

Clear Stream Chronicle

*"Give a little love to a child, and you get a great deal back."
John Ruskin*



A Message from the Administrators...

H1N1 Flu Vaccinations

H1N1 Flu Vaccinations will be available on Tuesday, December 15, 2009 from 6:00 P.M. - 10:00 P.M. at the Valley Stream Free Vaccination Clinic. Nassau University Medical Center in conjunction with the Nassau County Department of Health are offering, free of charge, H1N1 flu vaccinations to all community residents. Individuals under age 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Street parking and use of the north parking lot are available. (Those under age 10 will need to receive a second vaccination; please consult your pediatrician.)

Warm Clothing

Winter has definitely arrived! There will be outdoor recess and line-up each day unless the weather pre-

vents us from going outside. PLEASE be sure your child/ren bring a warm coat, hat, scarf and gloves to school each day. Any student who is not dressed properly will not be allowed outside for recess. In addition, PLEASE label clothing with your child/ren's name.

Spirit Week Assembly

There were 2 assemblies held on Friday, December 4th culminating our celebration of Spirit Week. Grades K - 3 shared class posters, songs and reflections. Grades 4 - 6 shared raps, dances, class cheers and 3 - D pictorials to name a few. The "Big 4" was mentioned in many presentations. How wonderful that our students have taken ownership of

being safe, caring, responsible and respectful!

Reinforcement at Home

Your children come home each night with required homework assignments. Many times the work is completed with time to spare. Some helpful tips are reading with your child or discussing a book together to increase his/her critical thinking skills. When you are in the car, reinforcing math facts is fun and extremely helpful. You can go over facts with your child or have them use flash cards when they are sitting in the back seat waiting to arrive at your destination.

Winter Concert

Our Winter Concert is Thursday, December 17th @ 7:30 p.m. We hope you will attend this wonderful CSA tradition.

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Student Ambassadors

Members of our Student Council assisted with Parent Teacher Conferences. They did an outstanding job. They escorted parents/guardians to classrooms, answered questions and greeted parents/guardians as they entered our School. Thank you so much to: Adam, Natasha, Elizabeth, Naima, Karen, Nicole, Zachary, Ryan, Jonine and Aaron. Thank you parents for allowing them to help. A special thank you to Mrs. Neri and Mrs. Ficarro for organizing this.

PTA Updates...

Building values in children to create a great community is not a project or a program. It is a journey that should take place during the developmental years of all children. This journey must be based on a strong partnership between schools, families and the community. These partnerships will work to support and positively influence our youth and their family to eliminate the chance that they will become negatively involved in the life of our community.

When schools regard their relationship with families as a partnership in which school and home share responsibility for children's learning, the result is an increase in the

levels and types of parent involvement as well as the support that families demonstrate for school. When this partnership is extended to include a larger community, the benefits are even greater. Perhaps most important is that when responsibility for children's learning is shared by the school, home and the community, children have more opportunities for meaningful and engaged learning. Students are able to see the connection between the curriculum in the school and the skills that are required in the real world.

If this partnership is to succeed, it must be based on

mutual trust and respect; an ongoing exchange of information; agreement on goals and strategies and a sharing of rights and responsibilities. Schools must be willing to involve parents, families and the community at deeper levels and support their participation. Parents, families and the community must be ready and willing to play their respective roles. We should all remember, great kids make great communities.

See you next week!

District Website:

valleystream30.com

Upcoming Events

- December 12 - Breakfast with Santa
- December 17—Winter Boutique
- December 17—Winter Concert - 7:30 p.m.
- December 21 - Winter Begins
- December 21 - Bd. Of Ed. Meeting - 8:00 PM - Shaw Avenue Library
- December 24 - January 3 - School Closed