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Dear Valley Stream 30 Community,

Safe Communities

Previously, I wrote about the 5th Precinct Safe Communities Program. JoEllen Tripp, one of the collaborators on the project, presented information on this topic at the February Board meeting. There is now a link to the Safe Communities Program on our Valley Stream 30 website, www.valleystream30.com, with highlighted information describing the program. This website provides ongoing information regarding safety issues for parents, children and community members, as well as providing an interactive venue for community input to law enforcement and community agencies.

Valley Stream 30 Author

Ms. Emilia Kister, Music teacher at Forest Road Elementary School and Shaw Avenue School, was invited to collaborate in a project, writing a book of lessons as a curriculum for piano keyboard labs. The book has been published by Alfred and contains twenty of Ms. Kister's original lessons! Congratulations to Ms. Kister and to all the Valley Stream 30 staff, all of whom contribute creativity and insight into the development of our curriculum and instructional program on an ongoing basis at Valley Stream 30.

Science Presentation - Tonight!

A reminder that representatives of each Building Level Team will be attending a science presentation this evening at 7:00 p.m. at Shaw Avenue Library. All members of the public are invited to attend. Members of the instructional staff and District Office will present aspects of the District's new science curriculum plan. Representatives from publishing companies will also make presentations on possible resources the District may purchase to support the science plan. There will be opportunity for members of the public attending to provide feedback on the science resources presented.

Saturday, March 13th - Legislative Breakfast and Joint Valley Stream Boards' Presentation

The four school districts of the Valley Streams invite all residents to a Special Meeting regarding Shared Services, as well as an invitation to attend the yearly Legislative Breakfast hosted by our Valley Stream Council of PTAs. These two special meetings will take place on Saturday, March 13, with the **Legislative Breakfast beginning at 9:00 a.m.** and the **Shared Services Meeting at 11:00 a.m.**, both being held in Memorial Junior High School's Cafeteria B. Traditionally, the annual Legislative Breakfast is well attended by the community's elected officials, people serving at all levels of State, County and local government. In addition to receiving updates on legislative matters, the Breakfast permits the elected officials to hear from members of the Valley Stream community regarding school issues. This year, Districts 13, 24, 30 and the Central High School District will host a joint meeting during which school administrators will describe the vast variety of shared services utilized by the school districts. Following these presentations, community members will be asked to offer suggestions regarding other areas of potential shared services. School Board members are eager to find each and every way to minimize the tax burden upon the community's taxpayers especially as they prepare their 2010-11 school year budgets, budgets that are expected to lose significant amounts of state aid. Each and every dollar saved through shared service efficiencies minimizes potential educational cuts and increased taxes.

Board of Education Work Session, March 15th and Board Business Meeting, March 22

Continuing budget discussions will take place at both of the above meetings, which as always, of course, are open to the public.

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

Sincerely,

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