



POSITIVE QUOTE OF THE WEEK:
 Read by: Mrs. Ruth Najemian
 "Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm". ~ Ralph Waldo Emerson

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!



- **NATURE CLUB DATES:** 5/22, 5/29, 6/5, 6/12
- **SPRING CONCERT:** 5/20 – 7:00PM
- **6TH GRADE SCHEDULING W/ KRHS:** 5/23
- **CULTURAL ARTS NIGHT:** MAY 30TH 7:00-9:00PM
- **FIELD DAY:** 6/12, RAIN DATE 6/13
- **6TH GRADE RECOGNITION:** THURS., JUNE 19TH – 7PM
- **JUNE 19TH, 20TH, 23RD – EARLY DISMISSAL AT 12:40PM**

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: The Junior Solar Sprints county race division 2 was held at Kittatinny Regional High School on Tuesday. Six sixth graders raced their solar powered vehicles. Lechar, the car created by Rachel Durso and Carly Rigby, took 15th place. While none of their cars are moving on to the inter-county races, the students did a great job and represented Stillwater well. We are very proud of them!
Mr. Iradi and Miss Conroy

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

COME JOIN THE RUNNING CLUB! Running club will be meeting on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3 – 4:15. All 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students are encouraged to join the fun. The club members will be learning important running and stretching techniques. We will also have fun building strategies to accomplish team goals. Get your permission slips in soon to either Mrs. Bickhardt or Miss McGinniss. First session starts on Thursday, May 22.



SPRING CONCERT:

The Spring Concert is next Tuesday, May 20th. The concert begins at 7pm in the Stillwater gym. Students participating have specific times and places to report.

All third graders and sixth graders should report to their homerooms at 6:30pm and Handbells Ensemble should be in the music/health room at 6:30. Both bands should be at the school at 6:15; Advanced Band should report to the band room and Beginning Band to cafeteria. Please join us in celebrating all the hard work the children have put into this concert. It will be a fun night of music, singing and band pieces.



We are pleased to announce to students and parents that Stillwater School will be hosting its 3rd annual Spelling Bee this year! All students in grades 4, 5 and 6 are invited to participate in this school event.

Preliminary and semi-final rounds will take place in Language Arts classrooms by grade level and the Spelling Bee Finals will take place on June 3, 2014 at 1:45pm in the Gym. This event is sponsored by the PTA.

The Spelling Bee will follow official rules as set forth by the Scripps National Spelling Bee. If students are interested in practicing or preparing for the upcoming event, more information can be found at www.myspellit.com or www.spellingbee.com to assist them.



The *National Association of Special Education Teachers (NASET)* has selected **Maureen Riva** as one of the winners of the 2014 Outstanding Special Education Teacher Award. This award is bestowed on special education teachers who have demonstrated truly exceptional achievement in the field of special education. It recognizes and rewards the special skills and excellence of special educators throughout the United States.

FIFTH GRADE NEWS: This week the fifth grade students are going to be taking a trip to the Liberty Science Center in Jersey City, NJ! The students are excited to explore the four floors and hundreds of hands on exhibits. The fifth graders are extremely excited to be watching "Great White Shark" in the IMAX theatre.



Today, Friday, May 16th, the teachers and staff wore jeans to benefit the Philanthropic Fund. All the donations received for this go toward providing scholarships for our Kittatinny students!

SIXTH GRADE PARENTS - Information about the Recognition Party has been sent home. A form requesting shirt sizes has also been sent home. Please check your child's backpack. Any questions, please contact Donna at (201) 280-0627.



The butterflies are here! The butterflies are here! The first grade butterflies have hatched from their chrysalises. The children will release them this week into the school butterfly garden. We hope they will enjoy the nectar from all our beautiful flowers. Stop by and look for our new friends!

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER ELECTION - 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 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. 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

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.

STILLWATER DAY: SATURDAY, JUNE 21ST - (rain date, 6/22). The day will start at 2pm with the Miss Stillwater, Little Ms. & Mr. Stillwater, music, food, bounce houses and ending with **FIREWORKS!** Yes, we have been able to bring back the fireworks! Please spread the word to the community & we hope to see you all there! Vendor applications for nonprofit & profit groups are available on the town website and at town hall due no later than 6/10.



PTA



CLOTHING DRIVE: It's that time of year again for the PTA's Annual



STILLWATER PTA

Clothing Drive. The dates and times for drop off are Friday, June 6th 3pm – 9pm and Saturday, June 7th 8am – 1pm. **DONATIONS ARE TO BE DROPPED OFF ON THE FRONT STEPS OF THE SCHOOL.** We are looking for donations of clothing (any size/gender), shoes, gloves, purses, backpacks, ties, belts, bedding (sheets, comforters, pillows, etc.), towels, curtains, table cloths, throw rugs, stuffed animals and disposable diapers (in unopened packages only). As always your donations will be sent to locations across the United States and overseas where there is a need for recycled clothing. Please contact Dawn Tighe at tighe8@gmail.com if you have any questions. Thank you!

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!

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

COMMUNITY EVENTS

COMPETITION CHEERLEADING: Kittatinny Midget Football League (KMFL) 2014 Competition Cheerleading try outs will be held May 28, 29, & 30th from 6pm-8pm at the Marion E. McKeown School. All students in grades 3-8th 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 30th, 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 28th. For more information please contact: Joni Torpey KMFL Cheerleading Director @ Jtorpey@embarqmail.com

LADIES NIGHT OUT: Friday, June 6th 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 bunniesnbuddies@yahoo.com for further information.

SPRING DANCE: Spring is Here! SPRING DANCE for all students in grades 4, 5, and 6 on Friday, May 16, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. at the Mohican Banquet Hall at 12 Mohican Road, Blairstown. Admission is \$10; hosted by the NWU U11 Tornadoes Girls' Soccer Team. DJ will be rockin' the tunes, and refreshments will be available! Grab some friends and come on out and dance! Please call (973) 296-2156 with any questions.

STILLWATER GARAGE SALE DAY: JULY 19th rain or shine. Registrations are available on the town website & at town hall. All forms must be received by 7/9. Maps will be available in town hall beginning 7/14.

STILLWATER SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM: Swartswood State Park- weeks of August 11th & 18th (9-1pm). Ages 5-12 (entering Kindergarten-6th grade). Registration forms are on town website, at town hall & in the school's main office. Forms must be received by 7/31. Stillwater residents only.

