

Clear Stream Chronicle

“There are two lasting bequests we can hope to give our children. One of these is roots. The other, wings.”
Hodding Carter, Jr.



A Message from the Administrators...

Proper Attire

It is delightful to have spring finally arrive! The trees are beginning to show some green (poor allergy sufferers) and the days are sunny and warm. The students line up outside every morning and the morning air has a bit of a chill to it. We strongly recommend that your child wears a jacket to school while he/she waits to come into the building. Please be sure the jacket is labeled. The students invariably bring their jackets out for recess - take them off and leave them outside in the playground. Please mention

this to your child as well.

Art in the Park

This year our students will be involved in the “Art in the Park” student art contest sponsored by the Envision Valley Stream group. This is completely voluntary and a wonderful opportunity for students to share their artistic talents. The project can be any 2-D drawing, painting, photograph, collage, etc. depicting what Valley Stream means to you. If interested, your child must submit his/her work to Ms. Freiberg, no later than May 14th. Good luck everyone!
See you next week!

Reinforcing the Big Four at Home

As you know, each student knows our “Big Four.” They are “be caring, be safe, be responsible and be respectful.” We hope that our students remember these even when they are away from school. Please use these words and terms in your routines at home. If these are reinforced, they will truly be a part of each child.

Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten Registration will be held on April 19 - April 23 at WAKC from 9:00 - 11:00 AM.

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Mr. Greiss

Mr. Greiss does not have a favorite sport team but he really enjoys playing golf and exercising. He likes to watch basketball and golf. “The game of battle pins is my favorite to play with the students,” he said. He enjoys all kinds of music and his favorite color is green. He likes to watch “The Honey-mooners” on TV. Pizza is his favorite food. Spending time with his family is truly one of his favorite things.

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PTA Updates...

As President Obama called on Congress for an overhaul of the No Child Left Behind law (NCLB), parents and guardians across the country are wondering kind of changes to expect and what will those changes mean for them and their children. According to an article published in The New York Times on March 13, 2010, although the current administration’s proposal would change many things about the NCLB, one central component would remain: annual tests in reading and math for students. On March 14, 2010, the Christian Science Monitor reported that if the current administration has its way, a part from changing the name of the law, we can expect five fundamental changes.

1. The goal of the student proficiency in reading and math by the year 2014 would change to a standard of “college and career readiness” for students by the year 2014.
2. Although reading and math tests would remain in the administration’s proposal, schools could also include student performance in other subjects as part of overall measurements of progress.
3. Evaluations of schools would shift, being less punitive and offering more rewards.
4. More federal funding would be switched from formula-

based allocations to competitive grants.

5. Schools that miss certain targets would not be required by the federal government to provide students with tutoring or with the option to transfer.

The administration’s budget for 2011 would increase competitive funding by \$3 billion, according to the Wall Street Journal. However, these proposed changes could meet with swift resistance from Congress. Therefore, it is very important that parents stay current and informed as the debate on education reform continues.

Upcoming Events

- April 15 - PTA Meeting - 7:30 PM
- April 19 - April 23 - Kindergarten Registration - 9:00 - 11:00 AM
- April 26 - April 30 - ELA State Test - Grades 3 - 6
- April 26 - Bd of Ed. Meeting - Shaw Avenue Library - 8:00 PM

District Website:
valleystream30.org

