayes, Mr. Reed and Ms. Radimer

**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](mailto:keri.scheider@stillwaterschool.net).

**KINDERGARTEN NEWS:** The kindergarten classes had so much fun this month! We began with rhyming words and Dr. Seuss books. We all celebrated his birthday and "Read Across America Day" by taking our favorite books into the hallway and reading with the entire school. We talked about weather, learned about different types of clouds and how a rainbow is made. Our classrooms are filled with lots of green and leprechauns. Addition, coins and measurement were reinforced in math. We are all watching for the signs of spring and looking forward to the nice warm weather!

Q: Why is the letter A like a flower?  
 A: A bee (B) comes after it!  
 Q: What flowers grow on faces?  
 A: Tulips (Two-lips)!  
 Q: Can February march?  
 A: No, but April may!  
 Q: When do monkeys fall from the sky?  
 A: During APE-ril showers



## THE FOLLOWING ARE NOT SCHOOL SPONSORED EVENTS

**6<sup>TH</sup> Grade Recognition Party Fundraiser-** The Stillwater School 6<sup>th</sup> 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, (advance is preferred). Please contact Wendy Kimble for tickets or more information at 973-214-4643 or [wak1016@centurylink.net](mailto:wak1016@centurylink.net). Please check out our Facebook page (Stillwater School 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Recognition Party) for updated information.

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

## 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](mailto:ccastner@embarqmail.com) **THANK YOU!!**

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

**TRAVEL SOCCER:** North Warren Alliance U11 Boys Travel Soccer Team seeks players for the spring season (2014). If your son was born between 8/2002 and 7/2004, please contact coach Rejano at: [emilio\\_re@yahoo.com](mailto:emilio_re@yahoo.com) or 973-809-1435. U9 teams also forming for boys born between 8/2004 – 7/2005! Contact: Dawn Benincasa at 973-399-4703.

**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](mailto:donnafritsch@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](http://www.stillwater-rec.org) or you can contact Jessica Pappa at [jesspappa@yahoo.com](mailto:jesspappa@yahoo.com).

**HEALTHY KIDS DAY:** Fairview Lake YMCA camp will be offering a variety of activities that promote healthy living on Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup> from 1:00pm-4:00pm at Fairview Lake YMCA Camp, 1035 Fairview Lake Road in Stillwater. This free event is for families both young and old! Contact Matt Lifschultz for more details – 973-383-9282.

**THE GREAT EASTER EGG HUNT:** The Easter Bunny will be making an appearance at the Fairview Lake YMCA Camp on Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup> from 1:00pm-4:00pm at 1035 Fairview Lake Road in Stillwater! Egg Hunt Times are: Prek-2<sup>nd</sup> grade at 2:00pm, 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade at 2:30pm, and 7<sup>th</sup> grade at 3:00pm. The cost is \$10.00 per family. Contact Matt Lifschultz for more details – 973-383-9282.

**FRIENDLY'S NIGHT:** April 9th 6pm - 9pm. Come celebrate Spring and support a great group of teens who are raising money to go on a Mission Trip to Lowell, Massachusetts. St. Joseph's Parish in Newton is sending a group of area teens (from Stillwater, Fredon, Newton, Hampton, Lafayette, Andover and Green) to work with Catholic Heart Work Camp to help residents-in-need with home repairs, as well as repairs on their schools and community centers. All money raised will pay for their travel expenses and accommodations. Please come out to Dine at Friendly's to support this special group of young adults. There will be raffles too!

## STILLWATER PTA

**ROLLERSKATING:** *\*\*A special thank you to Colleen Hurley for hosting the Roller-skating events this school year!! We appreciate her commitment to these fun nights for our children. Thank you also to Nick for his help as well!\*\**

**GERTRUDE HAWK CANDY SALE:** The Gertrude Hawk Candy Sale (book orders) has now ended. Online ordering continues until April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Stay tuned for pick up dates. Thank you for supporting our children. ~ Kristin Oldenburg 973-903-7028

**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 10<sup>th</sup>. Dress rehearsal will be held Thursday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> from 3:00-4:30PM. Participants are to report to the cafeteria at 5:15PM on April 4<sup>th</sup>. Any questions, 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).

**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 [aconnelly@outlook.com](mailto:aconnelly@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!

**APRIL'S EVENTS:** 4/11- Family Movie Night

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

