

# VALLEY STREAM UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT THIRTY

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Dear Valley Stream 30 Community,

## **Founders Day Celebration**

Thank you to Forest Road Elementary School for hosting last night's Founders Day Celebration, celebrating the origin of the PTA organization in the United States. Each year the elementary schools take a turn hosting the event, and last night it was Forest Road's turn. Thank you to the Board of Education, represented at this event by Board of Education President, Ken Cummings, and Trustee, Carolyn Pean, building administrators, teachers and the many parents who attended in support of this very important event that acknowledges and recognizes the invaluable partnership between home and school provided by the PTA. The Forest Road students who performed under music teacher Emilia Kister's direction were incredible! Not only did they sound great, but what terrific stage presence. Many thanks to the PTA Presidents: Forest Road - Ingrid Wiley/Veniece Dunn; Clear Stream - Monique Sampson and Shaw Avenue - Marianne Estevez and Margo McKenzie, the PTA Executive Boards and all of the parents and teachers who are members of the PTA for your support of our Valley Stream 30 School District. We couldn't do it without you!

## **Strategic Plan Update/Science**

A reminder that the latest draft of the District 30 Strategic Plan is on the website. It is anticipated that the Board of Education will adopt a Strategic Plan at the March 22<sup>nd</sup> Board of Education Meeting.

One of the goals of the draft strategic plan concerns Science Education in District 30.

**Goal Area:** Hands-On Science Learning. **Goal Statement:** Students in Valley Stream District #30 will acquire the knowledge and skills necessary for success in hands-on science learning.

**Accountability Measure:** By the end of the 2011-2012 school year, student problem-solving skills in science, in targeted grades, will have shown to have increased as a result of pre- and post-tests, developed and administered locally, designed to measure these skills. By the end of the 2012-2013 school year, this will be true in all grades, K-6.

**March 4<sup>th</sup> Science Presentation** - A reminder that on March 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Shaw Avenue Library, there will be a presentation of the work planned in Science to support the above goal. There will be a discussion of Valley Stream 30 Science Framework key elements below which are:

- Based on the New York State Learning Standards
- Learning Through Inquiry
- Supported By Literature
- Infused with 21st Century Skills
- Environmentally Themed
- Utilizing District Technologies

Curriculum vendors, whose materials the District is considering purchasing as resources to support some of the science units, will also be present at this meeting. They will present information on their products and audience members will have the opportunity to fill out a survey with their feedback on these products afterwards.

## **Upcoming Board of Education Meeting Dates**

**March 15, 8:00 p.m.**, Board Work Session

**March 22, 8:00 p.m.**, Board of Education Business Meeting

Held at Shaw Avenue Library. 2010-11 budget discussions continue as agenda items at these Board Meetings.

## **Have a good weekend**

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,  
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