

# Clear Stream Chronicle

*“There is no friendship, no love, like that of the parent for the child”*  
*Henry Ward Beecher*



## A Message from the Administrators...

### Welcome Back and Happy New Year

Happy 2010! We hope everyone had a wonderful holiday and spent quality time with family, friends and loved ones. This year should bring health and happiness to all.

### Winter Concert

On Thursday, December 17th at 7:30 PM, CSA had a very special treat! The 2009 Winter Concert was an awesome event led by our wonderfully talented music teachers—Mr. Adams (Band), Mrs. Cooke (Chorus) and Mrs. Alberghini (Strings). The students did an outstanding job and exhibited a wonderful y mature stage presence. We were very proud of them. They certainly knocked our socks off!

### Chorus Performance

On Friday morning, December 18th, the CSA Chorus took their show on the road and performed their Concert repertoire at the Green Acres Mall—led by Mrs. Cooke. They did an awesome job! Shoppers stopped and commented on the students' beautiful voices. Kudos to everyone who participated.

### Basketball Game

The “Game of the Semester” took place on December 22nd. The Sixth Graders and the Teachers played an awesome game of basketball. It was a challenging game for all. The Teachers were up against some pretty talented players, however, in the end, the Teachers won by 1 point. The final score was 109-108!

### Sign Language Holiday Concert

Students from North High School came to CSA on Friday, December 18th and performed holiday songs while they signed. Our entire school was able to see this fabulous presentation together. Our claps were done in sign but they were heard loud and clear. Bravo!

### Afternoon Clubs

Please note the ending time of your child's club. In order for your child to continue to benefit from his/her club, it is necessary for pick-up to occur in a timely manner.

### Morning Arrival

If your child attends the Breakfast Program, the earliest he/she can enter the building is 7:40; regular arrival time is 8:00. Music rehearsals are decided by individual teachers. No child will be allowed in the building prior to these times as there is no adult supervision available. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding in this matter.

## PTA Updates...

Bullying involves the use of one's strength or status to intimidate, injure, or humiliate another person of lesser strength or status. Bullying can be physical, verbal, social and emotional. Although we have been very fortunate here at CSA in regard to bullying, it is a pervasive problem in schools throughout the United States. It is also linked to both immediate and long-term detrimental effects for students. Victimization due to bullying is associated with student absenteeism, poor academic achievement, social isolation, depression, anxiety, low self-esteem and

even suicide some experts say. A simple questionnaire developed by researchers at Lucile Packard children's Hospital and the Stanford University School of Medicine shows that nine out of ten elementary students have been bullied by their peers. What is more intriguing, nearly six out of ten children surveyed reported participating in some type of bullying themselves in the past. For these reasons, school officials, teachers, and parents should keep a

very wide opened eye on any attitude and action that may lead to bullying. Next time we will share some useful tips on identifying and dealing effectively with the problem.

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### Ms. Kopsick

Ms. Kopsick came to CSA this year as a Sixth Grade teacher. She loves children and always wanted to be a teacher. She has been a teacher for three years. She is of Italian/Lithuanian heritage. Her hobbies are watching her favorite football team (Jets), playing tennis and the piano. The beagle is her favorite animal and her favorite book is **The Watsons Go to Washington**. She has been to Italy three times and she would love to go back. Pasta is her favorite Italian food. **By Denzel Hardy and Natalia Fernandez**

## Upcoming Events

- **January 18** - School Closed—Dr. Martin Luther King Day
- **January 21** - PTA Meeting - 7:30 PM
- **January 25** - Bd. Of Ed. Meeting - Shaw Ave Library - 8:00 PM

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