



POSITIVE THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

Read by: Mrs. Ruth Najemian
 "Joy is what happens to us when we allow ourselves to recognize how good things really are."
 ~Marianne Williamson

IMPORTANT REMINDER: ALL VISITORS TO STILLWATER SCHOOL MUST SIGN IN AT THE MAIN OFFICE UPON ARRIVAL AND SIGN OUT WHEN LEAVING.

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!

ATTIRE: Shorts which are appropriate in style & wear may be worn upon return from Spring Recess. Flip flops are considered beach wear and are not to be worn to school for safety reasons.



SPRING RECESS: 4/21 – 4/25. SCHOOL RESUMES: 4/28

- **HOMEWORK CLUB DATES FOR 5TH & 6TH GRADE ONLY:** 4/30, 5/14 & 5/21
- **4TH GRADE ART ENRICHMENT DATES:** 4/22, 4/24, 4/29, 5/1, 5/6, 5/8, 5/13, & 5/15

FIELD TRIPS:

- **1ST GRADE TRIP TO SUESSICAL:** 4/30
- **6TH GRADE MOVE UP DAY AT KRHS:** 5/16
- **KINDERGARTEN TRIP TO SHRINER'S CIRCUS:** 5/16
- **5TH GRADE TRIP TO LIBERTY SCIENCE CENTER:** 5/16
- **3RD GRADE TRIP TO FRANKLIN MINERAL MUSEUM:** 5/22
- **6TH GRADE SCHEDULING W/KRHS:** 5/23
- **4TH GRADE DROWN PROOFING:** 6/2 – 6/6
- **PRESCHOOL TRIP TO LAND OF MAKE BELIEVE:** 6/10
- **6TH GRADE TRIP TO CAMP NEJEDA:** 6/11
- **FIELD DAY:** 6/13

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION: If your child will be 3 or 4 years old on or before October 1, 2014, you may register him/her for preschool for the 2014/2015 school year. Please call Mrs. Eileen Theys at 973-383-3998 to have a registration packet mailed to you, or you may pick one up at the school office. To guarantee enrollment for your child, the completed registration packet must be returned to Stillwater Township School as soon as possible as there are a limited number of spaces available.

JUNIOR SOLAR SPRINTS: Congratulations to the following three teams representing Stillwater School at the Junior Solar Sprints county race at Kittatinny Regional High School on May 13th. They are: Carly Rigby and Rachel Durso with their car, *Lechar*, Kurt Kimble and Robbie Nodarse with their car, *Falcon*, and Josh Bizik and CJ Bickhardt with their car *Fancy Man's Hot Rod*.

SIXTH GRADE NEWS: Grade 6 students have completed their unit of study about ancient Greece. A culminating activity included a dress-up as a god or goddess and a presentation of a persuasive speech that was recorded on lap tops. All students participated with wonderful costumes, and enjoyed the experience of seeing themselves speak on the laptop.

CONNECT WITH KINDNESS: Students showing good behavior and character are being recognized with "Connect with Kindness" awards. This week we would like to congratulate: **Keith Blessing, Saffron Bessler, Liam McPeek, Frank Beckert, Ethan Dalling**

TREP\$ MARKETPLACE: A special thank you to all those who attended the Trep\$ Marketplace on Wednesday night. The sixth grade entrepreneurs really appreciated all the support as they showcased their products and business sense. All those attended agreed that the products were unique and creative. Congratulations to these talented sixth graders on such a successful night. We are very proud of their hard work and have enjoyed working with these great kids. Congratulations on a job well done! Miss Conry and Mrs. Bickhardt



VOLLEYBALL CLUB: Volleyball club has come to an end. Students had a wonderful time! Our last meeting had several staff members come and join us and play on the teams with the students. The games were very well played! Thank you to: Miss Cashin, Mrs. Bickhardt, and Mrs. Di Rienzo for joining us and playing with us!

- Q. What season is it when you are on a trampoline?
A. Spring-time!
- Q. When do monkeys fall from the sky?
A. During Ape-ril showers!
- Q. Can February March?
A. No, but April May!
- Q. What flowers grow on faces?
A. Tulips (Two-lips)!
- Q. Why is the letter A like a flower?
A. A bee (B) comes after it!



A rooster laid an egg on a barn roof. Which way would it roll? **(Roosters don't lay eggs, hens do!)**

FOURTH GRADE NEWS: Fourth grade Social Studies students took part in an Invention Convention this week. Developments and growth in NJ brought us to a discussion of inventions and especially, Thomas Edison. Students developed inventions geared to helping make their lives easier. Inventions included recipes, remote finders, household cleaning aids, dog biscuit dispensers and a multitude of other great ideas. Perhaps we have another great inventor in our class!

RECYCLING NEWS: Earlier this year, Stillwater School participated in the Recycle Bowl Competition. Although our school did not win, we are so proud of the support from the students and staff. A special thanks goes out to our 5th grade Green Team for collecting our recycling every week and Gary Post, our custodian, for keeping track of our recycling materials. We recently received a letter of thanks from the Carton Council of North America for submitting our carton collection amounts during the competition. We are one of eleven schools in the country who participated in the Recycle Bowl that recycles cartons and juice boxes. Thank you to everyone who recycles in our school and at home. Remember that you can now recycle your milk cartons and juice boxes at home and include them in your co-mingled items. **Keep on recycling!**

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

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.

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.

COLLABORATIVE PROBLEM SOLVING WORKSHOP: "Is There a Challenging Kid in Your Life?" - Presented by the Sussex County Mental Health Board on Wed., May 7th from 7:00pm – 9:00pm, at the SCCC Student Theater, Bldg. D in Newton. Speaker Alicia Stevenson, a certified CPS Mentor, will present methods of behavioral intervention for challenging children and teens. This presentation is a must see for parents, mental health professionals, law enforcement, and educators. Registration is free. For further information, please call 973-940-3194.

PARENT ACADEMY: Cynthia Randina, Hopatcong Superintendent, would like to extend an invitation to a Parent Academy event being held on April 30, 2014 at 6:30pm in the Hopatcong HS Auditorium. This event is for all parents who want more information on how the Common Core State Standards will impact their children's education. Please RSVP to Gina Cinotti, Director of Guidance, at 973-770-8863, or gcinotti@hopatcongschools.org.

STILLWATER SOCCER SPIRIT WEAR SALE: Show your Stillwater Soccer Spirit by purchasing a T-shirt/Sweatshirt from our online store at http://1800tshirts.com/stillwater_soccer/Products. Orders are being taken now thru April 25th. If you have any questions please contact Jessica Pappa at jesspappa@yahoo.com



COMMUNITY EVENTS

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!

KITTATINNY BARRACUDAS: Looking for something fun to do this summer that is great exercise and a fun way to spend time with friends? How about joining us for summer 2014! The Kittatiny Barracudas is a *competitive* summer swim team that swims at Kittatiny H.S. We have morning or evening practices and the season runs from the middle of June through the end of July. Meets will be at pools & lakes in Sussex County. **In-Person Registration Night- for New Swimmers - Monday, May 5th** @ Kittatiny Regional H.S. from 6:30 – 8:30pm. Schedule is as follows:

6:30-7:15 Cafeteria- Informational meeting for new swimming families
7:00-8:30 Pool/Pool Lobby-Tryouts, Registration, Team suits, Clothing.
For additional information, please visit our website at <http://www.barracudasswimteam.org>

MOTHER'S MARKET: May 3rd, 2014 from 9:00am – 1:00pm at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel 203 Newton Swartswood Rd. Swartswood. Come browse our varied assortment of gently used baby and children's items, as well as maternity clothes, books and toys. If you are interested in renting a table, please email Jessica Vollero at olmcmothersmarket@hotmail.com

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.**



STILLWATER PTA

****A HUGE thank you to Justine Mahon & Cheryl Williver for bringing this event back! The countless hours they devoted was much appreciated. Thank you to Mrs. Hatch, Miss Franck, Janet Halpin, Brittany & Casey Smith, Mrs. Then, Mrs. Celentano, Mrs. Grodsky, & Mrs. Sager for all of their help as well! Thank you to Shawn Burke, Mike Schmidt, & Nick Carbonaro for their tremendous help with set up & clean up that night!****

MOTHER'S DAY FLOWER SALE: This sale will be held May 8th and May 9th during school hours. Hilary Manser is looking for helping hands to mind the store on both days. It's a great opportunity to help the kids pick out a flower for their mothers. Please contact her ASAP at 973-534-1922 to sign up for any time slot. Any time that you can volunteer would be a big help.

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!

NEXT MONTH'S EVENTS: 5/8-5/9- Mother's Day Flower Sale

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