

Clear Stream Chronicle

Safety Alert:

It is imperative that all students and parents heed the directions of the crossing guards when arriving in the morning and leaving in the afternoon.



A Message from the Administrators...

First Grade Readers

Last week Ms. Brennan's class went around the building and read to many people. We are all so proud of the progress they have made with their reading. What a great way to show so many people how much they have learned. Keep up the great work, First Grade. We cannot wait to hear some more stories!

Haiti Disaster

Thank you to everyone who contributed to "Donations for Haiti" for victims of the earthquake. We have collected \$1500.39 and we will be sending our contribution to UNICEF. Thank you to everyone who helped to make this such a huge success. We know that we will be helping to make a difference in Haiti. WOW!

Science Fair

Our Sixth Graders are busy preparing for this Tuesday's Science Fair. They have been diligently at work researching and putting the final touches on their projects. Please come out on Tuesday, February 9th from 7:00 - 8:00 PM to see our scientists explain their work! The Fair will be held in the gymnasium.

Progress Reports

Your child's Progress Reports are going home tomorrow. We hope you find these reports helpful in addressing your child's growth up to this point in the school year. Please feel free to contact your child's teacher if you have any questions.

See you next week!

Lost and Found

The Lost and Found has continued to grow! Please check and see if your child is missing a jacket, sweater, hat, scarf or lunchbox, etc. In addition, we have many hats without names in them. Please put your child's name on each article. Any items left in the Lost and Found on Friday, February 12th will be donated to a charity.

Illness and School

Many children have been coming to school with fevers, coughs and apparent stomach viruses. Please do not send your child to school if he/she is sick the night before or in the morning. For the health and safety of our children and staff, we ask that you keep your child at home if he/she is sick. We thank you for this.

PTA Updates...

Homework is one of the sacred cows of education (Conrath, 1992). Some students view it as a monster, some parents view it as a nuisance, others believe that time spent on homework outside of school has greater effects than time studying at school. Whatever your position, children are being assigned homework and it is our responsibility as parents to facilitate its completion as best we can. It is important to make certain that your child possesses the skills to bring home materials necessary to complete homework. There are a number of ways to help your child remember which materials to bring home.

Some experts suggest that elementary students divide their desks into two parts (turning in and taking home sides). Writing down assignments and bringing home the proper books and supplies is essential. Some students experience difficulty recording homework assignments given orally in class. They may struggle because their teacher gives assignments at the end of the period and children may be tired or do not have enough time to write down the assignment accurately. Students may not listen carefully when assignments are given, not pay sufficient

attention to details such as page numbers or not possess sufficient information in written form to complete the assignment correctly once they arrive home. This results in a somewhat cryptic description of the homework, which neither you or your child understands. Your child may require a buddy to write down assignments or call a friend after school. Experts also suggest that you help your child create a resource list or index file which includes names and numbers of friends of homework buddies, teachers or homework hotlines and even helpful internet addresses.

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Mrs. Ragone

Mrs. Ragone has been a Social Worker for seven years and has been at CSA for four years. She loves helping people and her job. When she was younger, she wanted to be a lawyer. Mrs. Ragone is of Irish, Czechoslovakian and Italian descent. Her favorite food is pizza and her favorite color is green. She loves watching, "The Biggest Loser" and playing with her dogs, Abby and Buca. She also enjoys shopping and going to the beach. She was born in California.

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Upcoming Events

- **February 9** - 6th Grade Science Fair - 7:00 - 8:00 PM
- February 12 - Sweetheart Dance - 6:00 - 8:00 PM
- February 13 - February 21 - School Closed - Winter Recess
- February 22 - School Opens
- February 22 - Bd. Of Ed. Meeting - Shaw Avenue Library - 8:00 PM

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