

# VALLEY STREAM UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT THIRTY

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Dear Valley Stream 30 School Community,

Thank you for all of your support and cooperation this year. The collaboration of administration, teachers, support staff and parents, always with the support of our Board of Education, has brought us to a successful close of the school year, with many accomplishments and highlights to look back on.

On our website, you will find the academic goals we have accomplished this year, as well as the goals we are shooting for to accomplish in 2010-11. When you have the opportunity, please take a moment to look at this information, as our partnership flourishes with shared information.

### **New School Start Time for 2010-11**

Reminder -- the school day next year will begin at **8:15 a.m.** instead of 8:20 a.m. We have a new schedule next year, and it will be extremely important that your child gets to school on time so he/she benefits from our full educational program.

### **State Tests**

Because the New York State grade 3 - 8 ELA and Math tests were moved to late spring this year, we do not yet have score reports to share with you. We are expecting results at the end of July or beginning of August, with parent reports available some time later in the future. School districts throughout New York State have just been informed this month that the state has set a new benchmark for ELA and Math performance and will be grading the current year's tests according to this higher standard. Because schools did not have this information until now, ELA and Math curriculum this 2009-10 school year was mapped, taught and learned according to the "old" standards. With this new information, Valley Stream 30, and I'm sure all school districts across the state, will be refocusing their summer curriculum work on remapping curriculum to meet the new standards to continue to prepare students for success.

### **Website**

Please continue to check for updates over the summer on the Valley Stream 30 website – [www.valleystream30.com](http://www.valleystream30.com).

I wish you a wonderful summer! Thank you for all your continuing support and partnership in supporting Valley Stream 30's success.

Sincerely,

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