

VALLEY STREAM UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT THIRTY

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Dear Valley Stream 30 School Community,

New York State School Report Card

New York State has just released this year's school report card, which bases its evaluation on the 2008-09 school year test performance and data. I am happy to say that Valley Stream 30 meets accountability on all measures. In addition to "making the grade", Valley Stream 30 exceeds the performance index by a significant amount in the variety of areas assessed. For example, districts need a performance objective index of 140 to meet state accountability in ELA. Valley Stream 30's performance index in ELA is 190. The state performance index to meet accountability in Math is 115 while Valley Stream 30's performance index is 196.

Other highlights of the report card include such information as 96% of our 6th graders meeting or exceeding standards in Math and 94% in ELA; 99% of our third graders meeting or exceeding math standards and 94% of our fourth graders meeting or exceeding standards in ELA and 95% in Math.

If you go to www.valleystream30.com, you will find a link on our website where you can see the school report card in detail.

Congratulations Valley Stream students and the families, and staff that supports them, for an overall excellent report!

Budget

Reminder - There will be presentations regarding the Budget at the following PTA meetings:

Forest Road April 28th, 7:00 p.m.
Shaw Avenue May 12th, 7:30 p.m.

There is also a Budget hearing on May 10th at 7:00 p.m. at the Shaw Avenue Library.

The budget-to-budget increase (2.7%) is the lowest in five years, as is the tax levy of 1.36%. Tax impact for average homeowner, based on current assessment values, would be a little less than \$3.00 per month.

The school Budget Vote takes place on **May 18th** between the hours of **6:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m.** at each elementary school. 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 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.

Information regarding the Budget can be found on our District website at www.valleystream30.com.

Board Meeting

April 26th, 8:00 p.m., Shaw Avenue Library

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,

Elaine Kanas

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