



POSITIVE THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:
 Read by: Mrs. Ruth Najemian
 "You are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think." ~A.A. Milne

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 MESSAGE:
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!



- **STUDENT/FACULTY VOLLEYBALL GAME: 4/10 - 4:15PM**
 - **REPORT CARDS SENT HOME: 4/14**
 - **AFTER SCHOOL LEARNING CENTER DATES: 4/8, 4/10, 4/15**
 - **HOMEWORK CLUB DATES: 4/9, 4/16 (5TH & 6TH GRADE ONLY ON 4/30, 5/14 & 5/21)**
 - **4TH GRADE ART ENRICHMENT DATES: 4/8, 4/10, 4/15, 4/17, 4/22, 4/24, 4/29, 5/1, 5/6, 5/8**
- FIELD TRIPS:**
- **2ND GRADE TRIP TO CRAYOLA FACTORY: 4/16**
 - **1ST GRADE TRIP TO SUESSICAL: 4/30**
 - **6TH GRADE MOVE UP DAY AT KRHS: 5/16**
 - **KINDERGARTEN TRIP TO SHRINER'S CIRCUS: 5/16**
 - **3RD GRADE TRIP TO FRANKLIN MINERAL MUSEUM: 5/22**
 - **PRESCHOOL TRIP TO LAND OF MAKE BELIEVE: 6/10**

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.



3rd GRADE NEWS: Language Arts/Science - Students have completed an integrated Science/Language Arts unit on Matter, learning about the properties of solids, liquids, and gases. Some of the highlights of this unit were our experiments with matter and the children's creation of "Matter Menus" –

restaurant menus, which included selections of solids, liquids, and gases (instead of breakfast, lunch and dinner)! In addition to creating their menus, the children wrote persuasive paragraphs encouraging customers to come to their "Matter Café" and made suggestions of delicious "Matter Meals". Third grade students have now begun another unit entitled "Earth's Changes". Included in this unit will be the Earth's layers, erosion, volcanoes, earthquakes and hurricanes. It was very exciting for the students to create their own volcanoes out of paper Mache and watch them erupt (with baking soda and vinegar)!



CONNECT WITH KINDNESS: Students showing good behavior and character are being recognized with "Connect with Kindness" awards. This week we would like to congratulate: **Milla Hornung, Summer Andrejack, Andrew Sylvester, Jordan Smith, Arin Goriscak, Madison Franek, and Bradley Kearney**

TREPS: The sixth grade entrepreneurs learned about successful sales pitches at their 5th workshop on Wednesday. The students discussed the importance of greeting their customer, introducing their product, listening to the customer, and pitching their product. Students are busy getting ready for the Marketplace. This year's **Marketplace will be on Wednesday, April 16th from 6:30 – 8:00 at the Stillwater School Gym.** Cash Only! Please come and support these amazing sixth graders!



VOLLEYBALL CLUB NEWS: We have had several weeks of volleyball club and the students are having a great time. Over the last few 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 few games and on Thursday, April 10th 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.



STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS: The Student Council is having a pet food drive on April 7th through the 18th. We are asking for donations of dog and cat food. You may place these items in the yellow crate outside the main office. The student council members have chosen to help Father John's Animal Shelter. Please help us feed the hungry little animals. By Kurt Kimble and Izzie Vazquez

Q. What belongs to you but is used more by others?
 A. Your name.

Q. Everyone has it and no one can lose it, what is it?
 A. A shadow.

Q. It's been around for millions of years, but it's no more than a month old. What is it?
 A. The moon.

Q. What gets wetter as it dries?
 A. A towel.

Now That's Funny!



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: April Market Day flyers have been sent out. NEW THIS MONTH: Vegetable Orzo Blend, Honey BBQ Chicken Wings, and Soft Pretzel Breadsticks. All \$40 (pre-tax) orders this month will receive a FREE sample of California Vegetable Blend. All \$90 (pre-tax) orders this month will receive a FREE sample of Chicken Gems when you input the Promo Code APRBONUS at checkout. 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 a FREE Storage Basket at your May sale pick-up. All paper orders are due back to school by Thursday, April 17th. All internet orders must be input by 11 pm on Wednesday, April 23rd. Question, contact Cheryl Castner, ccastner@embarqmail.com or 973-579-3182. 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.



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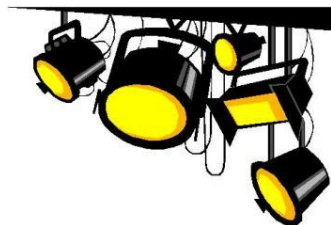
FAMILY THINK FEST: Come join us for a FREE community event for families of children in grades 2 – 4 on Wednesday, April 9th from 6:30 – 8:00PM at the Kittatinny Regional High School Library. Sample a variety of thinking games to spark curiosity, develop persistence, boost self-confidence, sharpen strategic 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!

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.

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!



**TALENT SHOW
TONIGHT!
6:30 - 8:00PM**

STILLWATER PTA

The Talent Show will be held TONIGHT- 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! We hope to see you there! Any questions, please contact Justine Mahon at pta2013recsec@gmail.com.

GERTRUDE HAWK CANDY SALE: The Gertrude Hawk candy orders will be delivered to the school next **Tuesday, April 8th**. Pick up will be available after school on the 8th. Online orders will continue until April 11th. Our group number is 119141. www.gertrudehawkchocolates.com. Click on FUNDRAISING. Any questions, call Kristin Oldenburg at 973-903-7028. Thank you for supporting our children!

****Many thanks to Kristin Oldenburg for organizing this great fundraiser!****

BOOK IT!: March was the last month to earn a free pizza. If you need a book log, please pick one up in the office or send in your list to the PTA mailbox. Don't forget to supply a name and homeroom teacher. Any questions can be sent to Chrissy Menkins at christinemenkins@aol.com.

****A special thank you to Chrissy Menkins for running the book-it program this year!****

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT: Please join us next **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.

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!

APRIL'S EVENTS: 4/4- Talent Show, 4/11- Family Movie Night

OUR NEXT PTA MEETING: Wednesday, May 7th at 3:15PM. All are welcome and encouraged to attend!