

Clear Stream Chronicle

"It is not enough to say we must not wage war. It is necessary to love peace and sacrifice for it."
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



A Message from the Administrators...

School Building Inspections

On Saturday, January 23rd, the annual walkthrough of VS30 school buildings will take place. These walkthroughs are open to the public. If you wish to partake in the viewing of all of the District's 3 schools, please be at the Central Avenue Office at 9:00 AM. The address is 175 N. Central Avenue. If you wish to view Clear Stream Avenue only, we will begin at approximately 9:30. The Washington Avenue Kindergarten Center walkthrough will begin after Clear Stream Avenue's is completed.

Lost and Found

Our Lost and Found is growing, again! With the weather being so cold, children are coming to school with hats, scarves, gloves and warm

jackets, however, some of these items are not making it home with your child. Please see if your child is missing an item of clothing and have him/her look in the Lost and Found.

Haiti Disaster

On behalf of the entire Clear Stream Avenue faculty and staff, our deepest sympathy and concern for any of our families personally touched by this horrific tragedy. School psychologists and social workers are available to support students and parents who have family members involved in the earthquake. If you feel you or your child may be in need of support, please contact us and we will make the necessary arrangements. Beginning tomorrow, students may bring in change to donate to the cause. We will have a water jug available for these donations. All 3 VS30 schools are beginning this tomorrow. We will keep you posted as more ideas come forth.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

This Monday, January 18th, schools will be closed in commemoration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Some of us are old enough to remember hearing him speak about his "dream." Even though he died more than forty years ago, his memory and hopes for peace live on. We should all reflect and celebrate him and hope that world peace can someday come true.

Parking Lot

Please do not enter the faculty and staff parking lot at any time. These spots are reserved for school employees only. Also, please do not enter the parking lot during morning arrival or afternoon dismissal. There are many children who walk through the parking lot during these times and as you know, safety is our main concern.

PTA Updates...

I want to thank everyone who helped with the Holiday Boutique. It was very much appreciated. Without all your help, we never would have had such a successful boutique this year. A personal thank you goes to: Frances Szpak, Mary Ellen Acevedo, Suraya Deonarine, Wendy Mata, Maggie Giovelli, Edna Toussaint, Patricia Neil-Griffith, Monique Sampson, Cookie Ortiz, Ashley Sonson, Louciana Custodio, Lauren Golombas, Marie Leanzatarte, Jon Rudy, Roz Odwin and Russ Milwood.

As we shared the last time, bullying behavior may harm both the victim and the perpetrator. If

a child experiences chronic intimidation, he or she may learn to accept this from others as normal. Also, the child can develop a pattern of compliance with the unfair demands of those perceived to be stronger. In addition, a youngster may even identify with the bully and become an abuser.

Studies show that even the bully may be harmed in the process. If a child is allowed to continue such behavior, he or she will not develop a mature sense of justice. Some symptoms are:

- Increased sadness and

anxiety

- Reluctance to leave home for school

- Steadily decreasing academic performance

- Unexplained cuts and bruises

If you obtain information from your child or from staff in which you to believe that your child is being bullied or bullying other children, take quick action. Team up with school officials and the parents of the other child or children involved to eradicate the problem as a community. Without the proper response bullying can spread like wild fire.

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Mrs. Dougherty

Mrs. Dougherty has been a teacher for seven years. Before that, she worked in public relations. She loves being a teacher and also likes playing softball. Mrs. Dougherty is of Irish, Puerto Rican and German descent. Her favorite color is blue and her favorite food is sushi. **Tuck Everlasting** is her favorite book. She knows when a student has learned something and made a connection when "that light bulb goes off." That is her favorite teaching moment.

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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