

FOREST FORUM 5/6/10

Teaching and Learning Highlights from the Forest...

Teacher and Staff Appreciation Day was celebrated this past Tuesday at the Forest! A big Shout Out to ALL of the adults in our building who go the distance every day for our children!

First grade students recently completed their "Around the World Culture Study". The unit was designed to help students learn how to take notes and highlight important information. The children targeted a variety of cultures and researched the food, clothing, festivities and shelters found within these. Kudos to Ms. Zapelli and Mrs. Serra for making a connection with our upcoming International Day/Week Celebration! We cannot wait to see your findings displayed.

GET OUT THE VOTE!!

- *There will be a Budget Hearing on Monday, May 10th at 7 p.m. at the Shaw Avenue Library. Please join us to gain information about the Valley Stream District 30 School Budget.*
- *Community members can register to vote in the Main Office or at the District Office during school hours. On May 11th there will be an evening session from 4 - 9 pm for voter registration as well.*
- *District Budget Vote - Tuesday, May 18th at each elementary school from 6 a.m. - 9 p.m.*

FOOD ALLERGY AWARENESS WEEK

Next week is the 13th Annual Food Allergy Awareness Week (May 9-15). The theme this year is "Respect Every Bite". The Food Allergy & Anaphylaxis Network (FAAN) urges everyone to "Respect Every Bite" in order to keep individuals with food allergies free from reactions. We are also encouraged to show compassion for the challenges that food allergies bring with them. Many more of our children are coming to school with allergies that carry potentially life-threatening repercussions. For more information, please visit FAAN at www.foodallergy.org and www.faankids.org.

PTA Updates

Please drop by the front of the school and help support our Plant Sale (5/6 and 5/7). We have a wonderful selection of greenery and are very appreciative of our volunteers who have worked so hard on this event. If you forgot to send money in with your child, please do so tomorrow. Students will have the opportunity to shop throughout the day.

Wanted: Several parent volunteers to serve on our BLT committee for the 2010-2012 school years. Meetings are held on the third Thursday of every other month and begin directly after school. Please consider joining!! Drop a note to swalsh@vs30.org if interested.