

# VALLEY STREAM UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT THIRTY

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Dear Valley Stream 30 School Community,

## **Budget Vote**

*Budget Hearing – May 10<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m., Shaw Avenue.* Come and hear information regarding the VS 30 Budget and Central High School District Budget. Remember *voting day is May 18<sup>th</sup>*. Polls are open from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Voting takes place in your local elementary school building. You must be registered to vote in order to take part in the election. You can register at your home school from Monday through Friday when school is in session, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. or in the District Office located at 175 N. Central Avenue. The last day to register is Tuesday, May 11, 2010, and on this date there is also evening registration from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at each school. After May 11, 2010, the only way you can vote on May 18, 2010 is for you to register at the Nassau County Board of Elections. Please contact Anne O'Brien, District Clerk, at 285-9829 extension 227 if you have any questions.

We are very pleased that the budget for 2010-11 maintains all programs and is the lowest budget-to-budget and levy-to-levy increase in the past 5 years. At current tax assessment values, the increase would amount to less than three dollars a month.

## **Lights On**

Last Thursday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, was the Lights On presentation by all the Valley Stream school districts, held at Memorial Junior High. Congratulations to all our students and teachers who shared such exemplary, creative work at the exhibition hall.

The Lights On evening traditionally starts with a presentation where one student from each of the elementary schools in VS 13, 24 and 30 represents all their fellow students and makes a brief speech on their behalf related to the theme of the particular year's Lights On program.

***A big thank you and congratulations to Ryan Andres who made a wonderful speech representing Shaw Avenue Elementary School and to Justin Sampson, who spoke eloquently on this year's theme, representing Clear Stream Avenue students.***

Because students from all three Valley Stream districts (13, 24, and 30) speak at the opening ceremony, the program, unfortunately, is limited to one student speaking from each school. The Forest Road students had originally planned on **Ashton Dacon, Liza Poserio, Allyce Yang and Chenab Khakh** sharing the presentation of remarks at Thursday's opening ceremony. Right before the ceremony, when they realized that only one could speak, the four cooperatively worked out a single presenter. Since only one was able to speak when all four had planned to do so, I would like to take the opportunity to acknowledge them and their speech here.

## **TODAY'S STARS TOMORROW'S FUTURE**

"A DRAWING MUST BRING LIFE TO THE SPACE WHICH SURROUNDS IT."  
HENRI MATISSE  
"LIFE IS A GREAT BIG CANVAS, THROW ALL THE PAINT ON IT YOU CAN."  
DANNY KAYE  
"EVERYTHING HAS BEAUTY BUT NOT EVERYONE SEES IT."  
CONFUCIUS  
"WHAT MAN CAN IMAGINE HE MAY ONE DAY ACHIEVE."  
NANCY HALE



These quotes are just a selection of words that remind us to savor our creativity and imagination. We can't fly to our dreams without wings of creativity to carry us there; the only boundaries we have are the ones we set for ourselves.

This generation has been encouraged to think "outside the box". Imagine what tomorrow will be if today is so wonderful. Art and creativity should always be taken to a higher level.

This evening is a perfect example highlighting many works of art and innovative projects created by students of Valley Stream. As you walk around tonight, keep in mind one more quote from Sir Joshua Reynolds, "A ROOM HUNG WITH PICTURES IS A ROOM HUNG WITH THOUGHTS."

Thank you, once again, to all the students who participated in Lights On and to the teachers and parents who support them. Surely, our future will be bright with the shining stars that are all our Valley Stream 30 students!

I wish everyone a good weekend! Please email ([ekanas@vs30.org](mailto:ekanas@vs30.org)) or call me (285-9881, ext. 222) with any suggestions, comments, questions, etc.

Sincerely,

*Elaine Kanas*

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