



**POSITIVE QUOTE OF THE WEEK:**  
 Read by: Mrs. Ruth Najemian  
 "COURAGE is not being afraid to ask for help!"  
 ~ Anonymous

**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**

**ABSENTEE CALLS:** All absences must be reported directly to our dedicated attendance line: **973-383-3227**. Kindly keep this number handy. **DO NOT** call the main school phone number or use the personal voice mail of our nurse, Maureen Beckman. The nurse's voice mail should be used for health concerns other than attendance.

**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!



- **HOMEWORK CLUB - 5<sup>TH</sup> & 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE ONLY: 5/14**
- **NATURE CLUB DATES: 5/15, 5/22, 5/29, 6/5, 6/12**
- **4<sup>TH</sup> GRADE ART ENRICHMENT DATES: 5/13, & 5/15**
- **SPRING CONCERT: 5/20 - 7:00PM**
- **6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE SCHEDULING W/ KRHS: 5/23**
- **CULTURAL ARTS NIGHT: MAY 30<sup>TH</sup> 7:00-9:00PM**
- **FIELD DAY: 6/12, RAIN DATE 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:** This week, the Junior Solar Sprints racers created their brochures that accompany their cars to the county race. They can win prizes for having the best brochure so our creative teams put their best efforts into them! The students are excited to tweak their cars and race against other students in the county at Kittatinny Regional High School on May 13<sup>th</sup>. Wish them luck!  
 Mr. Iradi and Miss Conry

**CONNECT WITH KINDNESS:** Students showing good behavior and character are being recognized with "Connect with Kindness" awards. This week we would like to congratulate: **Clara Steffens, Keith Blessing.**



A very special Thank You to the Stillwater Board of Education for hosting a delicious breakfast on Tuesday in honor of Teacher Appreciation Week, and to those Board members who dedicated their time to preparing a delicious feast for the staff. Thank you so much! Your continued support and encouragement truly make Stillwater School a great place to learn, and work!



**SPRING CONCERT:**

The students are getting excited since the concert is a little over a week away. The third graders, sixth graders, Handbell Ensemble and both Beginning and Advanced

Bands will be performing music in the concert. Please come to support all the hard working students in the Spring Concert. It takes place on Tuesday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

**FOURTH GRADE NEWS:** Every year Social Studies students in 4<sup>th</sup> grade participate in the Sussex County Poster Contest. It is sponsored by the Constitutional Officers Association of New Jersey. The posters depict what each student feels is unique about Sussex County. This year our school had the first place winner. Shannon Blide, as the winner, will have her poster on display at the NJ State Fair, receive tickets to the fair and a Kindle Fire. **Congratulations Shannon!!**



¡Hola! This week students celebrated *Cinco de Mayo* here at school, on Monday, May 5<sup>th</sup>!

Here is some information to let you know what the children have been learning and working on in *la clase de español*:

\*All students learned about the history of this holiday and why it is important to Mexican people. They also learned how people celebrate Cinco de Mayo in the United States.

\*4<sup>th</sup> Grade students made "*papel picado*" – tissue paper decorations that were displayed in the cafeteria during our celebration.

\*5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade students created "*El Mercado Mexicano*" – the Mexican Marketplace which was displayed on the back table in the cafeteria during all of the lunch periods on Monday. Students were invited to walk around the display to see traditional Mexican pottery, weaving, paper flowers, dolls, and fruits & vegetables.

\**Mariachi* music was playing throughout the cafeteria during all lunch periods for the students to enjoy!

\*The cafeteria staff served a Mexican hot lunch - chicken and cheese quesadillas, fiesta corn and churros. It was also lucky sticker day!

¡Feliz Cinco de Mayo a todos! ~ Señora Makarevich



On Wednesday, the staff at Stillwater School enjoyed an incredible luncheon so generously provided by you, our parents and PTA, in

honor of Teacher Appreciation Week! We cannot thank you enough for all the hard work that went into creating the incredible treats which we thoroughly enjoyed, and the massive set-up and clean-up effort. We all truly appreciate your lovely, kind, and thoughtful gesture! Thank You!

If you have been a resident of Stillwater Township for more than one year and are interested in becoming a school board member, now is the time to obtain the Nominating Petitions and School Board Candidate Kit from the County Clerks website, or the board of education office. There are three positions open, each for a three year term. Petitions must be completed and returned to the Sussex County Clerk's Office by July 28, 2014 by 4:00 p.m. The School Board Election is held with the General Election on November 4, 2014. Please contact René Solar at (973) 383-8954 or [rene.solar@stillwaterschool.net](mailto:rene.solar@stillwaterschool.net) if you have any questions.

**Spring Cleaning?** We are excited to be expanding our preschool program for the 2014-2015 school year and are in need of a few items to help fill our new classroom. Do you have any gently used toys that your children have outgrown? We would love to give your items a new home and a chance for other children to enjoy them! We are looking for the following: ~pretend play items (dolls, dress up, large trucks, etc.), ~wooden puzzles, ~blocks, ~water/sand table, ~children's books, ~children's sized furniture (small table & chair set for kitchen area, small lounge or couch for reading area), ~instruments, music cd's. Please contact Christine Pagano by email: [Christine.pagano@stillwaterschool.net](mailto:Christine.pagano@stillwaterschool.net). Thank you in advance for your generosity!

#### THE FOLLOWING ARE NOT SCHOOL SPONSORED EVENTS

### FUNDRAISERS

**MARKET DAY:** The Market Day flyers for May have been distributed. All paper orders are due back to school by Monday, May 19th. The cutoff to input your orders online is 11 pm on Wednesday, May 21st. The sale pick-up date is Tuesday, May 27th from 2:30 to 4 pm. **NEW ITEMS:** Market Day is offering two new items this month: Turkey Burritos and Petite Filet Mignon. **FREEQUENT BUYERS:** If you placed two orders of \$40 (pre-tax) during the months of February, March and April, do not forget to place another \$40 (pre-tax) order this month to receive your FREE Storage Basket when you pick up your order! **ALSO FREE THIS MONTH:** If your order totals \$40 (pre-tax), you will receive a FREE Micro Fiber Drying Mat (14"w x 21"h). If you input your order online, and it totals \$90 (pre-tax), do not forget to input the code MAYBONUS at checkout to receive your FREE 4-Pack of Cheesecake Pops. Questions, contact Cheryl Castner, 973-579-3182 or [ccastner@embarqmail.com](mailto:ccastner@embarqmail.com)

### COMMUNITY EVENTS

**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.

#### STILLWATER TOWNSHIP'S MEMORIAL DAY

**OBSERVANCES:** Please join your neighbors this Memorial Day on Monday May 26 at 10:00am to honor and remember all those who have served our country to ensure our rights and liberties as Americans. The observance will take place at the Stillwater Presbyterian Church on Main Street in Stillwater, where an Ecumenical service will take place. It will be followed by a wreath placing ceremony at Veterans Memorial Park on Pond Brook Road. All veterans are encouraged to participate. If you have any questions please call 579 6402.

**LADIES NIGHT OUT:** Friday, June 6<sup>th</sup> from 7pm-10pm at the Sussex County Fairgrounds 4-H Shotwell Building - Augusta, NJ. Vendors, Food, Silent Auction, and Ladies Night FUN. All proceeds to support our 4-H clubs. Please contact 973-459-8679 for [bunniesbuddies@yahoo.com](mailto:bunniesbuddies@yahoo.com) for further information.

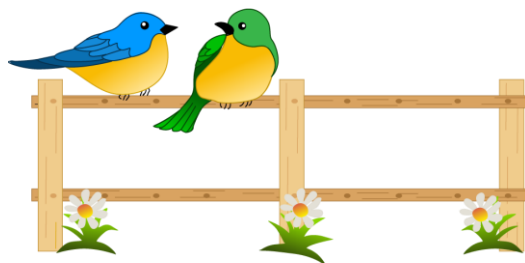


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**SPECIAL PARENT'S NIGHT OUT EVENT:** Special Parent's Night Out on Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup> from 5:00pm – 9:00pm, sponsored by The Church of The Hills Rt. 206, Far Hills, NJ. Your Special Needs child (and their siblings) will be cared for and 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 9<sup>th</sup> by calling 908-719-9200 x. 232 or by email at [SPNO.RSVP@gmail.com](mailto:SPNO.RSVP@gmail.com). Visit [www.special-parents.org](http://www.special-parents.org) for further information on this incredible event!

**COMPETITION CHEERLEADING:** Kittatinny Midget Football League (KMFL) 2014 Competition Cheerleading try outs will be held May 28, 29, & 30<sup>th</sup> from 6pm-8pm at the Marion E. McKeown School. All students in grades 3-8<sup>th</sup> as of September 2014 are eligible. All those wanting to tryout will need to attend all 3 days. A short dance and cheer will be taught during the first two days. On the 30<sup>th</sup>, the girls will tryout by performing the cheer and dance for the judges. Parents must sign tryout consent forms and attend a parents meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup>. For more information please contact: Joni Torppey KMFL Cheerleading Director @ [Jtorppey@embarqmail.com](mailto:Jtorppey@embarqmail.com)

**COUNTRY CONCERT: Up and coming sensation Buddy Brown** will be performing a country concert at Kittatinny Regional High School on May 16, 2014 at 7pm. New Jersey's own **Madeline Smith** will be opening. General Admission is \$20.00 and VIP Admission is \$35.00 which includes a meet & greet at 6pm, VIP seating, and a copy of Buddy's newest album. For tickets go to: <http://www.uncommongrape.com/concert.html> or for more info contact Christy at: [christy111286@yahoo.com](mailto:christy111286@yahoo.com) or call 973-948-6603. All proceeds will benefit **Autism Speaks: Greater Morris Area Team Miller**.



Q: What did the mother broom say to the baby broom?  
A: It's time to go to sweep!  
Q: Why did the monster's mother knit him three socks?  
A: She heard he grew another foot!  
Q: What did the digital clock say to its mother?  
A: "Look, Mom! No hands!"

### STILLWATER PTA

**MOTHER'S DAY FLOWER SALE:** Thank you to all that helped with the Mother's Day flower Sale!

**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!

**OUR NEXT PTA MEETING:** Wednesday, June 4th at 3:15PM. All are welcome and encouraged to attend!