



POSITIVE QUOTE OF THE WEEK: Read by: Señora Makarevich
 "Las palabras amables no cuestan nada, pero valen mucho."
 Translation: Kind words cost nothing but are worth a lot!



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 HOURS: The school day is 8:25 AM until 3:00 PM for all children. Whenever possible, ALL children should be strongly encouraged to take the bus in order to ensure that they are on time. Walkers and/or children who are dropped off by their parents **SHOULD NOT ARRIVE TO SCHOOL PRIOR TO 8:15 AM**. Thank you for your cooperation.

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: 5/29, 6/5, 6/12**
- **SCHOOL CLOSED: MONDAY, MAY 26TH.**
- **FIRST GRADE NJ PASS TESTING: 5/27 - 5/30**
- **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.

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**.

SCHOOL COUNSELING CORNER: Tune into Classroom Close-Up and watch our segment "B Social." The students did a great job. We will be celebrating the first year of the B Social program with an end of year dinner and party. Students from the program, along with teachers, and parents, will celebrate and share their successes. The party is on June 18th from 6 to 8 pm in the cafeteria. Please RSVP by 6/12 to 973-383-3998.

STAFF JEANS DAY: Today, Friday, May 23, the teachers and staff wore their jeans for a donation to our Philanthropic Fund. This fund provides scholarships for our Kittatinny students.



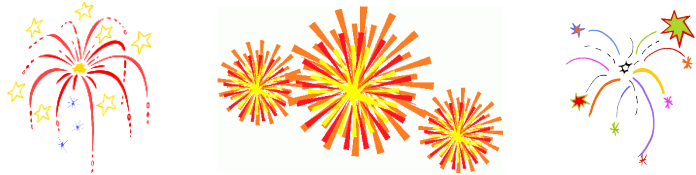
We are pleased to announce to students and parents that Stillwater School will be hosting its 3rd annual Spelling Bee this year! All students in grades 4, 5 and 6 are invited to participate in this school event. Preliminary and semi-final rounds will take place in Language Arts classrooms by grade level 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.

DROWN PROOFING!: June 2nd – 6th, your 4th GRADE child will be going over to Kittatinny pool for our Drown Proofing program. In this program, they will be learning and practicing different swimming strokes, survival skills in the water, and safe ways to rescue someone using reaching or throwing assists. Please review the Drown Proofing rules and things to remember paper that will be sent home with your child so that they are prepared for the week. We appreciate your help and look forward to teaching and improving your child's swimming and survival skills!
 ~Mr. Reed, Mrs. Hayes, Miss Radimer

KINDERGARTEN NEWS: It has been a marvelous May! This month has brought us some celebrations and some Kindergarten milestones. In the beginning of the month, the Kindergarten children were busy pouring their love into projects for Mother's Day. In the middle of the month, the children went on their very first Stillwater field trip to the Shrine Circus and had a great time. Now that we are at the end of the month, our classes have been learning about giving thanks to our nation's soldiers on Memorial Day. Our classes are also wrapping up our "Letter of the Week" program which we started back in October. Every child has now thoroughly practiced every single letter in the alphabet! Knowing all the letters and their corresponding sounds is one of the keys to becoming a skilled and fluent reader. Hopefully our students are well on their way and getting ready for first grade!

CAFETERIA NEWS: We are quickly approaching the end of another school year. With that in mind I would like to let everyone know that **Friday, June 6th, will be the last day we will accept charging for lunches.** If your child has lost or forgotten their money after that date through the end of the school year they will be provided with a PB&J sandwich, fruit, and a milk. **Any charges your child/children may have prior to and up to this date, (June 6th), must be paid in full by Friday, June 13th.** I will be sending home letters with any students who have charges. For those of you who pay for your child's lunches with a pre-paid ticket, please be aware that we cannot reimburse you for any unused days. If you want your child to have a pre-paid ticket to carry them through the remainder of the year, please go over the menu with your child and send in money only for the days they plan on buying. If your child has a lunch ticket here and you are not sure how many days are left on it, please don't hesitate to call or send in a note. I will be happy to check that for you and let you know. Thank you for your assistance concerning these matters.
 ~Ellen Van Skiver/Food Service Manager



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: MARKET DAY: Thank you for placing your orders this month and continuing to support our monthly frozen food fundraiser! You may pick up your order on Tuesday, May 27th from 2:30 to 4 pm. Questions, please contact Cheryl Castner, 973-579-3182 or ccastner@embarqmail.com Thank You!!

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.



**★Have a safe★
Memorial
Weekend!★**

STILLWATER PTA

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