

Clear Stream Chronicle

“You cannot do a kindness too soon, for you never know how soon it will be too late”
Ralph Waldo Emerson



A Message from the Administrators...

School Building Inspections

This 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 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.

Haiti Disaster

Thank you to everyone who is contributing to "Donations for Haiti" for victims of the earthquake. The bucket is in our main lobby at Clear Stream

Avenue and there is also a receptacle for your donations at Washington Avenue. The children have opened their hearts and piggy banks for the people who are less fortunate than us right now in Haiti. What a wonderful community we are and how proud we are to be amongst such a caring group of people. We will keep you posted of further plans for donations. We are so sorry if any of you have been personally touched by this horrific tragedy. Your family and loved ones are in our thoughts and prayers.

Homework Routines

By this time of year, homework routines should be well in place. Try to have a set time and place available for your child to do his/her homework

each day. In addition, be sure your child reads for at least 20 minutes a day. Hopefully, this will instill a life-long love of reading.

NAEP

On Tuesday, January 26, our Fourth Graders will be taking the NAEP exam. CSA has been selected to represent schools across the nation and it tells us what American students know and can do in subject areas. It is the only ongoing nationally representative assessment that provides this valuable information. Our students' grades will not be affected by this test. We know that our fourth graders will help show what American students know and can do!

See you next week!

PTA Updates...

Today, the internet is such an integral part of life for our modern children. They use it for homework, schoolwork, communication, playing games and everything else. They are probably more adept at navigating the web than us parents. As parents, we cannot always be there looking over our children's shoulders when they are online, yet we feel the need to keep an eye on them while online to ensure that they do not make bad decisions. Parental-control software can help parents stay in the loop and there are some

very good ones on the market today.

First, Customized Setting software will give a per-user configuration because your teen does not need the same settings or toolbar as younger school age children.

Secondly, a web site filter will keep children from accidentally or deliberately visiting inappropriate web sites.

Finally, Access Control software will allow parents to control how long children spend online. The above

are just some of the most important considerations when it comes to buying a parental-control application. Parents can also contact the district's Director of Technology for more advice in this matter.

PTA Meeting

Dr. Kathleen Walsh, Principal of Memorial Junior High School, will be speaking at our PTA Meeting this evening. She will be discussing the process of entering MJHS and "life in the big school." This is a wonderful opportunity for parents/guardians of current Sixth Grade students.

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Mr. Mansfield

Mr. Mansfield is a Fifth Grade teacher. This is his ninth year at Clear Stream Avenue. Before he started teaching, he studied criminal justice. Mr. Mansfield has a twin brother named Tim, who is five minutes older than him. He also has three older brothers. He is married and has three children. His wife is a teacher, too. He is Irish, loves the Yankees and the color green. His favorite part of teaching is meeting students and their families.

By Denzel Hardy and Natalia Fernandez

Upcoming Events

- **January 21** - PTA Meeting - 7:30 PM
- **January 23** - District Building Walkthroughs - 9:00 AM - Begins at Central Office
- **January 25** - Bd. Of Ed. Meeting - Shaw Ave Library - 8:00 PM
- **February 9** - 6th Grade Science Fair - 7:00 - 8:00 PM

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