

FEBRUARY'S GUIDING PRINCIPLE IS HONESTY



From the Principal's Desk

Is it too early to say we aren't going to have a winter this year? At least there is snow at Willard Mountain for our tubing night at the mountain, which should be great fun.

I hope everyone has plans to spend some quality family time with their children during the break. The enriching experiences you have with your children help them with learning. Making connections is one of the key comprehension strategies we are teaching students. Making "text to self" and "text to world" connections are great ways to improve reading comprehension. When you are reading with your child it encourages them to make connections to their own experiences. You will both enjoy reading even more.

Thanks again to the PTA for bringing the "Puppet People" to our school. Their message was an important one. Stand up for yourself, stand up for others, and tell an adult if you see bullying.

Again this year, we will be participating in the Mechanicville Rotary's "Purple Pinkies" program. Every student who donates will get their pinkie colored purple. One dollar immunizes a child against polio. We can see evidence of our efforts in that 2011 marks the first year with no reported cases of polio in India. This is a sign that we are helping to eliminate polio from the earth. That is exciting!

Have a great break!

Best regards,

John Goralski

Elementary Principal



For your Calendar

Friday, March 2nd is Pennies for Polio

"Purple Pinkie Day"- Students who bring in one dollar to donate, get their pinkies painted purple. Proceeds will help eradicate polio throughout the world.

Grade 4 Chorus on Monday, February

27th and Grade 5 Chorus on Tuesday, February 28th from 7:30AM-8:30AM.

Chorus rehearsal will take place in the Music room at the Elementary School.

On Monday, February 27th

our Morning Program will feature the presentation of awards for our Guiding Principle Honesty. Parents are always welcome to join us at 9:00am.

Grade 5 Band on Wednesday,

February 29th and Grade 4 Band on Friday, March 1st from 7:30am-8:30am.

Stillwater Elementary Community

Curriculum Night- Thursday, March 2nd 6:00-7:30 pm in the Elementary School.

Presented by the Shared Decision Making Team. Child care will be provided in the form of a "Movie Night." Watch for flyers for more information coming home soon.

Registration for our Universal Pre-

Kindergarten Program will take place on Thursday, March 22nd from 12:30pm-

4:30pm at the Elementary School. Your child must be four years old by December 1, 2012. The following documentation is required to register your child: birth certificate, proof of residency. Phone registrations will not be accepted. Please call 373-6100 x31000 if you have any questions.

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STILLWATER KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION - 2012

If your child will be five years old by December 1, 2012, (s)he may be eligible for next year's Kindergarten class. Please call the Stillwater Elementary School Office (373-6100 ext. 31000) to be placed on our mailing list for Kindergarten Registration.

This year, Kindergarten Parent Information Night will be on Thursday, March 29th, and Kindergarten Registration and Screening will be on Wednesday, April 25th, Thursday, April 26th.



New York State and School Board Policy mandate that all incoming Kindergarteners be screened prior to their entry to school. The Screening and Registration process will be explained at Parent Night. We look forward to meeting you there.

FOR YOUR DINING PLEASURE.....

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27: Pasta w/Meat Sauce, Green Beans, Applesauce

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28: Hot Dog on a Bun, Baked Beans, Pears

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 29: Tacos, Corn Peaches

THURSDAY, March 1: Pizza, Salad, Pineapple

FRIDAY, March 2: Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Vegetable Soup, Mixed Fruit



FUN THINGS FOR KIDS TO DO IN STILLWATER

Stillwater Area Community Center: Beginner Soccer - February 26th-April 22nd.

For experienced' pre-k players to 2nd-graders just starting. Sundays, 1:00 - 3:00 pm... Sign up forms at the Stillwater Area Community Center (SACC), 19 Palmer St., and on the web site, www.stillwaterareacommunitycenter.org. Fee is \$30 for first child, \$20 for second. Includes t-shirt and medal. Contact Doug Rubinstein, 587-4874 for more info.

Lassie League Sign-Ups: Who: Girls in Grades 1-9. Where: Assumption Hall, Mechanicville. When: February 25th from 10:00am-2:00pm; February 26th from 11:00am-3:00pm. Cost: \$50.00 per child/\$80.00 per family.

T-Ball: T-Ball is for girls and boys, ages 4 to 7 years old. Sign-ups are through **March 24th. Season starts April 9th. Games every Monday and Wednesday at 6 p.m. Registration is \$40 first child, \$35 second, includes t-shirt and medal. Sign up forms at SACC, 19 Palmer St., and on the web site, www.stillwaterareacommunitycenter.org. Contact SACC at 664-2515 x 10 or email mcole@sacc1.org for more information.**

If parents wish to receive SACC's monthly email newsletter, to stay informed of upcoming SACC programs, please email mcole@sacc1.org.

Stillwater PTA: Box Tops Contest: The PTA has announced that whichever grade collects the most Box Tops for the month of Feb. will win Four Square Balls for the playground. Collect the most Box Tops and your grade can be a Winner!!!

Elementary Book Fair during the week of March 5th-9th during your children's classroom Library time.

Family Nights are on Tuesday, March 6th and Thursday, March 8th from 6:00-8:00 pm. Purchase some books as a family and support the PTA!

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