



POSITIVE THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:
 Read by: **Abby Schwartz**
“A smile is a curve that can set 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 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: 4/1, 4/3, 4/8, 4/10, 4/15
HOMEWORK CLUB DATES: 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.*

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.

4TH GRADE NEWS: Students have recently completed a language arts unit. Students read a book and worked independently or in small groups on a variety of follow up activities. Students learned to pace themselves, stay on task, and ask for help on parts that were challenging. All students reached the goals that were set for them! Book reports are on display in the fourth grade hallway.

SOME CLASSROOM FUN: Spelling Games – Archeological Dig, Bingo * **Reading Follow up** – Dioramas, Board Games, Drawing ***Idiom Activity** – Memory Game ***Tech Lab** – Saving Water Reports, Typing Practice ***Comprehension Skills** – Inferring, Summarizing, Compare/Contrast ***Vocabulary** – Letter Mix Up, Compound Words.



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!



FAMILY MATH: The last class of 3rd grade Family Math was held Thursday night. Activities enjoyed by all were the "Save Twenty" game and "NIM". The estimation jar was won by Carissa Roycroft. We look forward to another Family Math class next year! Ms. Grau and Miss Johnson

CONNECT WITH KINDNESS: Students showing good behavior and character are being recognized with "Connect with Kindness" awards. This week we would like to congratulate: **Nick Volpe**

TREP\$: The sixth grade entrepreneurs learned about advertising at their Trep\$ workshop on Wednesday. The students realized the importance of publicity and advertising. They looked at various business advertisements noticing the slogans, headlines, logos and graphics. Each student worked on creating their own advertisement for their business. Look for these advertisements on the bulletin board in the All Purpose Room next week. A fun part of the workshop was the AD-venture challenge. The groups created an advertisement and jingle about a product. This year's Marketplace is on Wednesday, April 16th from 6:30 – 8:30 at the Stillwater School Gym. 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. Cash only! **Our next meeting is April 2nd. Please remember your bus notes.**

VOLLEYBALL CLUB NEWS: We have had three weeks of volleyball club and the students are having a great time. Over the last three weeks we have seen skills improve and the games are becoming competitive and close. The four teams have been doing a great job and their records are in the gym on their team posters hanging up! We are excited for the next three weeks of games and the last day where students will get to play the faculty!

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.

FITNESS FOR THE AMERICAN RED CROSS EVENT: The event was a big success! The students had an opportunity to participate in a variety of fitness stations and had a blast! They worked really hard and got a ton of exercise! Thank you for all of the very generous donations to the American Red Cross! We raised a total of **\$425.10!** All of that money will go towards helping people in need! Nice job! **Thank you to all of the parents that helped out with the event! We really appreciate it! Thank you to the staff for all of your donations and for your participation with the stations! You all did a great job!** Mrs. Hayes, Mr. Reed, Miss. Radimer

5TH GRADE NEWS: Grade five and six students have once again been involved with work on Social Studies activities using laptops. Grade five created facebook pages for the framers of our US Constitution. Yes, that is spelled correctly as it is a template of what facebook looks like, but is not online as children of this age are not allowed on the social network. This template lists biographical information as well as pictures of the framer.

6TH GRADE NEWS: Grade six students had a closed debate on their laptops about which ancient Chinese dynasty was the best. The students enjoyed defending their dynasty with research and well thought out facts.

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, (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.

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 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 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 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.

HEALTHY KIDS DAY: Fairview Lake YMCA camp will be offering a variety of activities that promote healthy living on Sunday, April 13th 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 5th from 1:00pm-4:00pm at 1035 Fairview Lake Road in Stillwater! Egg Hunt Times are: Prek-2nd grade at 2:00pm, 3rd – 6th grade at 2:30pm, and 7th 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

TALENT SHOW: The Talent Show will be held next 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! 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.

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT: Please join us on Friday, April 11th from 6:30-8:00PM for a fun Family Movie Night! Movie title TBA soon. For questions, please contact Amanda Connelly at aeconnelly@outlook.com.

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

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.

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 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.

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!

COMMUNITY EVENTS

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.

SPECIAL PARENT'S NIGHT OUT EVENT: Special Parent's Night Out on Saturday, May 17th from 5:00pm – 9:00pm, sponsored by The Church of The Hills Rt. 206, Far Hills, NJ. Your Special Needs child (and their siblings) will be cared for and entertained by loving, qualified volunteers from local Special Needs Schools and Hospitals, while you take in a **COMPLIMENTARY** dinner for two at one of the local area participating restaurants! RSVP by Friday, May 9th by calling 908-719-9200 x. 232 or by email at SPNO.RSVP@gmail.com. Visit www.special-parents.org for further information on this incredible event!

BEEFSTEAK DINNER: Kittatinny Cougar Athletic Association will be hosting a beefsteak dinner on April 4, 2014 at 7:00pm at the Fredon Rec Center on Route 94. "All you can eat" catered by The Brownstone. Music by Snake Oil Willy Band! Tickets are \$40.00 per person. **To purchase tickets, please contact Joe Fitzpatrick at: 973-579-6424.**

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 support the class of 2014!

STILLWATER RECREATION ANNOUNCEMENT: The Stillwater Recreation League is currently seeking individuals interested in joining our Board. We currently have an opening for President of the Board. Any interested parties should contact Kevin Hanna at 973-300-4943.

SPRING RUNNING BEARS: Spring Running Bears will begin on Tuesday, April 1st. We will meet every Tuesday until June at Lodestar Park, in Fredon, at the pavilion from 4:30 to 5:30. Practices consist of warm ups, a group run, discussion of some aspect of the sport and relays. The program is open to kids in grades 1 - 6. (We request that parents of younger kids --grade 1 --please run with them or supervise.) Registration is \$15. Please contact Coach Laurie Gordon if you would like an application and/or to reserve your child's space. LaurieGordonRun@aol.com, call/text 973-271-6624.