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Valley Stream Union Free School District Thirty
Newsletters

In 1956, Valley Stream Union Free School District Thirty first published a newsletter. Entitled The Friendly Schools,[1] the newsletter stated:

> With this first issue of this publication, Union Free School District Thirty enters upon a program designed to keep all residents of the district well informed about their schools. Many of the messages sent out from the Schools reach the families who have children currently attending the school. In the past, the items that reached all the homes were explanation of the proposed budget, delivered in April of each year, and information covering building propositions. Now, it was hoped that the Friendly Schools will serve as a vehicle to acquaint everyone with aspects of the school program rather than with only the financial picture."[2]

These two volumes contain copies of all issues of the Friendly Schools published during the twentieth century. Volume XIXA covers March 1957 through December 1995; Volume XIXB covers March 1996 through Winter 2003.

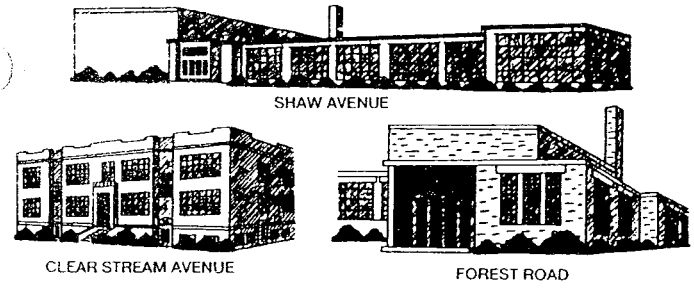
William P. Stris
December 31, 2000

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[1] Unlike the newsletters published by the other schools districts in Valley Stream, this publication has retained its original name.

[2] *Public Education in Valley Stream, supra* note 2, Volume XIV District Thirty Newsletter *The Friendly Schools* January 1987 Vol. XXI, No. 2 at 1.

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EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR

She has the whole world in her hands, well actually it's in her head, and what knowledge of geography it holds. Who is this person? It's one of our very own teachers, Susan Wasserman. She recently received one of the highest honors bestowed by the New York State Council for the Social Studies. She was awarded the title of *New York State Educator of the Year in Social Studies* (elementary level).

Sue, a 5th grade teacher at Shaw Avenue School, has always shared her love of geography with her District 30 students. Sue has been endorsed by the National Geographic Society as a teacher consultant in geography education. According to Sue, "Geography is not only about locations, but it has cultural, economic, political and historical importance." Our *Educator of the Year* is also a world traveler and shares her experiences and knowledge with us all, in exciting ways that make us thirst for more. Her exciting trip to Alaska was highlighted in the December, 1995, issue of *The Friendly Schools.*



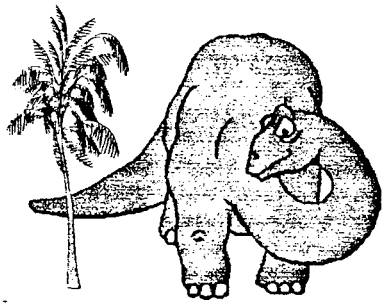
Will the real Sue please step forward!

Sue has been with District 30 for 33 years and is often seen in her "map" jacket, scarf, or other gear concerning geography, endangered species, the rain forest, etc. Sue is pictured here with her life-size replica adorned in a map dress (and even little globes on her shoes). The ensemble was made by Sue Baron, art teacher, in her honor. (Also see Page 2, "Teacher Honored By Friends".)

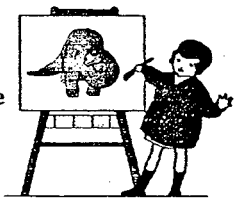
Kindergarten and 1st Grade Registration Information

Registration for next year's kindergarten children and for first graders entering school for the first time will be held on Friday, April 26, 1996, between 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. at Clear Stream Avenue, Forest Road and Shaw Avenue Schools. Registrations will not be accepted without **proof of residence** and an **original** birth certificate as proof of date of birth. A child must have been born on or before December 1, 1991 to be eligible for admission to kindergarten in September, 1996. NO EXCEPTIONS ARE MADE TO THE ENTRANCE AGE REQUIREMENTS.

Children entering school for the first time **must** present documentation indicating that they have received at least 3 diphtheria and tetanus immunizations, oral polio vaccines, and 2 doses of measles vaccine after 12 months of age. In addition, one dose of mumps and rubella vaccine must be indicated after the child's first birthday.



ART EXHIBIT
Tuesday, May 21, 1996
7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Held at Clear Stream Avenue, Forest Road and Shaw Avenue Schools.



You are cordially invited to attend the Annual District Art Exhibit. (Children attending must be accompanied by their parents.)

Important Tax Notice

New York State Income Tax forms for 1995 require the name and code number of the public school district in which you live. Our school district is Valley Stream Union Free School District #30 and our **Code Number is 657.**

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Valley Stream, New York

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PLEASE NOTE:
ALL VISITORS TO OUR SCHOOLS MUST USE THE MAIN ENTRANCE AND OBTAIN A VISITOR'S PASS FROM THE MAIN OFFICE.

Teacher Honored By Friends



Students and friends expressed their love, respect, and congratulations!

Susan Wasserman was not the only one excited by being named *New York State Educator of the Year in Social Studies.* The students were equally elated and presented her with congratulatory posters for their resident award winner. A large, computer generated "Congratulations" banner was designed and now hangs over the door to Sue's classroom. Staff members presented her with a bouquet of flowers. The celebration did not stop there. The entire staff at Shaw Avenue School contributed to a special luncheon for Sue. Under the direction of Arlene Upton (5th grade teacher), and Joan Stein (physical education teacher), the small gymnasium was transformed into an elegant reception hall. With everyone's help, tables were positioned, flowers and balloons placed on each table, a hot and cold buffet was provided, and an array of delectable desserts (made by Sue's coworkers) set the stage for the celebration. Best of all, Sue was unaware of the conspiring on her behalf. When she walked into the gymnasium (under the pretense that the kindergartners made a geography project and wanted Sue to see it), a look of total surprise was on her face as tears of joy filled her eyes.

Fifth grade students also took part in this celebration, and under the supervision of Barbara Kreeger (music teacher), they sang a geography song which parodied Sue's favorite phrases. Their song was a great hit with all who attended and would have made any teacher proud of them, but none as proud as Sue! CONGRATULATIONS, SUE WASSERMAN!

Oops, I Goofed!

Rosemary Decker asked her students, at Shaw Avenue School, to write about some funny mistakes they had made in the past. Here are some of their responses:

ICED TEA
by Steven Rodriquez

I was having lunch with my family and we were talking about school. We were so involved in our conversation, that when I went to reach for my iced tea glass, I grabbed the mayonnaise jar. Everyone laughed.

WANDERING AWAY
by Brandon Bove

When I was three years old, my mom and I went shopping in a department store. I wandered away for a couple of minutes without my mom knowing. I had gone behind a counter and took some small security devices that attach to clothing; I thought they were spinning tops. I put a few in my pocket. After my mom finished shopping, we headed for the door. The security detector went off. My mom was thoroughly embarrassed. A man looked through our bags and found nothing, I then showed my mom the "toys" I collected. That explained it all!

TAKEN SEAT
by Peter Lazarovitch

One day I was in music. It was a Friday. When I went to sit down on the chair I found out it was already occupied. Luckily I didn't hurt my friend John, who was sitting there. The whole class noticed and my face turned red as a beet. Oh, well!

BABE RUTH
by Jason Sinaly

One night I had a dream I was talking to Babe Ruth. When I woke up I told my father about the dream. He couldn't believe the dream I had that night. That day I went to the baseball card store at the mall. Babe Ruth was still on my mind. As I was asking the man at the store for a particular card, I called him "Mr. Ruth" by accident. Boy,was I embarrassed.

BREAKFAST
by Patrick Ryan

One morning my brothers and I went down the stairs to get cereal. I thought I took the milk out of the refrigerator. One brother poured the cereal into the bowl. I poured the milk. While we were eating we all noticed that the milk tasted funny. When I looked at the quart it said heavy cream. My brothers and I laughed, but felt very sick all day.

(Editor's Note: Oops, I goofed - I ran out of space. To be continued in the next issue of The Friendly Schools.)

Voting on the Valley Stream Elementary and High School Districts' budgets will take place on **Tuesday, May 21, 1996** from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

To enable taxpayers to better understand the budgets, a presentation of the proposed budgets has been arranged for Wednesday, May 8, 1996 at Forest Road School. The Central High School District budget presentation will begin at 8:00 p.m., followed by a presentation of the District 30 budget. Any organization or individual from the district is invited to attend and encouraged to ask questions.

PERMANENT REGISTRATION

In accordance with the permanent registration law passed by the New York State Legislature, a policy of permanent personal registration of voters in District 30 was adopted by the Board of Education.

Every person registered to vote in the May 1992-93 school election will remain registered for all future annual and special elections, UNLESS:

a. He/She fails to vote within four years prior to the preparation of future registers; or
b. He/She moves out of the district.

Note: In accordance with Chapter 629 of the laws of 1975, any persons currently registered with the County Board of Elections are also entitled to vote in the school elections.

PETITION FOR CANDIDATES

Election of trustees for the District 30 Board of Education will take place on Tuesday, May 21, 1996.

Petitions for Board of Education candidates are available at our Administrative Offices, 150 Washington Avenue, Valley Stream, and must be filed before **5:00 p.m. on Monday, April 1, 1996.**

Twenty-five resident signatures are required on this petition in accordance with Section 2018 of the State Education Law.

For a proposition to be considered to be placed on the ballot, 48 registered voters' signatures are required, which is 5% of those who voted in the previous annual election, and must be received by the Board of Education no later than **Monday, April 1.**

PLEASE NOTE: Registration for voting on the budget and for Board of Education members will be at all three schools (Clear Stream Avenue, Forest Road and Shaw Avenue) on **Tuesday, May 14, 1996 from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.** Those not already registered must do so on this date.

A special budget issue of *The Friendly Schools* will be distributed in April. It will contain an in-depth report of the proposed budget.

Special Transportation Request Due Before April 1

It is the legal obligation of Valley Stream UFSD #30 to provide transportation for children of the district who will be attending private and parochial schools in September, 1996. This transportation is provided only when the following conditions are met:

1. A written request for transportation to and from a specific school is made by the parents to District 30 no later than April 1, 1996.
2. The child must live at least two miles from the private or parochial school, but not more than fifteen miles.
3. The child must be five (5) years old on or before December 1, 1996.
4. New York State Education Law specifically states that applications must be made annually for each new school year.

If your child meets the above conditions and requirements, please send in your request for the 1996-97 school year no later than April 1, 1996. Send your requests to Valley Stream School District 30, Administrative Offices, 150 Washington Avenue, Valley Stream, New York 11580.

Team Spirit—Recycling

Did you know that filling a recycling bin with paper only two times saves one twenty-foot tree? Shaw Avenue School students are aware of this fact. Instead of discarding their used paper, they are saving it and sending it straight to Westbury Paper Stock's recycling plant. The paper is then turned into paper pulp so that it can be used to make newspaper products. Not only are they saving trees, but they are also saving energy because it takes 50% less energy to make new paper products from paper pulp.

Everyone at Shaw Avenue School is pitching in to make a difference and help save the earth. In fact, they are making some of their own paper pulp in the Science Lab. "We spent an entire week recycling our used loose-leaf paper, construction paper scraps, old dittos and newspaper," stated AnneMarie Homer, science teacher.

A final word from the students at Shaw Avenue School:

REMEMBER:
REUSE—REDUCE—RECYCLE!

PLAN AHEAD!

The last day of school is

FRIDAY, JUNE 21, 1996

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHY BEE

Once again,our schools participated in the National Geography Bee. After qualifying to be in the school-level competition, students answered oral questions on geography for the first round of the National Geography Bee. This Bee is sponsored by National Geographic *WORLD,* the Society's magazine for children. The preliminary round winners were:

From Clear Stream Avenue School:

Grade 4: Thomas Donalds and Carlos Quezada

Grade 5: Conor Lanz, Billy Varellas and Lauren Bastardi

Grade 6: Andreas Kaimis and Christopher Munch

From Forest Road School:

Grade 4: Brian Egan, Samuel Smith and Michael Ram

Grade 5: Howard Hershey, Drew Blumenthal, Keith Fletcher and Scott Weiner

Grade 6: Robert Haber, Joshua Vogel and Cary Verasco

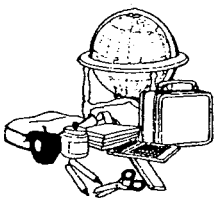
From Shaw Avenue School:

Grade 4: Billy Gunderson, Benjamin Kramer-Miller, Kyle Antonelli and Billy Tortorelli

Grade 5: Danny Parise, Vanessa Iadevaio and Travis Reynolds

Grade 6: Michael Chiappardi, Frank Constantelos, Jamilia Valero and Divine Stewart

Staff coordinators of the Geography Bee were: Nancy Lowenkron, Clear Stream Avenue School, Allison Needleman, Forest Road School, and Susan Wasserman, Shaw Avenue School.



Each child was extremely excited about this year's competition and they all should be commended for their participation and knowledge. After several intense rounds of very difficult questions, our school-level champions and runner-ups emerged:

From Clear Stream Avenue School:

Champion: Christopher Munch

Runner-Up: Thomas Donalds

From Forest Road School:

Champion: Robert Haber

Runner-Up: Keith Fletcher

From Shaw Avenue School:

Champion: Divine Stewart

Runner-Up: Benjamin Kramer-Miller

Chris, Robert and Divine have gone on to the written qualification test, which has been mailed to the National Geographic Society in Washington, D.C. The results are not known at this time. Congratulations and good luck!

NEW TAX EXEMPTION FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

The New York State Legislature recently enacted a new law known as Chapter 402 of the Laws of 1995. Under its provisions, the law extends the senior citizens' real property tax exemption at a reduced rate for seniors with incomes more than $17,500 and less than $25,900 by allowing localities to provide an additional exemption of 5%.

Combined with the change in the sliding scale authorized by Chapter 402 of the Laws of 1995, the maximum schedule of benefits permitted under the senior citizens' exemption law is:

INCOME	PERCENT EXEMPTION
less than $17,500	50%
at least $17,500 but less than $18,500	45%
at least $18,500 but less than $19,500	40%
at least $19,500 but less than $20,500	35%
at least $20,500 but less than $21,400	30%
at least $21,400 but less than $22,300	25%
at least $22,300 but less than $23,200	20%
at least $23,200 but less than $24,100	15%
at least $24,100 but less than $25,000	10%
at least $25,000 but less than $25,900	5%

Please contact the Nassau County Office of Senior Citizens Affairs at (516) 571-1500 for more information.

Celebrating Holidays

Holidays are always an exciting time. The children in Joanne Lufrano's 3rd grade class at Shaw Avenue School wrote essays about their favorite holidays. They described their families' special traditions, customs, food and decorations. The children then began a holiday research project on various winter holidays that are celebrated by different peoples around the world.



Different groups of children studied Diwali, Saint Lucia's Day, Las Posadas, Chinese New Year, or Boxing Day. Students began their research in the library/media center with the assistance of Mary Mathews, library/media specialist, and Carol Blankshine, library aide. In addition to using the library books, the children were able to use the library computers to locate information in the electronic encyclopedia.

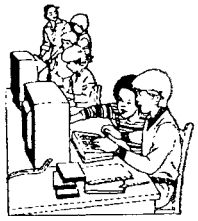
Once their research was completed, the children organized their notes and prepared their first drafts. Joanne Lufrano and Nancy McInerney, reading teacher, worked with the children to edit and proofread their reports. When their final drafts were completed, the children went to the computer lab, where Evelyn D'Angelo, computer aide, assisted their word processing efforts. The children really enjoyed using the computers to write their final copies.

As they learned more about their holidays, as well as those of their classmates, they found that many of the holidays had things in common with other holidays. They came to the conclusion that no matter where you are in the world, people celebrate holidays in similar ways. Being with family and friends, eating special foods and treats, and giving gifts, were a few the common things that people all over the world included in their celebrations of holidays.

On Line — Historical Chat

On January 30, 1996, Forest Road School students in Susan Stiefel's and Eileen Cudahy's 4th grade classes joined more than 300 other classes across the United States for a live chat with American civil rights hero, Rosa Parks. (Mrs. Parks' refusal to give up her bus seat to a white man sparked the year-long bus boycott in Montgomery, Alabama led by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. This protest led to the Supreme Court ruling against segregation on public buses.) Through *America Online's* Scholastic Network, the children had the exciting opportunity to communicate with Rosa Parks as she answered questions posed by students.

Joining the students and their classroom teachers, Susan Stiefel and Eileen Cudahy, were computer assistant, Carolyn Biscardi, library/media specialist, Carol Tolle, and Principal, Dr. Barbara Cronin. Mrs. Parks related her personal account of the event leading up to her arrest. Although Mrs. Parks could not answer every question posed, she did answer questions similar to two composed by Forest Road School students. After studying about Mrs. Parks, 4th grade children asked: "What made you decide to not give up your seat and be so brave?" Mrs. Parks answered: "I did not feel afraid, but, I was annoyed, because I had a lot of work to do. I did not expect to be going to jail instead of going home. I didn't think about it being brave at all.



I simply wanted it to be known that I didn't want to be treated in that manner." Another question which was asked, was "What advice would you give children today to make the world a better place?" Mrs. Parks answered, "I would advise them to not have any prejudice against other people. They should think well of themselves and respect authority, and be concerned about themselves and other people."

A printed transcript of this live chat will be kept in the Forest Road School library for future reference.

School Bookstore Reopens



Ribbon-cutting ceremony

Friday, December 1st marked the reopening of the Shaw Avenue School Bookstore.

The bookstore was originally opened as a result of a mini-grant awarded by the Valley Stream Teacher Center (VSTC) to Miriam Sweet and Carl Riccobono during the 1992-93 school year. The bookstore was temporarily closed for use as additional classroom space. Pictured are Liz Shaw, PTA Co-president; Nancy McInerney, reading teacher; Thomas Violante, Michael Perrone, Joseph Ferrandino, Joseph Russo, students; Stanley Kaminsky, Principal (the Grand Master who cut the ribbon), Sandra Rubin and Jane Dody, reading teachers.

The Bookstore is now located in a section of Jane Dody's reading room and will be open every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday before and after school. Applications for student workers have been received in response to the classified ad in Shaw Avenue School's "Big Mouth" newspaper.

E-Mail To The President

After the death of Israeli Prime Minister Rabin in early November, two staff members of the Forest Road School felt a need to express their gratitude and support for President Clinton's sensitivity at the time. They decided to use electronic mail (E-mail) because of its speed. The E-mail was answered within two hours. Personal letters from the president were received by Mary Ruschin and Lydia Rosen.

Below are some excerpts from President Clinton's letters:

"Thank you for your kind words of encouragement. As we reflect on the extraordinary legacy left to us by Prime Minister Rabin, we must all rededicate ourselves to pursuing the goal for which he gave his life . . . a comprehensive and enduring peace."

"I have been touched by the encouragement and advice I've received from people like you, who care deeply about the future of our country. My Administration is fighting for the changes that Americans want and need ... real changes that will build a more secure, more prosperous future and create greater opportunity for all Americans."

District 30 Hosts Newsday Spelling Bee

For the first time, the Southwest Nassau Regional semifinal of the Newsday Spelling Bee was held in our District. District 30 library/media specialists helped to organize this event and assisted as approximately 18 students from the area congregated in Shaw Avenue School auditorium. Our library/media specialists are: Alice Dorb, Clear Stream Avenue School, Carol Tolle, Forest Road School, and Mary Mathews, Shaw Avenue School. (Although Mary was unable to attend the semifinals due to illness, Carol Blankshine, library aide from Shaw Avenue School, was on hand to assist.)



District 30 smiling faces, just prior to the bee.

The participants in the semifinal were previous winners of their schools' spelling bees. Representing District 30 schools were: Tania Rios from Clear Stream Avenue School; Aurora Kiviat, from Forest Road School; and Liza Abraham, from Shaw Avenue School. Pictured are Carol Tolle and Alice Dorb with our District 30 winners, Tania, Aurora and Liza.

Stanley Kaminsky, Shaw Avenue School Principal, was the pronounce Barbara Cronin, Forest Road School Principal, and Carl Riccobono, 5th grade teacher, were the judges. Alice Dorb and Carol Tolle served as assistants during the bee.

We are very proud to announce that Aurora Kiviat from Forest Road School was the winner of the regional semifinals. Aurora will go on to the next level of competition. Congratulations and good luck, Aurora.

We would like to commend all the students who participated at each level of competition. We would like to give special recognition to our alternate winners in the school level of competition: Kristine Alcos, from Clear Stream Avenue School, Jennifer Kamin, from Forest Road School, and Vinson Noel, from Shaw Avenue School.

2nd and 6th Graders Join Together



"Buddies" join together to celebrate the holidays

The Buddy Program is back again at Clear Stream Avenue School. This year, David Cooper's 6th graders are paired with Sandra Milici's 2nd graders. The program started in October and will continue through the school year. The 6th graders have assisted 2nd graders with their math and reading lessons. In December, Sandra's class presented the "The Little Red Hen," with the help of the David's 6th graders.

At the end of December, they combined for a holiday breakfast. The children enjoyed bagels, danish pastry, juice and milk. It was a special day with lots of memories.

Presently, the classes are working on a collaborative project in the Information Center with the assistance of Noeleen Douglas, computer aide. With the help of their buddies, the 2nd graders learned to use the computer program, *First Connections,* and various library books as research resources. Each pair of children will create an animal fact book with their own illustrations. They are all eager to see their final products.

"Again, the program is off to another successful year. The children have already formed many wonderful friendships with their buddies. We a looking forward to working on man exciting projects over the next few months," commented Sandra Milici.

Where Are They Now?

FLASH—More news concerning our former graduates. District 30 has certainly given these bright, energetic young people a solid academic foundation. We are proud of them all!

Glenna Lynch is working at Union Bank of Switzerland after receiving her BS from Emory College. She is married to Tom Brennan and busy fixing up their new house on Long Island.

Jason Citrin graduated from SUNY Binghamton, and is currently working at Merrick-Bellmore High School. He also attends Adelphi University in a Master Degree program in Social Studies.

Julie-Ann Lynch graduated from Oneonta with a BS in Education and deems herself fortunate in obtaining a 5th grade teaching position in upstate Monroe, NY. Mary Ruschin, presently a teacher at Forest Road School, informed us that Julie visited her during her student-teaching semester. They both enjoyed seeing each other. It's been a while since Julie was in Mary's 2nd grade class.

James and **Tom Gergel** moved to a suburb of Denver, Colorado. James has a Master's Degree in chemistry and is pursuing a Ph.D. in molecular biology. Thomas attends the University of Buffalo Medical School and worked this last summer at a local hospital in Colorado near to his parents.

(All of the above former students graduated from Clear Stream Avenue School.)

Editors Note: If you wish to submit information for this article, please send it to Marie Stone, Editor, Clear Stream Avenue School, Valley Stream NY 11582. If possible, include the year and the District 30 school you graduated from, and maiden name if applicable.

Students Learn About Financial Planning



A great math lesson!

The 1st and 2nd grade classes at Forest Road School welcomed two special visitors: Steven Femminello and John L'Abbate, Certified Financial Planners from ARS Financial Services, Inc., in Valley Stream. Both 1st and 2nd graders are learning about money with hands-on experiences. They discussed ways to save money, how the value of money has increased, and where money is printed. Steven and John answered a wide range of questions from their young audience: "Who made the first money?" "How were they trained for their job?" and even, "Is it good to invest in platinum?" The children were also anxious to learn how they could open bank accounts. Their teachers, Roslyn Scheidt, Peggy Badalucco, Mary Ruschin and Ellyn Fitzgerald, all stood nearby and marveled at the students' interest and concentration.

This program is one way to enrich learning about money, its value and use. These activities are included in the District 30 math program, UCMP (University of Chicago Math Program).

It was a great math lesson. The children expressed agreement with Ben Franklin's proverb, "A penny saved is a penny earned."

The participating students at District 30 Forest Road School would like to extend a big "thank you" to Steven Femminello and John L'Abbate. Once again, community members have taken time from their busy schedules to enrich the minds of our Valley Stream school students.

BASKETBALL ALL-STAR GAMES between Shaw Avenue School staff and grade 6 All-Stars was once again a spectacular event. The games were intense and true display of skill. The 6th grade All-Stars (both the boys' and girls' teams) gave it their all, and showed good sportsmanship in their loss to the staff. The games were supervised by Thomas Rouse, physical education teacher. Events such as this one build school spirit, and a cooperative outlook, and are just out-and-out good fun!

PTA FOUNDERS' DAY 1996 marked the 99th birthday of the PTA. The celebration was held at Clear Stream Avenue School, PTA officers (both present and past), members, teachers and administrators joined in the celebration. Refreshments were served and an array of delicious desserts was made by many of the attendants. A wonderful evening of entertainment (planned by Linda Pratt, music teacher) added to the gala event.

Happy Birthday, PTA!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

March 18	District 30 Board of Education Committee meeting - 8:00 p.m., Washington Avenue
22	Breakfast With The Superintendent - 9:30 a.m., Clear Stream Avenue School
25	District 30 Board of Education Meeting - 8:00 p.m.
April 4-12	Spring Recess - SCHOOLS CLOSED
15	District 30 Board of Education Committee meeting - 8:00 p.m., Washington Avenue
23	District 30 Board of Education Meeting - 8:30 p.m. (Please note that this meeting will be held on a Tuesday, and the time has been changed.)
26	Kindergarten Registration - 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m (See Page 1)
May 8	School Budget Hearing - 8:00 p.m., Forest Road School
14	Voter Registration - 7:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. (See Page 3)
20	District 30 Board of Education Meeting - 8:00 p.m.
21	School Budget Voting - 7:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m (See Page 3)
	District 30 Art Exhibit - 7:30 p.m.- 9:00 p.m. at all schools
27	Memorial Day - SCHOOLS CLOSED

(NOTE: District 30 Board of Education Committee Meetings are held at the Washington Avenue Administration Building. District 30 Board of Education Meetings are held at Shaw Avenue School.)

PTA Reflections Program

Students in our schools once again participated in the National PTA *Reflections Program.* This program provides an opportunity for students to use their creative talents by expressing themselves through original works of art. This year's theme was "Just Open Your Eyes and See" and students interpreted the theme in a variety of ways. All our participants will be honored when their projects are displayed at Green Acres Mall on April 4-April 14. Listed below are the winners from each of our schools:

Visual Art

Clear Stream Avenue School:
Jackie Sciaro, Sara Palazzolo and Lauren Mirando

Forest Road School:
Aimee Campo, Daniela Barreto, Jennifer Kamin

Shaw Avenue School:
Jonathan Bjelland, Jennifer Church and Chandeani Daswani

Literature

Clear Stream Avenue School:
Ashley Mikhail, Jessica D'Alessio and Kasheika Brown

Forest Road School:
Brad Farber, Elizabeth Weinbloom and Joshua Vogel

Shaw Avenue School:
Kyle Antonelli, Jonathan Cavalieri and Jennifer Church

Music

Clear Stream Avenue School:
Michael Belmonte

Forest Road School:
Alexander Klein and Gia Mancini

Photography

Clear Stream Avenue School:
Allison Sheffield, Kenny Russo and Steven Kaplan

Shaw Avenue School:
Melissa Berman and Hal Berman

The PTA Chairpersons for this project were: Carole Belmonte, Clear Stream Avenue School, Robin Laurentz, Forest Road School, and Elise Antonelli, Shaw Avenue School.

Teachers Receive Mini-Grant

Three of our District 30 teachers have been awarded mini-grants from the Valley Stream Teacher Center (VSTC). All VSTC mini-grants are judged by the Mini-Grant Committee on the basis of individual merit without regard to district, origin, grade level, or previous awards granted.

The recipients and their projects are:

Ronnie Horowitz, teacher for the Gifted and Talented program, received the mini-grant for a project entitled, "Pawn and Queen and In Between." Ronni is working with 1st grade teachers, Paula Franklin, Debra Goldberg and Carol Ventura, to implement the program. Students are learning the history of chess; by using a life-size chess board and becoming the pieces, they will experience the movement along the chess board. They will develop new vocabulary, follow rules, and develop the art of strategy. Robert Cohen, Principal, commented, "Chess was chosen for this enrichment project because research shows it can improve many aspects of a child's cognitive and social development."

Barbara Clarke and **Maureen Spiess,** from Clear Stream Avenue School, were also awarded a mini-grant for their original project entitled, "Colonial Curriculum in the Social Studies Program." Fourth grade students will wash, comb and spin wool in to yarn and learn the necessary steps in making clothing, blankets, etc. These hands-on experiences will bring the curriculum to life.

Staff Development

Teachers and staff members at Forest Road School participated in a three hour additional staff development in technology. Under the direction of Gerard Camilleri, computer education teacher, and Carol Biscardi, computer assistant. the staff participated in hands-on CD ROM research, reviewed the district's technolog goals, learned how to access Internet, Scholastic Network, and *America Online,* including the World Wide Web Graphics Interface.

THE FRIENDLY SCHOOLS

Valley Stream Thirty Public Schools

Special Budget Issue

May, 1996

A Letter to Our Parents and Taxpayers

This special issue of THE FRIENDLY SCHOOLS contains information regarding the District's tentative budget for the 1996-97 school year. Registered voters will have the opportunity to vote on the budget on Tuesday, May 21, 1996.

Quality education with responsible financial management remains the top priority of our school district and your Board of Education. Every effort is made to economize without sacrificing the educational activities and services that are necessary for the well-being of our children and our community. Ever aware of the increased costs to our taxpayers we have reviewed each allocation within our control and have attempted to keep increases at a minimum through good planning and attention to detail.

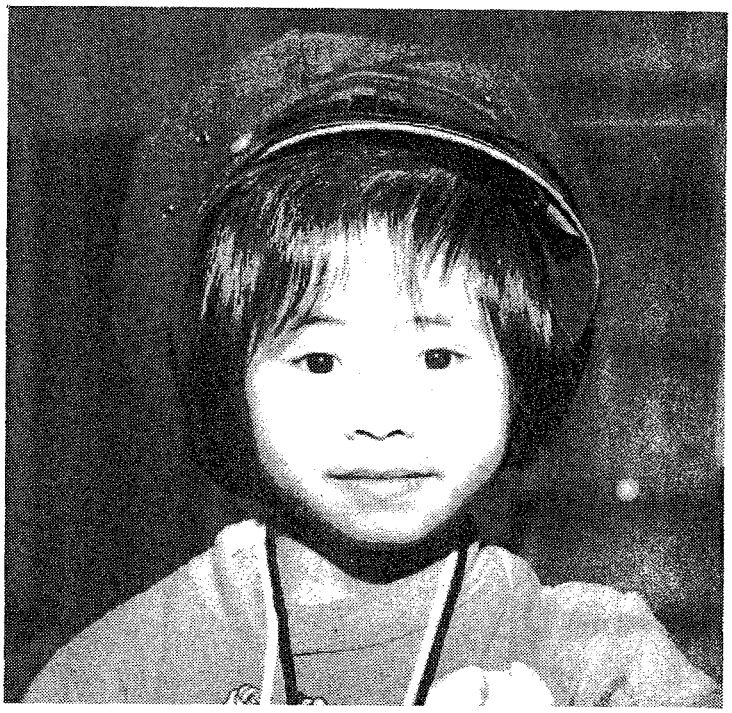
In addition, the Board of Education held budget presentations so that taxpayers could be privy to the backround driving the decision making process. The budget presented in this issue of THE FRIENDLY SCHOOLS, which will be further explained at the combined official budget hearing at the Forest Road School on Wednesday, May 8, 1996 at 8:00 p.m., and that will go to the voters on May 21st, grew out of this process.

Thus, after much thought and deliberation, we are presenting for voter determination a tentative budget in the amount of $13,879,281. This represents a modest increase of 1.83% in the operational budget; however, Governor Pataki's proposed decrease in non-property tax revenues (State Aid) may impact the increase in the estimated tax rate of 69¢ per $100 of assessed valuation. We believe the 1996-97 tentative budget is fiscally responsible and will enable the district to continue to provide its children and future citizens with an educational program of quality.

Copies of the tentative budget (Statement of Estimated Expenditures) are available in the office of the District Clerk. If you have any questions on the budget, please feel free to call the office of the Assistant Superintendent of Schools at 285-9880.

Sincerely,

Board of Education





VALLEY STREAM UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT #30

STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES
(TENTATIVE BUDGET)
1996-1997

DESCRIPTION	1995-1996 APPROVED BUDGET	1996-1997 TENTATIVE BUDGET	CHANGE
Board of Education	$ 8,250	$ 8,250	$ -0-
District Clerk	6,425	6,925	500
District Meetings	9,100	9,100	-0-
Central Administration	157,224	160,324	3,100
Business Administration	290,947	293,307	2,360
District Treasurer	15,600	15,600	-0-
Legal Services	33,700	33,700	-0-
Negotiations	6,000	6,000	-0-
Public Information	21,710	21,710	-0-
Operations and Maintenance	1,036,983	1,053,435	16,452
Liability Insurance	110,500	110,500	-0-
School Association Dues	8,000	8,000	-0-
BOCES Administrative Charge	61,000	61,000	-0-
School Administration and Curriculum	536,701	553,285	16,584
Instructional Program	6,250,545	6,428,917	178,372
Special Education Program	1,351,304	1,378,047	26,743
Library and Media Services	335,652	340,953	5,301
Computer Education Program	181,400	181,988	588
Health and Psychological Services	281,678	281,678	-0-
Extra Services	20,125	20,125	-0-
Transportation	308,085	308,085	-0-
Community Lectures and Census	9,100	9,100	-0-
Employees' Benefits	2,409,252	2,409,252	-0-
Interfund Transfers	-0-	-0-	-0-
Debt Service - Interest	180,000	180,000	-0-
	$13,629,281	$13,879,281	$250,000

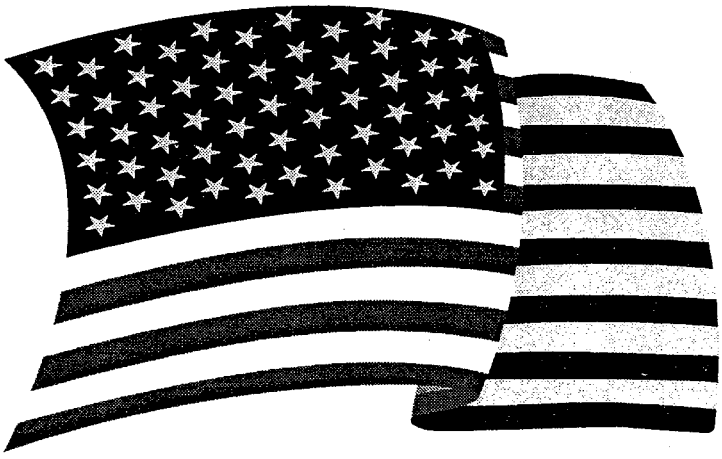




HOW THE SCHOOL DOLLAR IS SPENT

62¢
INSTRUCTION

17¢
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS



3¢
TRANSPORTATION and INSURANCE

4¢
DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION

8¢
BUILDING MAINTENANCE

6¢
BUILDING ADMINISTRATION and PUPIL PERSONNEL SERVICES

EXPLANATION OF BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE 1996-1997 SCHOOL YEAR

BOARD OF EDUCATION

$ 8,250

Includes expenditures incurred by members of the Board of Education for attendance at educational conferences.

DISTRICT CLERK

6,925

Includes salaries, supplies, materials, and legal advertising for the part-time District Clerk.

DISTRICT MEETINGS

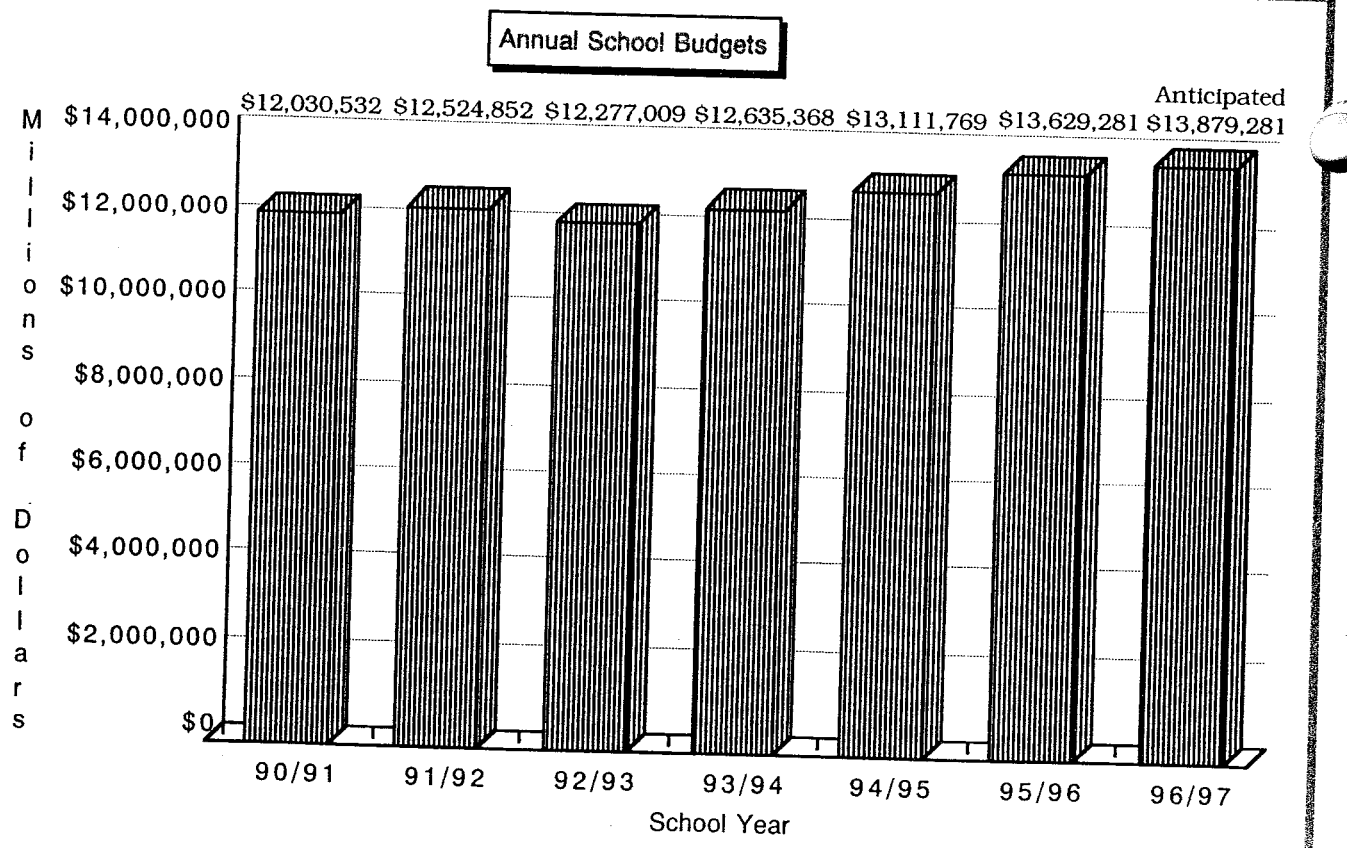
9,100

Includes salaries, supplies, materials, and legal advertising for the budget vote and special meetings.

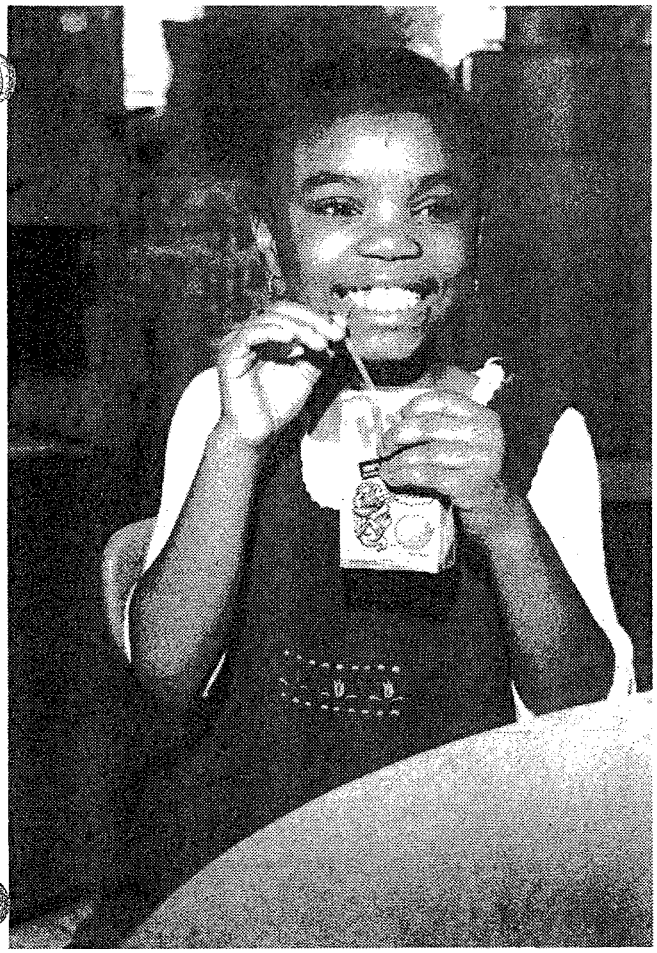
CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION

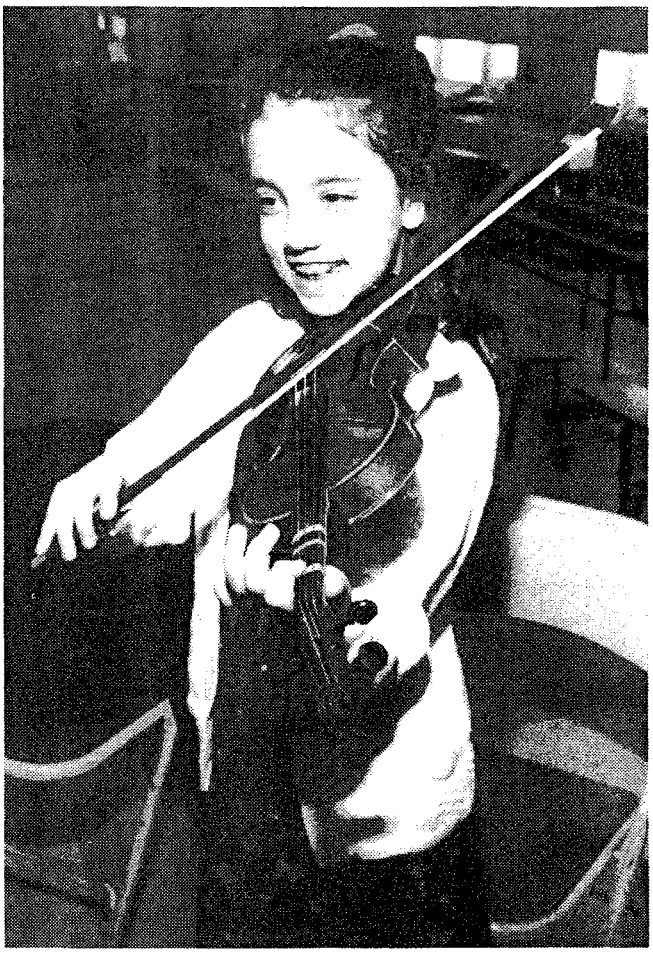
160,324

Includes the salaries of the Superintendent of Schools and Central Office personnel. Also includes supplies and materials for the Central Office.



$1,848,749 = Budgetary Change from 90/91 thru 96/97
$347,215 = Average Budgetary Increase
2.812% = Average Percentage Increase





BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION 293,307

Includes the salaries of the Assistant Superintendent and Business Office personnel. Also included are supplies, materials, equipment, the cost of the annual audit, and computerized accounting system costs.

DISTRICT TREASURER 15,600

Includes the salary of the part-time District Treasurer, supplies, materials, and costs of banking services.

LEGAL SERVICES 33,700

Includes the salary of the part-time School Attorney and litigation fees.

NEGOTIATIONS 6,000

Includes the shared cost of special legal counsel for negotiation services. Additional provisions for participation in BOCES Negotiation Information Service and litigation fees are not included.

PUBLIC INFORMATION SERVICE 21,710

Includes the cost of preparation, printing, and mailing of THE FRIENDLY SCHOOLS and other public information services such as the school calendar and bulletins.

OPERATION & MAINTENANCE OF BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

1,053,

	1995-96	1996-97
Salaries	495,978	512,430
Materials for Building Upkeep & Repair	70,875	70,875
Utilities	269,160	269,160
Contractual Repairs, Service Contracts, Security, and Equipment	200,970	200,970

The change in expenditures covers salary increases in accordance with negotiated agreements, higher rates for water, light, power, and telephone, and extensive building maintenance and repairs in the areas of fire safety, asbestos abatement and compliance with other state and local governmental mandates. The change in the provision for utilities is carried in the new budget based on current industry trends.

LIABILITY INSURANCE

110,500

A continued stabilization in this budget appropriation is planned for 1995-96. Increases are limited as a result of the district's participation in the New York Schools Insurance Reciprocal.

SCHOOL ASSOCIATION DUES

8,000

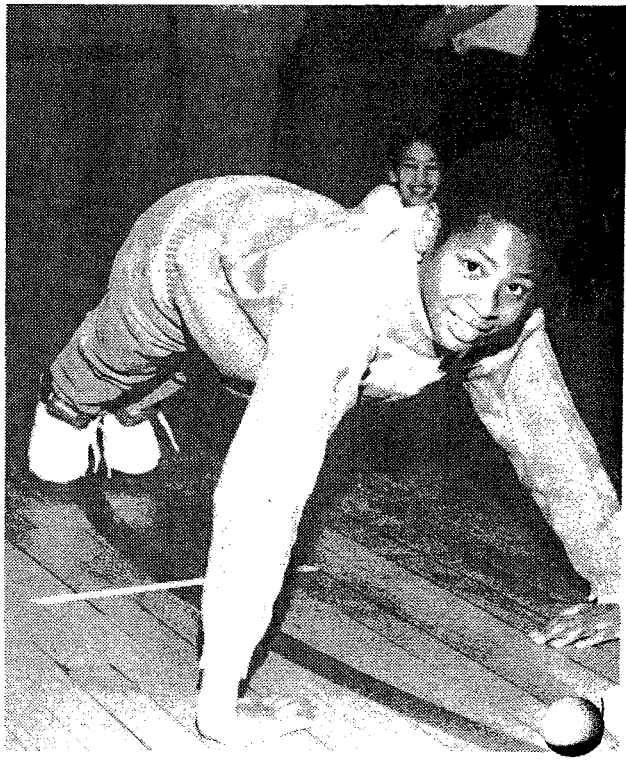
Includes membership fees in local, state, and national educational organizations.

BOCES ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGE

61,000

Each school district in Nassau County is charged a fee according to the number of children attending public school within the district. A portion of this expenditure is returned to us as BOCES aid.





SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION AND CURRICULUM IMPROVEMENT **553,285**

Includes salaries for the Director of Special Services and Programs (50%), Building Principals, School Secretaries, equipment for school offices, materials and supplies. Also included are provisions for conference expenses of supervisory personnel, curriculum library maintenance, curriculum development, in-service training, and mini-grants for special instructional projects.

INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS **6,428,917**

	1995-96	1996-97
Salaries	5,968,524	6,142,169
Equipment	10,680	10,680
Contractual Services	48,210	48,210
Materials and Supplies	99,699	102,051
Textbooks	96,732	99,107
BOCES Services	26,700	26,700

Salaries include teachers, specialists, substitutes for teachers and assistants, teacher aides and noon aides. Teacher assistants, when authorized, are included in this area.

No changes in the areas of furniture and equipment continue to allow for the replacement of those items that cannot be economically repaired. Contractual services include the substitute registry, approved teacher conference and travel expenditures, postage, repair of music and science equipment and the copier lease.

The changes in consumable materials and supplies and textbooks for all instructional areas are reflective of the current economic condition and industry wide adjustments. Approximately 26% of the textbook expense is returned as state aid.

Our students' participation in the BOCES Cultural Arts and Science Field Experience Programs reflect changes determined by BOCES. The portion of the science program for student living expense is reimbursable. Approximately 60% of these programs is returned as state aid.







SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM **1,378,047**

	1995-96	1996-97
Salaries	560,889	587,632
Materials, Supplies & Contractual Services	128,455	128,455
Tuition - Other Districts and Private Schools	281,320	281,320
Tuition - BOCES	380,640	380,640

The increase in salaries reflects adjustments made in accordance with current negotiated settlements along with the 50% salary allocation of the Director of Special Services and Programs. The district, in addition to operating four special education classes, provides specialists for students who are mainstreamed into regular classes.

The change in the area of out-of-district tuition is a direct result of shifts in enrollment and an upswing in the cost of special education pupils in other public school district classes, BOCES classes and in private residential and non-residential schools.

SCHOOL LIBRARIES AND MEDIA SERVICES **340,953**

Includes the salaries for librarians, library monitors and clerical staff, library and media equipment, library books, periodicals, materials and supplies for the three schools. Also, included are the costs for the maintenance and technical support for the district's participation in the automated Nassau Schools Library System program.

COMPUTER EDUCATION **181,988**

Includes the salary for the Teacher of Computer Education and the salaries of five computer aides. The appropriation for computer equipment reflects the continued expansion of our program into the district's library-media centers.

HEALTH, SCREENING AND PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES **281,678**

	1995-96	1996-97
Health Services	122,088	122,088
Psychological and Screening Services	159,590	159,590

Includes the salaries of the school psychologists, the salaries of three registered nurses, medical supplies and equipment, and contracted services provided by other districts and BOCES for mandated services to the Blessed Sacrament School.

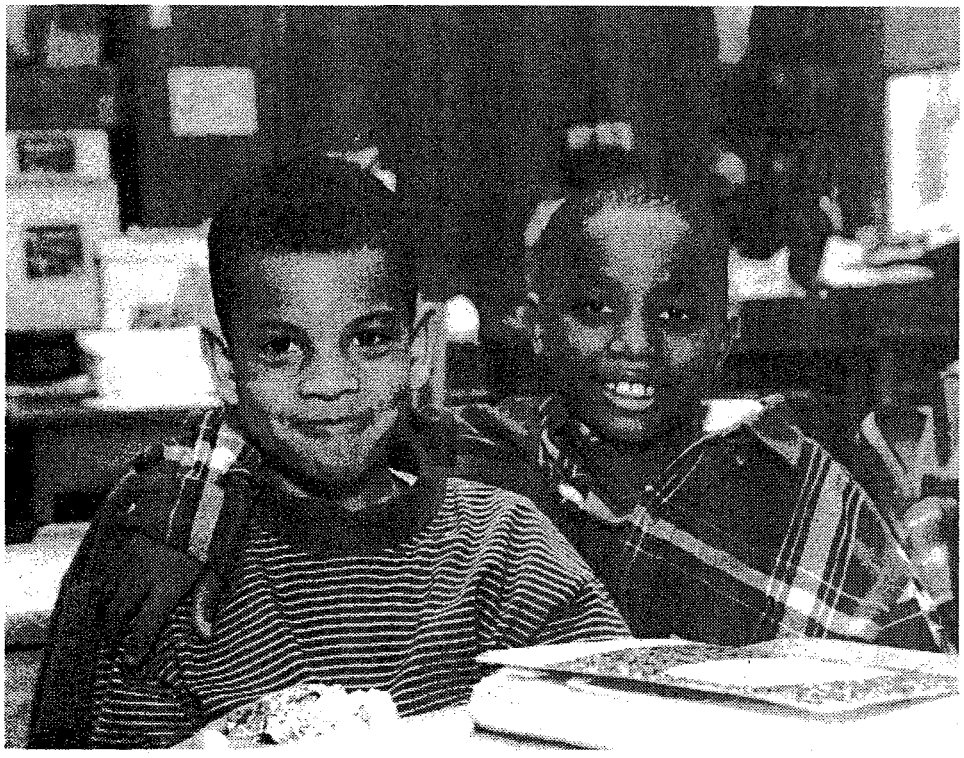
EXTRA SERVICES **20,125**

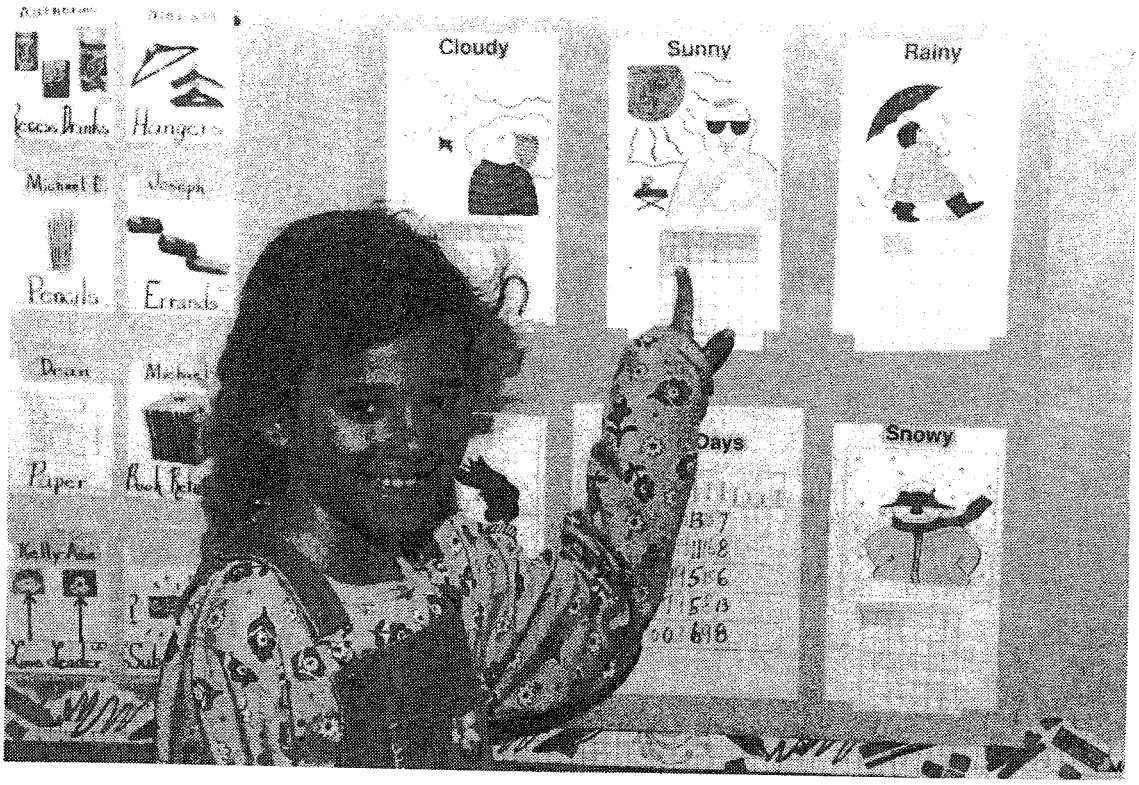
Includes extra pay for extra services and supervision and reflects the district's commitment to provide a broad range of activities for our children both before and after school.

TRANSPORTATION **308,085**

In accordance with state law, transportation is provided for children to private and parochial schools located at least two miles and no further than fifteen miles from the pupils' homes and for children attending special education classes in our schools, other public schools, BOCES and private schools. Transportation is also provided for the district's instrumental, special enrichment and field trip programs.

The changes in this code are a direct result of a balance in the contract costs of these services and the number of children currently being transported out-of-district. Fluctuations in the number of children transported to non-public and special schools also have budgetary impact. A percentage of the cost of basic transportation is returned as state aid to the district in the following year.





A BUDGET DEFEAT MAY MEAN AUSTERITY

THE EFFECTS OF AUSTERITY ARE:

NO transportation under 2 miles
NO new equipment
NO new library books
NO field trips
NO dental hygiene program
Future tax increase to reinstate services
NO lunch subsidy
NO capital improvements
NO intramural programs
NO club activities
NO use of school facilities by community groups
Future transportation aid decrease

Possible negative impact on home resale value

VOTE ON MAY 21, 1996

COMMUNITY LECTURES AND CENSUS 9,100

Includes funds for the district sponsored Peer Pressure Program and other lectures and for the state mandated annual census.

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS 2,409,252

	1995-96	1994-95
N.Y.S. Employees' Retirement System	65,125	65,125
N.Y.S. Teachers' Retirement System	544,500	544,500
Social Security	578,152	578,152
Worker's Compensation	60,275	60,275
Medical & Dental Insurance	1,161,200	1,161,200

Includes the cost of the District's contributions to the two retirement funds that our personnel participate in, Social Security contributions, Worker's Compensation premium and health and dental insurance. All rates are determined by Federal and State law and by negotiated contract. Increases and decreases reflect a combination of higher or lower rates, larger bases and increased premiums.

INTERFUND TRANSFERS -0-

In the past, the Interfund Transfers appropriation provided funding for improvements to your District's facilities. Although there are no capital projects scheduled for 1995-96, the Board remains committed to this program and has included provisions for safety improvement renovations and mandated ecological replacements in the Operations and Maintenance area of this budget.

DEBT SERVICE 180,000

Includes interest payments on short-term borrowings which the district requires prior to the receipt of school tax payments and state aid. This expense reflects a stabilization in interest rates and is partially offset by the interest income generated through the investment of idle funds.

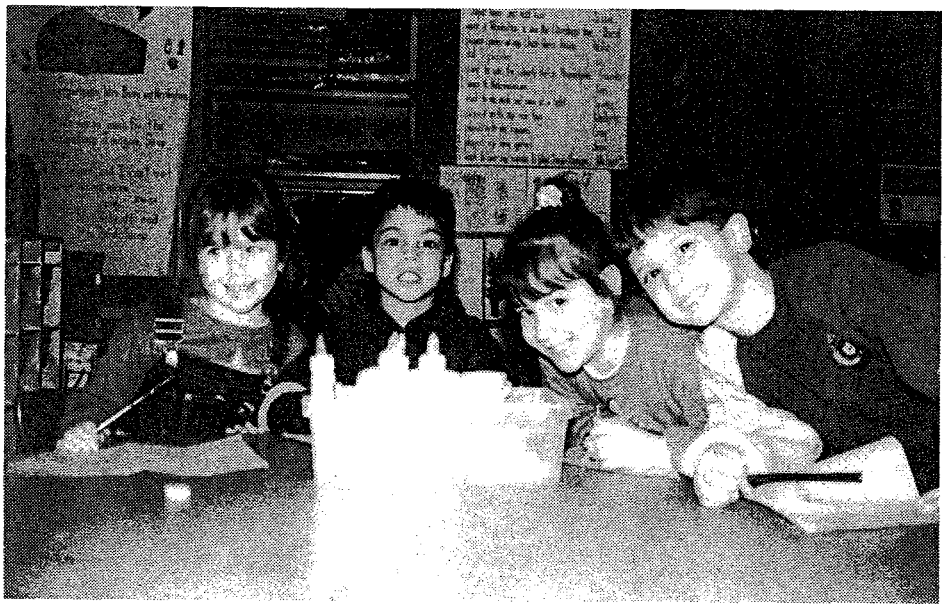


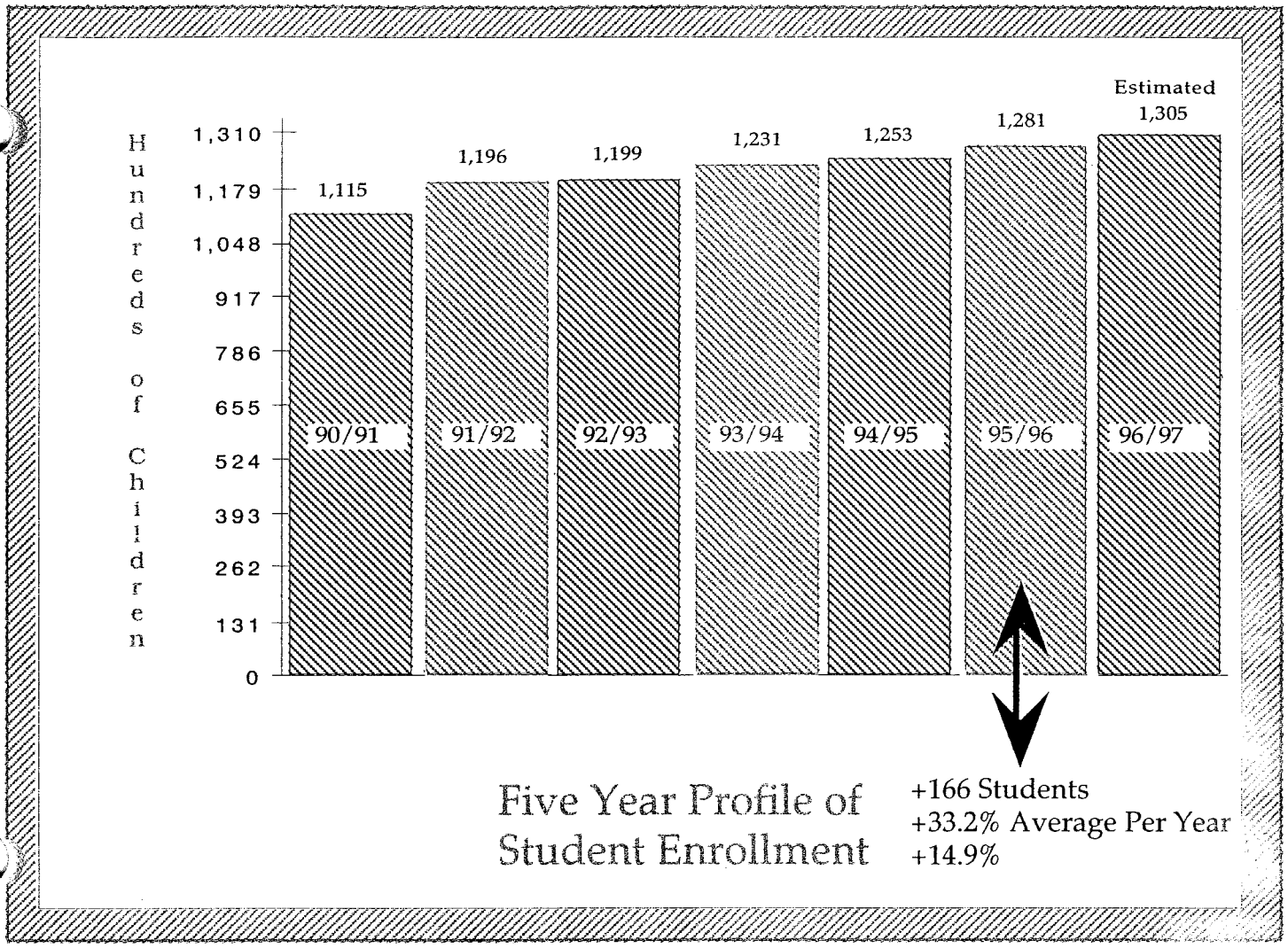
SUMMARY OF ANTICIPATED REVENUES

	ANTICIPATED RECEIPTS 1995-96	ESTIMATED RECEIPTS 1996-97
Surplus	$ 500,000	$ 550,000
Use of Money and Property	110,000	110,000
State Aid	1,188,000	1,118,000
BOCES Aid	61,000	61,000
Services to Other Districts	10,000	10,000
Other Revenue	10,000	10,000
	$ 1,879,000	$ 1,859,000
Amount to be Raised by Taxation	11,750,281	12,020,281
Total General Fund Budget	$13,629,281	$13,879,281

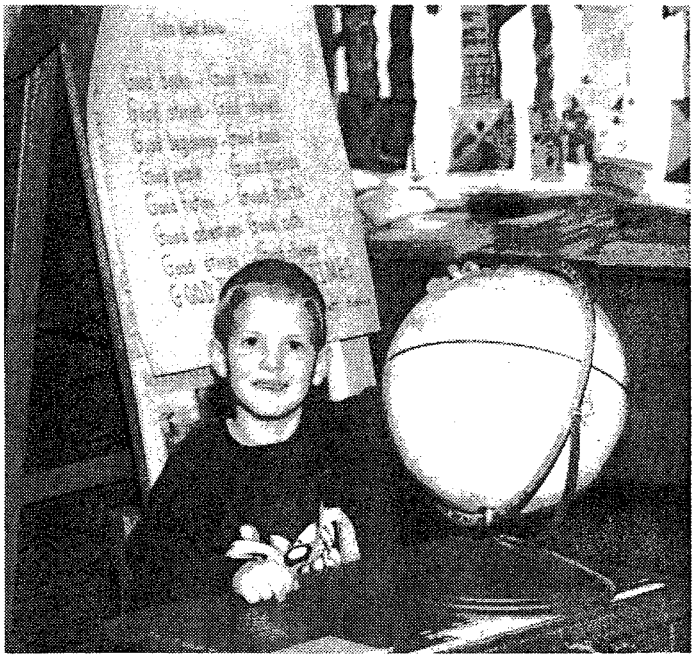
Actual Tax Rate 1995-96	$21.89
Estimated Tax Rate 1996-97 Proposition No. 1	$22.58

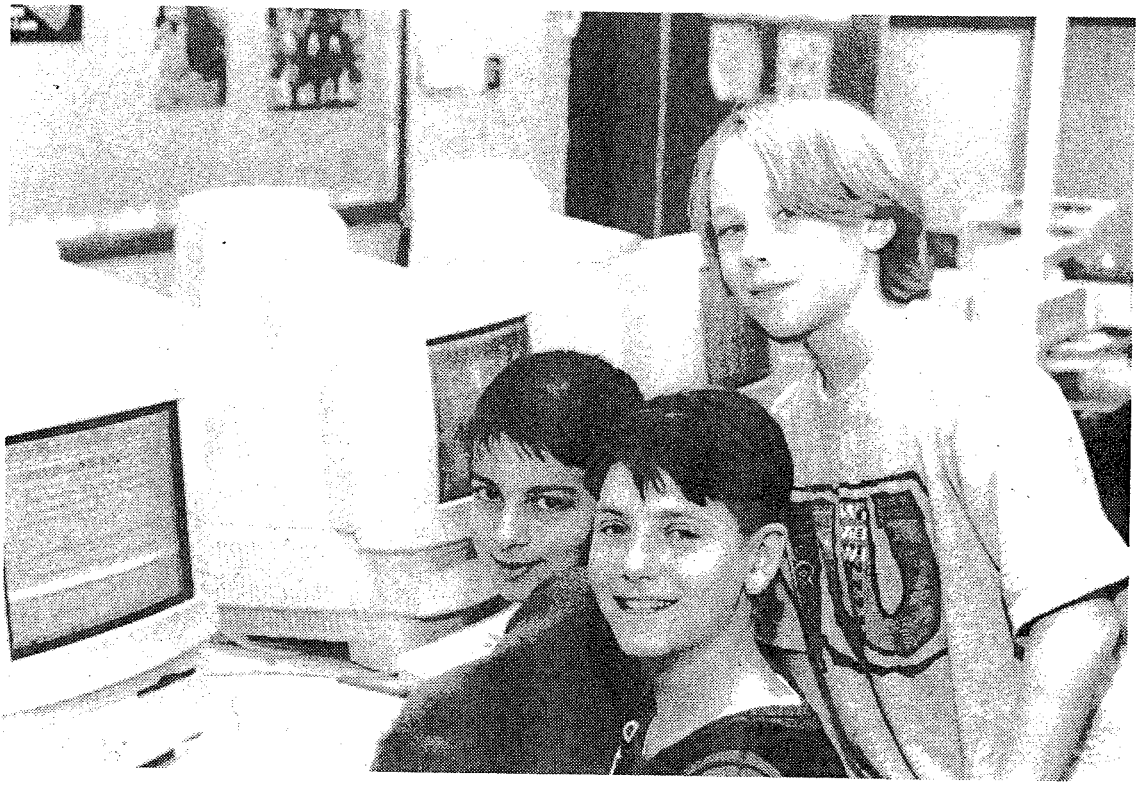
The estimated tax rate is based upon the April 1, 1995 assessed valuation of $50,971,475. Any change in the assessed valuation as of April 1, 1996 along with adjustments in the Adjusted Base Proportions, as determined by the Nassua County Board of Supervisors on May 1, 1996, will effect the estimated tax rate. Changes in laws affecting state aid and property valuations could change the amount to be raised by taxation.




Hundreds of Children
1,310
1,179
1,048
917
786
655
524
393
262
131
0
1,115
1,196
1,199
1,231
1,253
1,281
Estimated
1,305
90/91
91/92
92/93
93/94
94/95
95/96
96/97
Five Year Profile of
Student Enrollment
+166 Students
+33.2% Average Per Year
+14.9%







VOTING INFORMATION

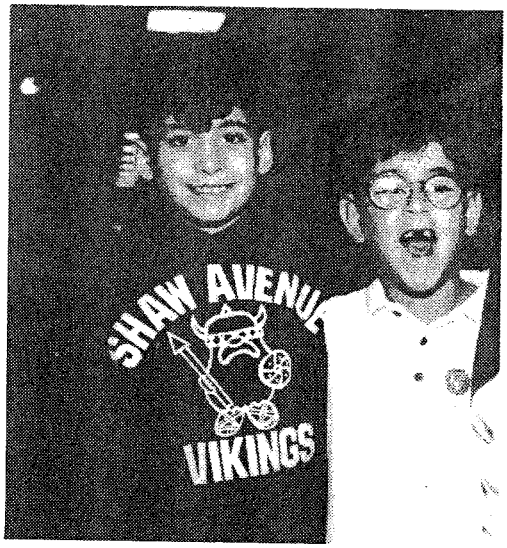
Voting will take place on Tuesday, May 21, 1996 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. in the elementary school within your school election district: Shaw Avenue, Clear Stream Avenue, Forest Road.

Absentee ballots must be in the hands of the District Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. on the day of the vote.

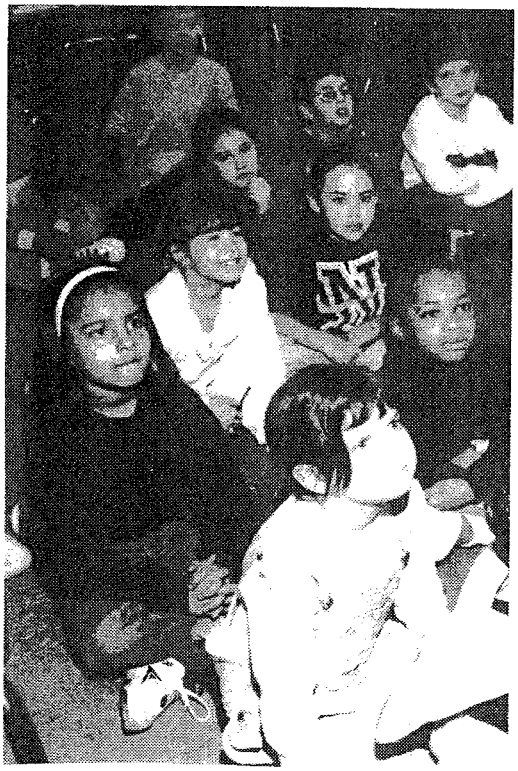
Electors will be voting on the budgets of the Valley Stream Union Free School District #30 and the Valley Stream Central High School District and for the election of one (1) trustee to the Valley Stream Thirty Board of Education.

VOTER REGISTRATION INFORMATION

The day of registration for the May 21, 1996 election is Tuesday, May 14, 1996. You may register at any of the school offices from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Although you will be eligible to vote on May 21 if your name appears in the General Election Lists of Nassau County, the process of voting on May 21 will be much easier for you if your name appears in the school district registration books. You must be registered in order to vote!



PLEASE VOTE ON MAY 21 ... 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.



DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday, May 8

Combined Budget Hearing,
Forest Road School - 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 14

Voter Registration, All Schools
7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and
4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Monday, May 20

Board of Education Meeting
Shaw Avenue School - 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 21

Budget and Trustee Vote, All Schools
7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

District Art Exhibit, All Schools
on Tuesday, May 21
7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

1996-1997 ESTIMATED SCHOOL TAXES FOR PRIVATE HOMEOWNERS

ASSESSED VALUATION OF HOME	ESTIMATED ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TAXES	ESTIMATED INCREASE OVER 1995-96
$1,000.00	$ 225.80	$ 6.90
$4,000.00	$ 903.20	$27.60
$5,000.00	$1,129.00	$34.50
$6,000.00	$1,354.80	$41.40
$7,000.00	$1,580.60	$48.30
$8,000.00	$1,806.40	$55.20

PLEASE VOTE ON MAY 21, 1996

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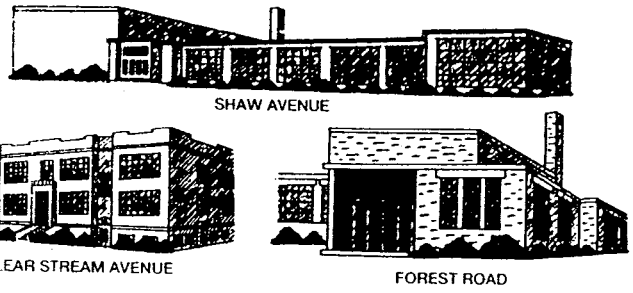
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LACER DISC PROGRAM COMES TO DISTRICT 30

Through the perseverance of Carmelina Giacolone, a parent of a 6th grader at Shaw Avenue School, the Lacer Disc program is coming to District 30. What is the Lacer Disc? The Lacer Disc is a small plastic disc that has an imprinted personal identification number on one side and the phone number of the Nassau County Police Department on the other side. The disc can be affixed to a shoe lace (that's where the "Lacer" name comes from), key ring, article of clothing, or carried in a wallet. The Lacer Disc program is available to people of all ages.



Carmelina is joined by Stanley Kaminsky (Principal) and students to spread the word.

The purpose of the Lacer Disc is to provide a means of identification in emergency situations. For example, if a young child was to wander off from his/her parents at a shopping mall, beach, or amusement park, the child's Lacer Disc identification number could be tracked through the Nassau County Police Department, who could then contact parents. Another example is a person who has an accident or fall and becomes unconscious. If this person was not carrying identification, the notification of family members would be seriously delayed. If that same person had a Lacer Disc on his/her clothing, notification could be readily made.

The Lacer Disc program has become a reality because of Mrs. Giacolone's efforts and the endorsement of State Legislator Francis X. Becker and Assemblyman Greg Becker. The PTAs from Clear Stream Avenue, Forest Road and Shaw Avenue Schools have been very cooperative and supportive of this program. The Safe and Drug Free School Advisory Committees in District 24 and 30 have also endorsed and funded this important initiative.

There will be another registration session on **Saturday, June 22nd between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. at the main pool entrance at Hendrickson Park.** Additional registration dates will appear in local newspapers.

Spring, and Music in the Air!

Fifty orchestra players, 130 band members, and over 200 singers polished their skills to present beautiful music in District 30's three spring concerts. Capacity crowds in each building heard the bands, under the direction of Sloane Landress, play "Flute Loops," showing off excellent soloists; "Repercussions," boasting skilled percussion sections in each building; and at Shaw Avenue School, "Colors of the Wind," from Pocohantas.

The orchestra selections, directed by Barbara Wieder, ran the gamut from Beethoven to Rock and Roll in all three buildings. The students displayed great command of their technique in "American Patrol," and delighted the audience with "Do Wa Diddy."

All three choruses presented a variety of delightful songs.

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The 1996–97 School Budget Has Been Passed

On behalf of the students, the District 30 Board of Education, Administrators and Staff would like to thank the residents of our District for their support of the school budget.

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New Technology — New Friends



Getting ready for their computer performance.

Students from Sandra Rubin's 1st grade reading groups at Shaw Avenue School have discovered a unique way to interact with children in their own school, as well as others in District 30. Thanks to state of the art technology shared by all students in the district, the ClarisWorks Quick Cam computer program produced videos and still photographs of their activities.

During an author study of Margaret Hillert, the students learned her poem "And Suddenly Spring." They acted out their interpretation of the poem using lion and lamb paper bag puppets that they created during a sequencing lesson. Being so proud of their efforts, the 1st grades wanted to share their hard work with as many people as possible.

The Quick Cam camera recorded the performance and made still photographs of the students, not by using film but by storing the information in the computer. Each child chose the color of the background to accompany his/her photograph. Then the still pictures were retrieved from the computer's memory bank and reproduced on the printer in the computer lab. A collage of the group is on display for the entire class to enjoy.

The children look forward to showing their classmates their puppet reenactment of Ms. Hillert's poem on the computer in the computer lab. They anticipate sharing their performance with other 1st graders in the district by transmitting the puppet show from one school to another via the ClarisWorks computer program.

It's a Print!

Fifth and 6th grade students had a rare opportunity of working an art printing press as they each printed their original artwork. Mr. Dan Welden, an Artist-In-Residence visited Clear Stream Avenue and Forest Road Schools to share his printing plates and press with our students. In this special enrichment program sponsored by the PTA, the children painted on an acrylic plate and then created a monotype print from their painting. Susan Menkes, Art Teacher at Clear Stream Avenue School, commented, "Mr. Welden motivated the students to create one of a kind masterpieces!"



Artists at work!

Student Writing Contest

We are proud to announce that Marisa Delcampo, a 3rd grade student in Barbara Melzer's class, at Shaw Avenue School, received a certificate for "outstanding achievement of a young author and illustrator," in the Storyworks-Magic School Bus Contest.



Congratulations, Marisa!

The Magic School Bus from Scholastic Inc. introduces science ideas to children through a creative blend of humor, adventure, and imagination. *Storyworks* magazine was launched in the Spring of 1993 to celebrate the world of children's books and book illustrations. It is designed to open the door to a lifetime of reading pleasure for children.

Storyworks held a contest entitled, "The Storyworks-Magic School Bus Get Wild and Win Contest." To win, students wrote stories in which they imagined themselves as animals. *Storyworks* magazine editors received over 2,000 entries.

Ms. Melzer commented: "We are excited and proud of Marisa's achievement. In order to write this piece, Marisa did research on animals, read several 'Magic School Bus' books, and developed a story. The story and accompanying artwork needed to follow the basic idea of the 'Magic School Bus' format, but also show creativity. This 3rd grader displayed a great deal of creativity!" Pictured are Stanley Kaminsky, Principal, and Barbara Melzer, Teacher, with Marisa.

Students' Bill Becomes Law

Allison Needleman's 5th grade class has worked very hard on an integrated social studies, science/health, language arts, and technology unit on how a bill becomes a law.

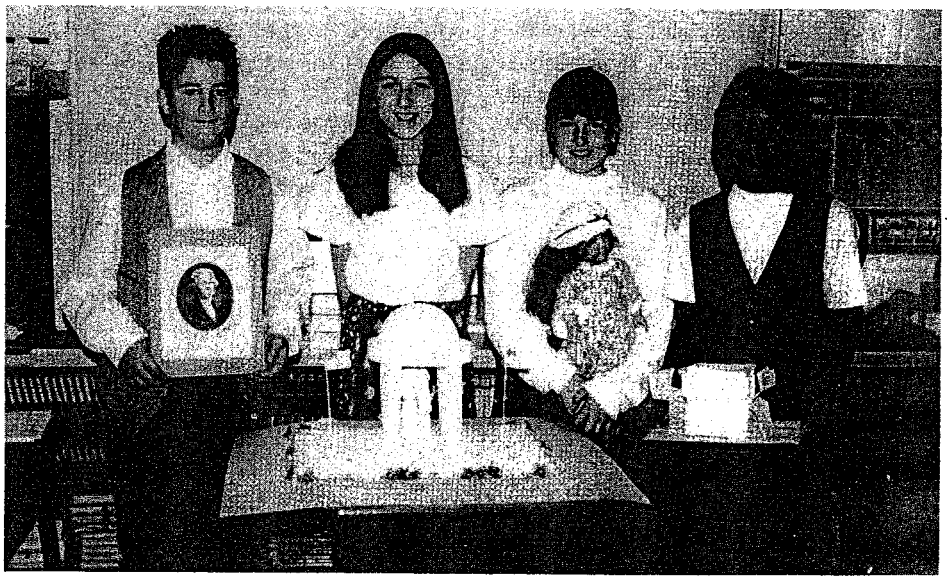
After studying the United States government and the environment, Mrs. Needleman's class acted as the House of Representatives and researched information to form a bill. The class decided to write a bill for the students, teachers, faculty, and staff at Forest Road School to recycle already used paper. The Westbury Paper Stock Company agreed to assist them and donated large bins to store the paper in. Additionally, they will be picking up the paper when the bins are full.

Once the bill was written and voted on by the House of Representatives, it was passed on to the Senate. The Senate consisted of Mr. Robert Cohen, Dr. Barbara Cronin, Mr. Stanley Kaminsky (Principals), Mr. David Kutcher (Assistant Superintendent of Schools), and Mr. Gene Nyitray (Director of Special Services and Programs). The result of the Senate vote was: four members were for the bill and one member abstained from voting.

When the bill was approved by the House of Representatives and the Senate, their president, Mr. Lawrence McGoldrick (Superintendent of Schools) was asked to either sign or veto the bill. It was very exciting when Mr. McGoldrick approved and signed the bill that made it a law.

Now all of Forest Road School is involved. A member from Mrs. Needleman's class goes to every classroom and/or office at the end of each day and collects all the paper that was saved. The Westbury Paper Stock Company also donated a tree to further help the environment.

Mrs. Needleman's class learned a great deal from working on this long and involved project. With the help of Carol Biscardi (Computer Assistant), Gerard Camilleri (Director of Computer Education), and Lydia Rosen (Computer Aide), the class will create a multimedia presentation including all of the research and pictures the students have collected.



Dressed in colonial garb, 5th graders in Susan Wasserman's class at Shaw Avenue School displayed their research and admiration for Thomas Jefferson. Through compositions, artwork and models, students learned that he was talented in many ways: a politician, lawyer, writer, scientist, farmer, educator, architect and and inventor.

COLONIAL EXPERIENCE

Students, parents, friends, District 30 Administrators and Board Members, were invited to a colonial experience at Clear Stream Avenue School. Through the efforts of teachers, Maureen Speiss, Barbara Clarke, Virginia Cabral and Dale Ehrenreich, and their students, the gymnasium was transformed into a past era in history. The time was colonial America, 1600-1776, and the event was entitled, "The Social Studies Fair." The Fair consisted of approximately 20 exhibits including: Indian story telling; sewing; egg dying; paper piercing; clock making; cobblers; corn husk dolls; quill pens; honey dipping; sheep wool combing; Indian head work; buffalo skins; and a trading post, to name just a few. There was even a town crier who announced the news of the day, as well as a parade. Linda Pratt, Music Teacher, conducted the music and dance at the Town Square. The children learned many lessons about our country's role as native Americans and Colonists in this exciting time in American History.



Stepping back in time!

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In preparation for the Social Studies Fair, students researched this historic period, as well as received hands-on experience from some parents, and utilized a mini-grant from the Valley Stream Teachers Center (VSTC).

Barbara Clarke's class had a wonderful experience of learning the folk art craft of Paper Piercing. Mrs. Leas, Amelia's Mom, taught the children this craft. The boys and girls made beautiful designs by piercing the paper which they then painted. This craft was used to decorate lamp shades and other items in the homes of the colonists during the colonial period.

Maureen Speiss and Barbara Clarke received a mini-grant from the Valley Stream Teachers Center for the supplies. Mrs. Palazzolo, who is is former employee of the Queens County Art Museum, was a great help to the teachers in ordering supplies to convert wool to yarn. Her expertise in this area of spinning wool into yarn proved to be a valuable lesson for the children. She taught the students to comb the wool and convert it to yarn, as the colonists did.

The activities gave the children a more meaningful understanding of life in Colonial America. It also prepared the children in these areas for the Colonial Fair.

All the students should be commended for their efforts and allowing all of us to step back into history!

PLAN AHEAD

The 1996-97 school year begins on Wednesday, September 4, 1996. Until then we wish you a safe, enjoyable and relaxing Summer!

Student Council Report

Members of the Student Council in all three schools have been very busy in their schools and should be commended for their school spirit and community involvement. In this issue of The Friendly Schools we are highlighting the events/projects of the Student Council in Clear Stream Avenue School:

- To demonstrate their love and appreciation for the kitchen staff, the children served Millie, Barbara and Susan, their favorite sandwich lunches while entertaining them with a song, "Be Our Guest."
- With the guidance of teachers, Dale Ehrenreich and Sharon Schulman, the Student Council members organized a "Wacky Week" to celebrate the first week of Spring (March 18-22). Each day revolved around a different theme: Monday - Green Day (the color of Spring and St. Patrick' Day); Tuesday - Sports Day; Wednesday - Backwards Day; Thursday - 50's - 60's Day; and, Friday - Think Spring Day. They were certain that "Wacky Week" helped to lift everyone's spirits as they welcomed Spring.
- Carmella Lopez, 2nd grade teacher, brought to their attention Bill H.R. 260, which would allow our National Parkland to be sold. After discussing the disadvantages of this proposal, Student Council members decided to voice their opinions through letters to the U.S. Senate. The children hope that their efforts will help preserve wildlife, habitats and the natural beauty enjoyed by so many people.
- Thanks to PTA's generous donation of flowers, Student Council members were able to beautify the grounds around their front entrance. With spades in hand, the children cheerfully planted marigolds, petunias, and geraniums.
- Trashless Lunch Day was a hit, as children brought their lunch in reusable bags and containers. They had fun lightening up Mother Earth.

Oops, I Goofed!

In the March issue of The Friendly Schools we printed several funny mistakes from students in Rosemary Decker's class at Shaw Avenue School. Following are more "Oops, I goofed" experiences:

THE BROKEN TOE
by Rick Rider

Once my mom was on the phone and she said to her friend, "How is your broken toe?" I was standing behind her and said, "Yello, how is your toe?" My mom's friend heard me, and we all laughed.

WRONG MOM
by Nicole Bratter

My friend went to the hospital with her mom and her little brother. Her mom was getting a blood test because she was having a baby. My friend's little brother ran up to another woman, hugged her leg and said, "MOMMY, MOMMY!" He thought the woman was his mother. My friend was so embarassed and apologized to the woman.

WALKING GRANDMA'S DOG
by John Governale

When I was nine years old my brother and I went over to my grandma's house to walk her dog. The whole time I was holding the leash, my brother pushed and shoved me down the block. He also bossed me around. I finally decided to get back at my brother, so I quickly gave him a big shove, and ran like the wind. Too bad I ran right into a stop sign and fell to the ground. The people in the cars saw me. I was very embarrassed.

BAD HAIR DAY
by Deanna English

My friend had a sleep-over. In the morning she wanted to put hair spray on her hair, so she reached for the can and sprayed it on. As she was spraying it, she smelled something funny. It turned out to be bug spray. Her mother had left it in the bathroom after killing a bumble bee. When my friend came out of the bathroom, she smelled and looked terrible. Her hair looked like a beehive. We laughed all day. She really goofed up.

DELI-MISTAKE
by Elizabeth Corporan

One day I went to the deli down the block. My mother needed a loaf of bread and eggs. After I put the bread and eggs on the counter I went to the candy section and took some gum. I paid for everything and took the bag and my gum and walked home. When my mother unpacked the bag she found one quart of milk and a box of cookies. Boy, did I goof! I guess someone else has my milk and eggs!



Roslyn Scheidt's and Peggy Badalucco's 1st graders, and their reading pals in Grace Guttman's 3rd grade class, at Forest Road School, welcomed a special visitor: Lulu Ng, owner of Hunan Pavilion (located on Merrick Road in Valley Stream). Lulu showed the students special costumes and clothing that are worn for the holidays, and told them about the ancient customs. This is another example of how members of our community volunteer their time to provide richer learning experiences for District 30 students.

Spring, & Music in the Air

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Practice did make perfect! Bravo!

One of the highlights of the Forest Road School chorus, under the direction of Frances Gibson, was their rendition of "The Lion Sleeps Tonight," from the Lion King, complete with drums and a lion! Barbara Kreeger's students, at Shaw Avenue School, had a clown theme, and dazzled the audience with clowns in costume, and acrobats to make their clown songs come to life. The chorus at Clear Stream Avenue School, under the direction of Linda Pratt, departed from their usual fare for one number and presented a "speech chorus" that wowed the audience.

The bands and orchestras combined their talents to form a District 30 band and a District 30 Orchestra, and repeated their concert in the Shaw Avenue School auditorium. The band also made its annual appearance in the Memorial Day parade.

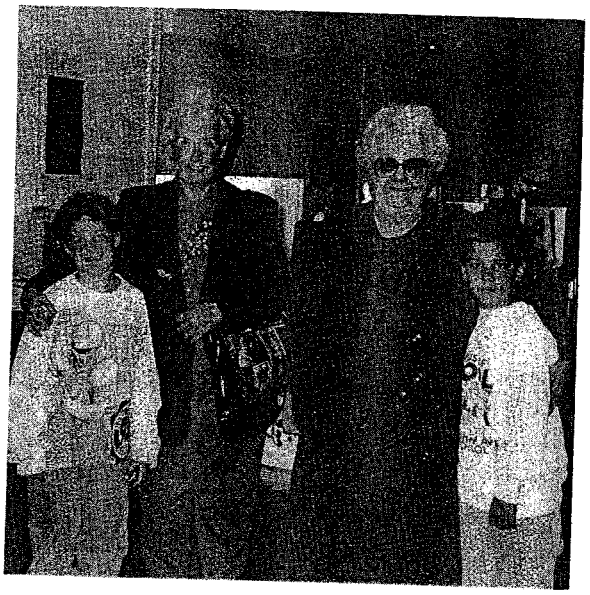
Later in the month, the Clear Stream Avenue chorus presented its annual Spring Musicale, an informal concert at which students sing solos and in small groups.

Book Review Database

Under the direction of Bruce Lesser (6th grade teacher), Gerard Camilleri (Director of Computer Education), Carol Biscardi (Computer Assistant) and Lydia Rosen (Computer Aide), the Forest Road School 6th graders created a user-friendly database as a culminating literature/computer project for future students to use. This new program allows students or teachers to browse the entries and locate the files of books that interest them. Users can access the database by using a "mouse" and double clicking.

Each entry contains the book's title, author, review (student prepared), rating of the reading difficulty, enjoyment level, and genre. As students read books during the year, they will add them to the files of the database. Before a student selects books from the library, they can access the database as a guide. In future years this database will continue to grow and prove to be a valuable tool for all students of Forest Road School.

Annual ReadAloud



Sharing their love of reading.

This year National Library Week was celebrated with our 5th annual ReadAloud in the Library/Media Centers. Relatives and special friends of all the students were invited to read a story during their Library class. This program brought some new people into the schools, and all participants (grandparents, aunts, uncles, baby-sitters and adult friends) brought the joy of reading to classes full of eager listeners. It was touching to watch the faces of readers and students as stories were shared. Pictured are Frank Saviano, Grandma Lillian Clifford and Grandma Elma LoBye, and John Vessely during the ReadAloud at Shaw Avenue School.

Here are some comments from our Library/Media Specialists: "Once again it was a wonderful week. The response was enthusiastic, this year 96 volunteers participated. It was great to see so many familiar faces," commented Mary Mathews (Shaw Avenue School); Carol Tolle (Forest Road School) added: "Sixty-six readers read a variety of selections, including poetry, folktales, chapters from novels, and picture books. Children and adults enjoyed the opportunity to meet and read together." Alice Dorb (Clear Stream Avenue School) stated, "Approximately 100 relatives and friends of our students joined us in the Library/Media Center, sharing favorite stories in commemoration of National Library Week."

A Reading Experience



Backpacks ready to fill

Forest Road School now has 76 backpacks for grades K-6. The Forest Road School PTA generously donated the books and the backpacks for this school project that offers parents and children opportunities to read together and to share the book-based activities in an easy-to-use format. Rene Herman, Reading Specialist (pictured), has used the computer lab to create the designs for their backpacks and the contents.

Backpacks go home with a different child each week. The backpacks contain books, poems, journals, games, bibliographies, recipes, interesting facts, jokes, and activities; a packet is also included for the family to keep. These backpacks include a gamut of educational experiences especially correlated to each grade's curriculum and integrating all the subjects.



Fifth graders were involved in learning about New England Colonies. Through research, students prepared reports on the computers. The murals were painted by 5th grade artists in Allison Needleman's class, and the quilt was prepared by the creative students in Sherrie Lewis' class. Susan Baron, Art Teacher, offered artistic guidance in the completion of these historical projects at Forest Road School. Pictured are Allison Needleman and Susan Baron standing proudly with some of the students.

Our Adventure with a Computersaurus

by Gina Marotto, Cherylanne Cohen and Ms. Julie Gorin



Computer printing each part and putting together this puzzle, was great!

What has a keyboard, a screen, a disk and roars out information about animals that have been extinct for millions of years? A Computersaurus, of course! At least that is what we named our Multimedia Center on Monday.

On March 25, Ms. Gorin's 6th graders and Mrs. Arlene Sack's and Mrs. M's (Theresa Milici, Kindergarten Aide) kindergartners had a computersaurus dinothon. We spent the day researching and writing drafts of our big book called "The Big Book of Dinosaurs." There were also a bunch of exciting activities to help us gather information for our book. Mrs. Noeleen Douglas, a computer expert, showed us how to use a program called Dinoset. We also played Dinojeopardy. Every time someone answered a question correctly, they got a chance to fit a huge dinosaur bone into a puzzle. In the end, we put together a T-Rex just like a paleontologist. Then Mrs. Susan Menkes, our Art Teacher, came and we made dinosaur masks. After that, Mrs. Linda Pratt, our Music Teacher, came in and sang some dinosaur songs with us. Next, Mrs. Alice Dorb, our Librarian, visited and read some dinosaur books. It was a fun day and we learned a lot about dinosaurs!

So, in case you never knew that a Stegosaurus had a brain the size of a walnut, or that a Brontosaurus' neck was 28 feet long (about the same length as 8 kindergartners) then you should read our book or hold a computersaurus day of your own.

Spreading the Word

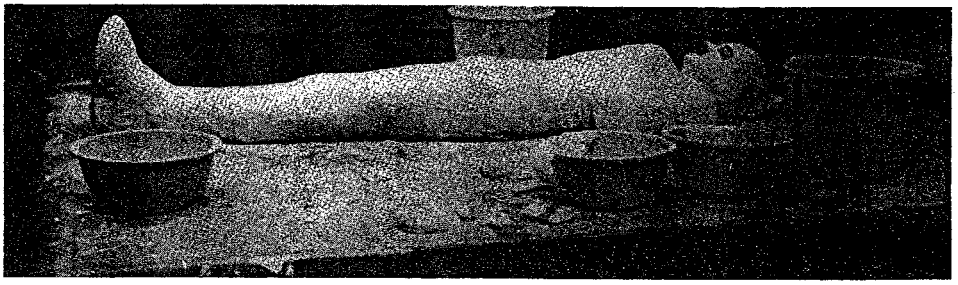
In celebration of Earth Day, the students were involved in a special Earth Day project. Fourth grade students in Susan Stiefel's and Eileen Cudahy's classes worked cooperatively to publicize Earth Day throughout Forest Road School. They distributed brown paper grocery bags from the Green Acres Waldbaums to all the classes in the school. These grocery bags were decorated with Earth Day pictures and slogans by each grade level under the direction of Art Teacher, Susan Baron. The decorated bags were returned to Waldbaums who distributed them to customers on Earth Day. The Earth Day messages were passed along from the Forest Road School children to the Mill Brook community.



We care!

By participating in this activity, the Forest Road School joined more than 140 schools and supermarkets coast to coast, who were involved in this nationwide Earth Day project. The 4th graders continue to remind everyone, "If we don't take care of earth, who will?"

Students in Susan Menkes' Art Class, at Clear Stream Avenue School, became all "wrapped up" in art and social studies when they recreated an Egyptian mummy. (Do you know who is under the wrapping?) In this project, classroom learning was reinforced by hands-on experience in the Art Room.



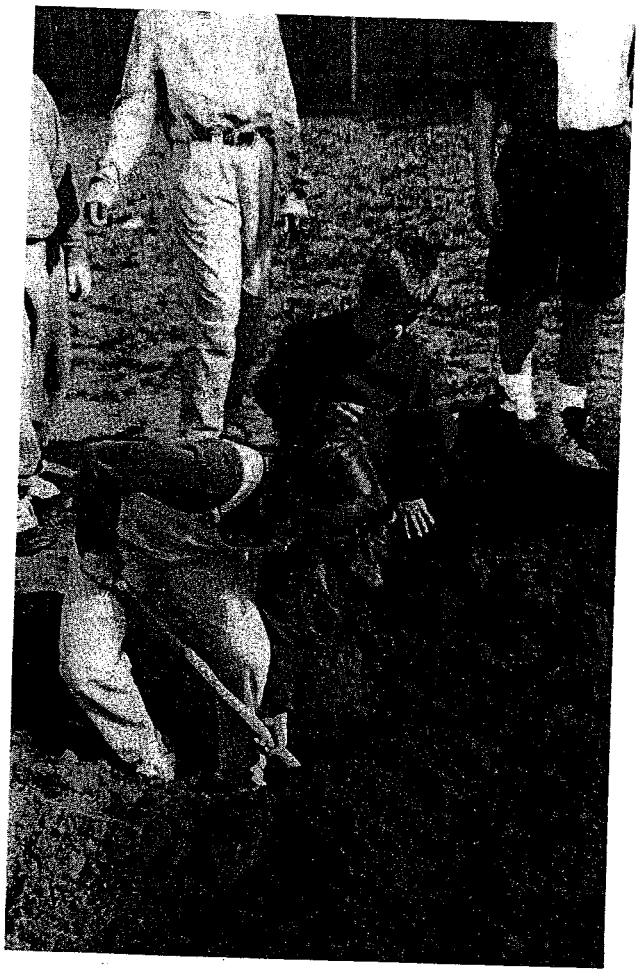
MARK YOUR CALENDAR

June 17	District 30 Board of Education Committee Meeting - 8:00 p.m.
19	District 30 6th Grade Graduation Exercises - 8:15 p.m. held at each school
20	District 30 Kindergarten Graduation - 9:30 a.m. held at each school
21	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
24	District 30 Board of Education Meeting - 8:00 p.m.

(NOTE: District 30 Board of Education Committee Meetings are held at the Washington Avenue Administration Building. District 30 Board of Education Meetings are held at Shaw Avenue School.)

The Elusive Time Capsule

Did you notice the digging going on out on the playground at Clear Stream Avenue School, recently? The 4th grade classes, with the assistance of Vincent Libertini (Kindergarten Teacher) and Linda Pratt (Music Teacher), were searching for a 20 year old buried treasure. Liz Leyh, a member of the 5th grade class in 1975-76, sent the map they had made twenty years ago to locate their time capsule, a large plastic garbage pail. Additional on-the-spot location advice was given by John Egan, Fran Muessig, Gerard McGovern and Michael Stevenson, who were among the students who originally buried the treasure. After many attempts of pacing, hopping and skipping (the directions given to find the capsule), the fourth graders eagerly began digging.



It must be here!!

Unfortunately, scheduled maintenance on the playground and the planting of new grass ended the search. The time capsule was elusive and still awaits discovery in perhaps another twenty years. The Clear Stream Avenue School 4th graders, and the 1975-76 5th graders who assisted, learned two valuable lessons from this venture: first, it's a BIG playground, and second, make a better map!!

Art at the Heart of Learning

Sara Palazzolo, a 3rd grade student at Clear Stream Avenue School, has been named a winner in two separate art contests on Long Island. In a poster contest sponsored by the Nassau County Museum of Art, Sara was named a grand prize winner for her extraordinary drawing of children from around the world, which expressed her sentiment: "Friendship is the key to our world's harmony." Her artwork was included in an exhibit at the museum. Nicole Koegel, from Clear Stream Avenue School, and Nikolaos Kanterakis from Forest Road School were also winners in this contest.

In another contest, sponsored by European American Bank, Sara designed an imaginary tree house. As a grand prize winner, Sara received Islander tickets and an autographed hockey puck that was signed by the entire team.

Susan Menkis, Art Teacher, entered her students in these contests and commented, "Sara is a very gifted and talented artist and I am very proud of her."

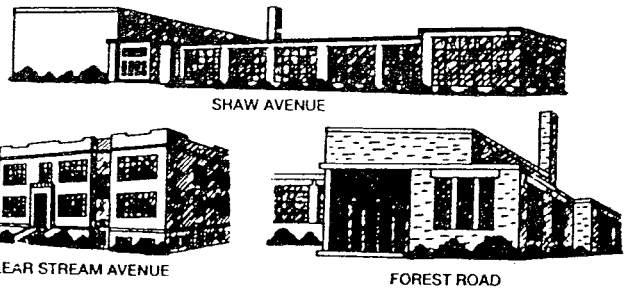
Reinforcing Anti-Bias Concepts

The 6th grade students at Forest Road School have extended the novel based literature program into the area of dramatic arts. After learning about the Holocaust, prejudice and terrorism, a school production is being presented. The allegory, "Terrible Things," is extended to teach young children the importance of caring for others, unity and compassion.

Correction

The March issue of The Friendly Schools contained the incorrect information concerning the creator of the life-size replica of Susan Wasserman. The nimble and talented hands of kindergartners in Mary Clavin's class created this wonderful work of art.

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION . . .

Dear Residents,

The cool breeze flutters through the changing leaves signifying autumn. It's the beginning of a new school year and there is electricity in the air. The sight of youthful enthusiasm, with eyes that hunger for knowledge, greet the teachers and administration in District 30. There are many new challenges ahead for both teacher and pupil.



We have the Chicago Math Project, that has proven so successful, expanding throughout the district. New modules in the Health Curriculum will be developed and rolled out. The new computer labs and the Local Area Network for Forest Road School will put District 30 on the cutting edge of technology. While we are saddened at the retirement and departure of several of our staff, we welcome the new additions to the District 30 family. We look forward to the blending of our current thinking with that of new ideas.

As you can see, there is plenty to be excited about as we open the new school year. The preparation for the upcoming year is verifiable proof of the dedication and professionalism of our staff and administration. With anticipation of much growth and educational awareness, we welcome you to a new school year.

Sincerely,

Andrew J. Walters
President, Board of Education

THREE STAFF MEMBERS RECEIVE HONORS

• **Barbara Kreeger,** Music Teacher, has been accepted as a member of the 1996–97 Carnegie Hall Teacher Curriculum Council. This Council promotes partnerships between Carnegie Hall and the educational community to foster a greater understanding of classical music. It also facilitates greater access for teachers and students to Carnegie Hall educational programs.

• **Paula Franklin,** 1st grade teacher at Clear Stream Avenue School, was selected for inclusion in the fourth edition of "Who's Who Among America's Teachers."

• **Alice Dorb's** (Library/Media Specialist at Clear Stream Avenue School) biography has been selected for inclusion in the 20th edition of "Who's Who of American Women," which will be published in December, 1996.

SCHOOL CLOSINGS

Weather and other emergencies may warrant school closings. PTA Class Parents will be alerted and will initiate telephone calls to inform parents in each class. NEWS 12 on Channel 12 will carry school closing information. Such school closings will also be announced on the following local radio stations:

WCBS (AM) 88	WHLI (AM) 1100
WGBB (AM) 1240	WINS (AM) 1010
WGSM (AM) 740	WALK (FM) 97.5
WALK (AM) 1370	

In the event of a delayed opening, schools will start 1-1/2 hours later than usual in District 30. Listen for announcements on the stations listed above. School will never be dismissed early or will the afternoon program, CARE, be cancelled once school is in session for the day.

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Summer Reading

The staff in each school has encouraged the importance of reading during the summer. Sometimes our schools participate in special Summer Reading Programs.

Reading Teachers, Ann Glynn and Suzanne Jacob, at Clear Stream Avenue School, reported: Some of our students were busy reading during the summer recess. A total of 147 students participated in the school's Summer Reading Program, reading a total of 1,785 books. Thanks to PTA, Dale Ehrenreich's 3rd grade class and Karen Catalanotto's 5th grade class will receive ice cream parties since their classes had the highest number of participants. The following students individually read, or had read to them, the highest number of books: Danielle and Paul Albanese – 252; Jillian D'Ornellas – 44; and Nicholas Novello – 42. These students will be presented with a new book for their wonderful efforts.

Carol Tolle, Library/Media Specialist at Forest Road School, reported: In June, special reading calendars (supplied by Assemblyman Becker) were distributed to students. During the summer, students needed to read 15 minutes for 40 days, and marked the calendar everytime they read. The Forest Road School's 2nd and 4th graders tied with reading 15 books.

Welcome, New Staff Members!

Introducing . . .

Jan Baccon joins us as a 2nd grade teacher at Shaw Avenue School. She graduated from Hofstra with a BA in Elementary Education and Psychology. Jan was an Assistant Teacher at Little Village School for the Developmentally Disabled for six summers, and a Student Teacher in Garden City for grades K–4 before coming to District 30. She loves to read and collects children's books. Jan stated, "I would like to thank everyone for all of their help and kindness. It has made my start in Valley Stream very comfortable."

Amy Bendeth, who previously served District 30 as Contract Substitute for 1 1/2 years, is presently a 3rd grade teacher at Shaw Avenue School. She has been in her profession for 3 years, and recently commented, "I'm looking forward to seeing many smiling faces come through my classroom door."

Nancy Blankshine, a Valley Streamer, is a new 3rd grade teacher at Forest Road School. She was born and raised in Valley Stream, and attended Shaw Avenue School. Nancy is a graduate of SUNY in Oneonta, and is studying for a Masters Degree in Reading at Adelphi University.

Michael Buckley is a new 6th grade teacher at Shaw Avenue School. Before returning to school for a degree in education, Michael worked in the defense industry for 12 years. He graduated from St. Joseph's College in Patchogue, with a dual Certification in Pre-K–6 and Special Education.

Elizabeth Bywater is the newest addition to our team of School Psychologists. She has been in her profession for 3 years, and will be sharing her expertise at Clear Stream Avenue. Her recent position was held at Nassau BOCES (Ames Elementary). Elizabeth did her internship at Nassau County Medical Center, Child Development Center. Prior to that, she was a school psychologist at the Interdisciplinary Center for Child Development in Bayside, Queens.

Mary Dunn has joined us at Clear Stream Avenue School as a 6th grade teacher. She has 7 years of experience, 2 of which has been as Contract Substitute in District 30. Mary has also been a Special Education Teacher for the Association for the Help of Retarded Children (A.H.R.C.) for 5 years.

Suzanne M. Jacob joins the team at Clear Stream Avenue School as a Reading Teacher. Suzanne has been teaching for 2 years, and recently completed her Master's Degree in Reading at C.W Post/L.I. University. While attending C.W. Post, she was a Graduate Assistant under Dr. A. Kravitz, Chairman, and employed as the Computer Teacher in the Hicksville School District for grades K–5. Suzanne's interests include: collecting children's literature, cooking, gardening, traveling and skiing. "Highlights of my skiing experiences included a ski trip to Innsbrook, Austria, and Jackson Hole, Wyoming," stated Suzanne.

Jay Marinoff is now a member of the District's talented music department. He will be teaching general music and chorus at Forest Road School. Jan has been a professional musician (pianist, arranger) for many years, and performed in theater clubs, dance recitals, etc. He directed an award-winning Glee Club that entertained at children's hospitals throughout New York. Jay remarked, "I am *very* excited and happy to be here!"

Eileen Pollan is the new District 30 Band Director. She has been in her profession for 3 years. Her past experience includes: Director of three bands at Trinity Lutheran School (Grades 4–8) in Hicksville and the beginner band program at Vernon M.S. in Oyster Bay–E. Norwich; A Teacher's Assistant at C.W. Post (Renaissance Consort) and Syosset H.S. (Marching Band). She performed in several ensembles at the University of Michigan, C.W. Post and the Crane School of Music (where she also was a graduate assistant). Eileen has performed professionally with the North

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Retirees—Good Luck!

As our doors open for another school year, some of our familiar faces have moved on to retirement. We recently heard from two of our newly retired staff members:

Estelle Friedman, after 28 years retired as our School Psychologist in Clear Stream Avenue and Forest Road Schools. Estelle came to District 30 after two years of experience and proved to be an asset to our team. Becoming a "coach potato" is not for Estelle. She plans to spend more time with her family, continue expressing herself through watercolor painting, travel, and "having the freedom to exercise any other options as they arise." Estelle warmly stated, "I feel most fortunate to have been a part of District 30 and trust I have made a positive contribution. I will miss my colleagues and the children."

Doris Stern, our Senior Account Clerk for 17 years also retired. She has been in her profession for 30 years. Doris retired during the 1995–96 school year, and has been in the "retirement mode" for some time. She recently told us that she plans to travel, spend time at the beach, visit her children and grandchildren, and read. She also plans to work at her hobby, quilting, and try her hand at some new hobbies. Doris commented, "I greatly enjoyed my many years at District 30. I am also now enjoying my retirement. I highly recommend it!" We at District 30 wish our colleagues/friends well, and hope that life ahead will be happy and healthy for all.



Teachers Share Their Travel Experiences

District 30 teachers bring many of their life experiences to our students, especially their travels. Whether it's a trip to the Museum of Natural History in New York City, or Plymouth Rock in Massachusetts, their knowledge is passed on to the students. Susan Wasserman, 5th grade teacher at Shaw Avenue School, is one teacher who has a lot to share. Her trip to Alaska was highlighted in the March 1996 issue of The Friendly Schools. Below are Susan's own descriptions of her most recent adventures, which are both interesting and educational:

First stop—New Zealand—a beautiful country of geothermal geysers, snow capped mountains and lots of sheep! I had a wonderful farm stay with a sheep and deer farmer's family in Southbridge, a small farming community outside of the city of Christchurch. I learned about the wool of 19 different kinds of sheep and even bought sheepskin earmuffs to keep me warm (August is in the middle of winter in the Southern Hemisphere).

Since I was interested in the snow capped mountains and glaciers, I took a helicopter ride to the Tasman glacier and played in the snow for a while (on August 12th!). I spent time in Fjordland National Park and observed dolphins, seal pups and other animals and fish playing in the *very cold water.* A most interesting Antarctic exhibit was held in Christchurch, New Zealand, as that is the place from which many supplies are sent to various places in Antarctica. Explorers enroute to the frozen continent often begin their journey in New Zealand and travel south by boat or plane. (This trip is usually made in January and February, the southern Hemisphere's summer.)

From New Zealand I flew to Sydney, Australia, where I met my Australian cousins for the first time. Sydney is a beautiful city where life is centered on the magnificent harbors. Sailing is a most important leisure time activity. Sydney will be the next host city of the Summer Olympics in the year 2000. Hope to be there!

From Sydney, I traveled to Melbourne, another large city on the southeast coast. There I met other cousins who had emigrated from Eastern Europe via Wellington, New Zealand where they were raised, and the younger generation born.

Philips Island, an hour's ride outside of Melbourne, is home to the Fairy Penguins. At sundown each day, these charming little flightless birds (they are the smallest of penguins) "march" from the ocean and up the beach to their rookeries in the dunes. It is quite an experience to see hundreds of these tiny creatures leave the sea for their dune homes!

It was most unusual for me to experience moving in a southward direction and having the weather become colder! That's what happens as we traveled from Sydney to Melbourne. As we moved in a northwesterly direction the weather became warmer.

Adelaide is a lovely city in South Australia. I had the opportunity to visit a most unusual place, the Sturt Street School. This is a school designed for newly emigrated non-English speaking children. There are two classes on each grade level. A beginners class is for children who don't speak any English. As these children progress, they move to the more advanced class and eventually into regular classes. The process can take 1–2 years before most children are proficient in reading, writing, and speaking in English.

A visit to Tandanya, the Aboriginal Museum, also located in Adelaide was a must. Some of the artwork of the indigenous people are outstanding.

From Adelaide, I took the Ghan train (through the outback and called the Ghan after the Afghan camel drivers who crossed this area frequently) to Alice Springs, a true outback city. I had a "bush dinner" (prepared over the coals) which included "damper," a special bread, and "billy tea," and

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

October 21	District 30 Board of Education Committee Meeting - 8:00 p.m.
28	District 30 Board of Education Meeting - 8:00 p.m.
November 5	Election Day
	Superintendents' Conference Day NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
11	Veterans' Day - SCHOOL CLOSED
18	District 30 Board of Education Committee Meeting - 8:00 p.m.
25	District 30 Board of Education Meeting - 8:00 p.m.
28-29	Thanksgiving Recess - SCHOOLS CLOSED

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ed, "I would like to thank everyone for all of their help and kindness. It has made my start in Valley Stream very comfortable."

Amy Bendeth, who previously served District 30 as Contract Substitute for 1 1/2 years, is presently a 3rd grade teacher at Shaw Avenue School. She has been in her profession for 3 years, and recently commented, "I'm looking forward to seeing many smiling faces come through my classroom door."

Nancy Blankshine, a Valley Streamer, is a new 3rd grade teacher at Forest Road School. She was born and raised in Valley Stream, and attended Shaw Avenue School. Nancy is a graduate of SUNY in Oneonta, and is studying for a Masters Degree in Reading at Adelphi University.

Michael Buckley is a new 6th grade teacher at Shaw Avenue School. Before returning to school for a degree in education, Michael worked in the defense industry for 12 years. He graduated from St. Joseph's College in Patchogue, with a dual Certification in Pre-K–6 and Special Education.

Elizabeth Bywater is the newest addition to our team of School Psychologists. She has been in her profession for 3 years, and will be sharing her expertise at Clear Stream Avenue. Her recent position was held at Nassau BOCES (Ames Elementary). Elizabeth did her internship at Nassau County Medical Center, Child Development Center. Prior to that,

STOP THE PRESSES . . .

Just prior to printing, we received the following from Dale Ehrenreich's 3rd grade class, at Clear Stream Avenue School:

Keeping Cool and Learning, too:

We've had a busy beginning in Room 27. The first week was very hot, but we went outside and blew bubbles. We looked for rainbow colors and saw teal, pink, blue, green, yellow, red and violet. We made rainbows and wrote about the colors. It was a lot of fun. We kept cool by dancing the macarena and taking pictures. Two fans kept the breezes blowing.

Who's Who?:

We tricked our parents on Meet the Teacher Night. We chose new names and covered our name tags with them. A day later we used our new names in class. It was a little confusing for Mrs. Ehrenreich, our teacher, but lots of fun for us! That's all for now!



FOR FURTHER SCHOOL HAPPENINGS AND INFORMATION, BE SURE TO KEEP A LOOK OUT FOR THE NEXT ISSUE OF ***THE FRIENDLY SCHOOLS!***

Teachers Travel

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learned to crack the whip and thro the boomerang. Alice Springs is home to a special school, the School of the Air. As many children live on remote cattle and sheep stations hundreds of miles away from each other and schools, these children communicate with each other and teachers by two way radio! They take exams in their own homes and received weekly lessons (as well as library books) through the mail, via small plane. They are even learning a foreign language via the air waves. Can you guess what it is? Indonesian!!

From Alice Springs my next stop was Ayers Rock, the giant red monolith that is so revered by the indigenous people. It was quite an experience seeing the sun rise and set on this rock, rich in feldspar and originally thought to have been part of enormous granite mountains that were eroded. Ayers Rock sits in the midst of sacred aboriginal lands, many parts of whi were closed to visitors.

My last stop in Australia was Cairns, a tropical paradise, which rests on the Great Barrier Reef. I spent time in a semi-submersible boat viewing the coral formations and colorful fish of one of the world's most beautiful barrier reefs.

Although my month long excursion to Australia and New Zealand has ended, my 5th graders hope to be in touch (via telecommunications) with the children on the cattle stations in the outback. Seeing and hearing about a different culture and lifestyle is an enriching and rewarding experience.

SMOKING PROHIBITED

On December 26, 1994 the Pro-Children Act of 1994, part of Title X of the Goals 2000: Education American Act (Public Law 103-227) came in effect. This law states that there can i no use of tobacco in any school building (any building housing children) **at any time.**

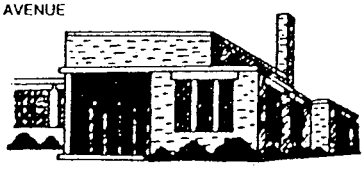
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WELCOME, NEW STAFF MEMBERS!

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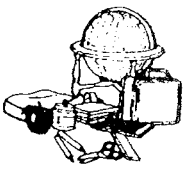
Introducing ...

Eileen Pollan is the new District 30 Band Director. She has been in her profession for 3 years. Her past experience includes: Director of three bands at Trinity Lutheran School (Grades 4–8) in Hicksville and the beginner band program at Vernon M.S. in Oyster Bay–E. Norwich; A Teacher's Assistant at C.W. Post (Renaissance Consort) and Syosset H.S. (Marching Band). She performed in several ensembles at the University of Michigan, C.W. Post and the Crane School of Music (where she also was a graduate assistant). Eileen has performed professionally with the North Shore Symphony Orchestra, Atlantic Wind Symphony, Far Rockaway–Five Towns Symphony Orchestra, and the Long Island Flute Club Flute Ensemble. Eileen commented: "I am excited to be working in Valley Stream District 30 and I'm looking forward to teaching my students."

Jill Slaymaker brings her artistic experiences to Shaw Avenue School as part-time Art Teacher for grades K–3. Her background includes: Lecturer at the Museum of Modern Art; Educator at the Brooklyn Museum; Cultural Program Assistant at the Brooklyn Children's Museum; Director of Art Programs at La Candelan's (a Harlem homeless shelter); Artist-in-Residence in the New York City Public Schools, through LEAP; and has been a professional artist for 15 years. Jill's other interests are: music, dancing and traveling. Her husband is a musician and they have collaborated on several songs. "I have a passion for art and teaching children, and the Shaw Avenue School seems like a great environment to work in. I'm looking forward to learning from the children and teachers there, and sharing my own ideas," commented Jill.

Adam Vicelich brings his talent to Shaw Avenue School as part-time general music teacher. He is a graduate from the Copland School of Music at Queens College, and was a student teacher in P.S. 185 in Queens.

GIFTED & TALENTED PROGRAM



Each spring the Gifted and Talented Program is evaluated by the administrators, students and parents. The results of the 1995–96 evaluation indicated that the program is on target and fulfilling expectations.

Participants are selected for this special program through a screening process which identifies students who possess such traits as high academic abilities, creativity and motivation.

The Gifted and Talented Program returned to school this year with a new name—Quest!



HOLIDAY GREETINGS

May your heart and home ring with the joyful sounds of the holiday season and each moment be warm and wonderful.

May the New Year bring peace, joy and good health to your entire family.

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COMPUTERS IN CLASSROOMS—A LEARNING TOOL

Students in all our schools, from kindergarten to 6th grade, are exposed to the computer and a variety of computer programs that reinforce curriculum. Last year, the Library/Media Centers were "on-line" and had access to the Internet.

This year, something new has been added The 5th and 6th grade students, and teachers at Forest Road School are excited about the Local Area Network (LAN), which has brought the computer lab to their classrooms. Each classroom has three computer stations linked to all the capabilities of the computer lab. The computers are used throughout the day as writing, research, communication and remediation tools.

The LAN gives students direct access to all files in the Library/Media Center. Students can use the computer lab printers, software, and search for information on the Internet without leaving their classrooms.

This LAN system is a success thanks to the dedication and expertise of Gerard Camilleri, District Computer Coordinator, and Carol Biscardi, Computer Instructor.

In the future, the District plans to expand LAN to Clear Stream Avenue and Shaw Avenue Schools.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION



There has been a plethora of negative articles about public schools in the news lately. Thankfully that negativism has not spread to District Thirty because of your support. The faith and trust that you have shown to our administrators and staff has enabled them to achieve goals that are not within the reach of many other school districts.

Several of our staff and administrators represent their colleagues on national and state professional committees. The Chicago Math Program, that has proven so successful in District Thirty, has been observed by several school districts throughout the state. Our children benefit from the teamwork manifested by you, the taxpayer, the parents, the staff and the administration.

We now have another challenge before us and we need your help and input. The student population continues to grow at a steady rate. We have in the last ten years grown by 35%. This is an average of thirty children a year over the past ten years. National, state and local forecasts estimate that the student population will continue to grow at the same rate until the year 2007. This has caused a space "crunch" within our schools. At the beginning of the 1997–98 school year, the classroom space in our buildings will be as follows:

Clear Stream Avenue School:
0 Classroom

Shaw Avenue School:
1 Classroom

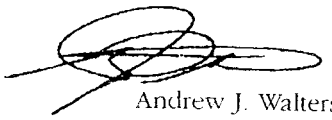
Forest Road School:
1 Classroom

The space left to us cannot accommodate our expected growth. On November 20, 1996 a meeting was held to gather input from the community about how we can address this pending problem. Several possibilities were suggested, they were:

1) Central Registration
2) 1/2 Day Kindergarten
3) Split Sessions
4) Renovations of Washington Ave
5) Building an Addition

Should you have any suggestions for a resolution to this problem, please contact the Superintendent at (516) 285-9881. Mr. McGoldrick will forward all suggestions to the Board of Education. A follow up meeting will be scheduled early in the new year to give you the results of our investigation, and to give you an idea on the financial aspect of your suggestions. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

A Very Healthy and Happy Holidays to you and your families,



Andrew J. Walters
Board President

BREAKFAST WITH THE SUPERINTENDENT

The basic intent of these informal meetings is to provide a channel of communication between the public and the school district. It offers you the opportunity to ask questions and voice any concerns you may have about the district. District 30 has always maintained as its foremost priority the education of children. This goal can only be met by having the home, the community at large, and the school district working in close cooperation.



These meetings with Lawrence McGoldrick will be held several times during the school year at 9:30 a.m. All residents are welcome to any and all meetings. Refreshments will be served, so come and join us. They are scheduled for:

January 10 at Shaw Avenue School
March 21 at Forest Road School

IMPORTANT TAX NOTICE

New York State Income Tax forms for 1996 require the name of the public school district IN WHICH YOU LIVE. (SCHOOL DISTRICT IS VALLEY STREAM UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT #30 and our CODE NUMBER IS 657.

STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN ELECTION '96

The 5th graders in Sherrie Lewis' and Allison Needleman's classes, at Forest Road School, participated in an integrated election project. In cooperative groups, the students researched the various issues of the two main presidential candidates. Using many sources, such as, newspapers, magazine articles, the computer, and the Internet, the students studied the candidates' views on issues concerning crime, education, health, taxes, economics, and foreign affairs.



Students anxiously await their turn to vote at Clear Stream Avenue School.

The students had to write a research paper comparing the candidates' views on two of the issues studied. They also had to design campaign posters using clever and original slogans for each candidate. Lastly, the students had to write an essay on which candidate they would vote for and why.

With the assistance of Carol Biscardi, Computer Instructor, Gerard Camilleri, Computer Coordinator, and Lydia Rosen, Computer Aide, the 5th graders and Quest students were able to participate in the on-line Parent/Student Mock Election with CNN News. Students designed fact sheets about the issues and distributed them to all fellow students and teachers. The parents of Forest Road School students were asked to send in their votes on an anonymous ballot. These votes were tallied. The results of the parents' paper ballot were 334 for Clinton/Gore, and 62 for Dole/Kemp. The students came with their classes to the "Voting Booth" on their "Election Day." Each student, as well as the adults, voted directly on the computer with the assistance of 5th graders and/or a Quest student. The results were 271 for Clinton/Gore, and 67 for Dole/Kemp. These results were submitted to *Scholastic News* and *Newsday*.

"The success of the project was evident as all the students at Forest Road School gained knowledge of the candidates and the election process. In addition, a positive evaluation of the project written by the 5th graders also showed that this project was an invaluable experience for all involved," commented Sherrie Lewis.

Who is your favorite president? Should kids be allowed to vote? What is it like to be the Mayor of Valley Stream? These questions and more were explored by the 5th and 6th grade students at Clear Stream Avenue School.

During the week of October 28, the 6th grade students turned the computer lab into a mock polling place. All students, in grade kindergarten through 6th, registered and cast their vote for the next president. They also completed a polling survey. As in the national election, Bill Clinton swept the polls.

First hand information about the election process was brought to the 5th and 6th grade students by the Valley Stream Mayor Darcy. On October 30th, Mayor Darcy held a question and answer period. Students learned about the personal commitment involved when running for mayor, and the many responsibilities of a public servant.

"The students enjoyed this hands-on experience. They now look forward to voting when they turn eighteen, or may even run for president," commented Karen Catalanotto (5th grade teacher) and Julie McCain (6th grade teacher).

FOR OUR CHILDREN'S SAFETY

To further insure our children's safety, a Crossing Guard has been assigned at the corner of Forest Road and Jasmine Lane. We welcome Mrs. Pat Piazza, who will be stationed at this corner from 7:45 a.m. to 8:35 a.m. and from 2:40 p.m. to 3:05 p.m. We would also like to acknowledge our three other Crossing Guards: Lena Gocinski at the corner of Clear Stream Avenue and Cedar Street, from 7:45 a.m. to 8:30 a.m., 11:10 a.m. to 12:55 p.m., and 2:30 p.m. to 3:20 p.m.; Franceen Cinigilo at the corner of Valley Stream Boulevard and S. Terrace Place, from 7:45 a.m. to 8:30 a.m., 11:10 a.m. to 12:55 p.m., and 2:30 p.m. to 3:20 p.m.; and Barbara Struckman at the corner of Shaw Avenue and William Street, from 7:50 a.m. to 8:40 a.m., 11:15 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., and 2:40 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. Through rain, snow, sleet and hail, these Crossing Guards are on duty to insure our children's safety.



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REMINDER: For the safety of our children and to relieve traffic congestion, we urge all parents and drivers to obey the "No Parking" signs on the streets surrounding our three schools.

NATURE HUNT

In November, 1st graders in Dolly Ging's class at Shaw Avenue School went on a nature walk. The day began with a discussion of different objects to search for. They were asked to look for a variety of fruits, seed pods, leaves, nuts, cones and winged seed. Each student received a brown paper bag to hold their finds.

After lunch several mothers joined the class, and the hunt began. The group walked through the surrounding streets of the school. They stopped at several of the children's houses and at the house of a school secretary. With the assistance of the mothers, the students hunted under trees and bushes and pushed aside leaves to find the objects they needed.

The hunt ended at Shaw Avenue School, where the students made collages of their finds. The hunt was a huge success and a very rewarding experience for the children.

STUDENTS EXHIBIT ART IN STATEWIDE SHOW

Works of art by students from District 30 have been selected for an exhibit at the annual conference of the New York State School Boards Association. This exhibit is organized by the New York State Art Teachers Association to showcase the artistic achievements of students at the elementary through high school levels.



The New York State Art Teachers Association (NYSATA) is comprised of art educators at all levels from preschool to college and administrations. Promotion of excellence in art education in New York State is its primary purpose. The District 30 art teachers are: Susan Menkes at Clear Stream Avenue School, Susan Baron at Forest Road School, and Paul Farinacci and Jill Slaymaker at Shaw Avenue School. Susan Baron commented, "We are very proud of the students whose work represents District 30 at the conference of the New York State School Boards Association."

From Clear Stream Avenue School: Jennifer Kelly, and Andrew Jean Baptiste

From Forest Road School: Jean Lee, Gregory Sobel, Cara Sternberg, and former student, Christopher Sullivan

From Shaw Avenue School: Daniel Stellmach, Lauren Barnett, Qandeel Sheikh.

PLAN AHEAD

See *"Mark Your Calendar"* on Page 8.

PUMPKIN MATH

Dale Ehrenreich's 3rd graders enjoyed selecting pumpkins from the Clear Stream Avenue School PTA sponsored pumpkin patch. The children compared their choices by estimating, and then measuring circumferences, heights, and weights. Predictions were made about the number of seeds contained in the Pumpkins. An exact seed count was possible when jack-o-lanterns were cut out!



Learning is fun!

SHARING HIS EXPERIENCE

In preparation for their trip to Ellis Island, 5th grade students at Forest Road School welcomed a special visitor. Ryan Fishman's grandfather, Mr. Max Fishman, came to speak to the children about his experiences growing up in Russia and passing through Ellis Island. "It was a real treat for all of the students to listen to his wonderful and interesting stories," commented Allison Needleman, 5th grade teacher.

THINK DAFFODILS, THINK OF US

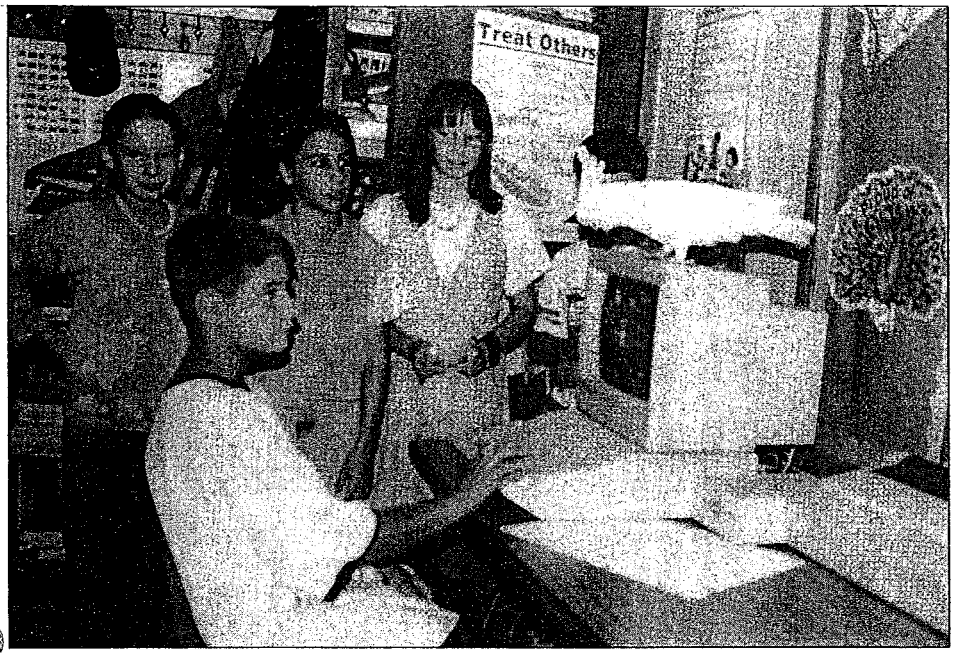
The 6th graders at Shaw Avenue School planted daffodil bulbs as their gift to the school from the graduating Class of 1997. Michael Buckley, the newest member of the 6th grade teaching team, organized the planting. This spring, the 120 bulbs planted should provide a burst of color on both sides of the Shaw Avenue School's main entrance. Since daffodils have very few enemies, they should multiply and bloom for many years to come. Each year we will think of the students who planted them.

MAX COMES TO SCHOOL

Max is a nine year old male Eleanora Cockatoo (sulfur crested). Penni Schimmel is his owner and she is doing her practicum in Rosemary Decker's class, at Shaw Avenue School. Mrs. Schimmel owns numerous birds and has been introducing the students to the wonderful world of parrots. Mrs. Schimmel said that this particular bird, Max, is a delight. He eats fruits, vegetables, rice, beans and pasta. Max speaks to her daily by saying, "I'm a good bird," "Hi, Max," and "Hi, Cookie." Cookie is his wife, and yes, Max is a daddy. The students interacted with Max and learned a lot about parrots, and Max learned a lot, too—especially a lesson on computers!

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Practicum is a course of study designed especially for the preparation of teachers and clinicians that involve the practical application of previous studied theory. By allowing future educators (including student teachers) to be involved in our classes, not only does the educator benefit from this experience, but the students are exposed to a variety of experiences and people.)



Max loves children, and the children loved Max!

REMINDER: SCHOOL CLOSINGS

Weather and other emergencies may warrant school closings. PTA Class Parents will be alerted and will initiate telephone calls to inform parents in each class. NEWS 12 on Channel 12 will carry school closing information. Such school closings will be also announced on the following local radio stations:

WCBS (AM) 88	WHLI (AM) 1100
WGBB (AM) 1240	WINS (AM) 1010
WGSN (AM) 740	WALK (FM) 97.5

WALK (AM) 1370

In the event of a delayed opening, schools will start 1 1/2 hours later than usual in District 30. Listen for announcements on the stations listed above. School will never be dismissed early or will the afternoon program, CARE, be canceled once school is in session for the day.

PAST BOARD MEMBER HONORED



Thank you, Thomas Galgano!

At a recent Board of Education Meeting, Andrew Walters, President of the Board of Education, presented a plaque to past Board of Education President, Thomas Galgano. The plaque was presented on behalf of the Board of Education in recognition of his services to the students, staff and community of District 30.

Thomas Galgano stated, "It was an honor and privilege to serve as President of the Board of Education for the past two years. The members of this board have always worked together as a team, and I would be proud to accept the plaque as a member of this board."

ANOTHER STAFF MEMBER RECEIVES HONORS

Mary A. Ruschin, 2nd grade teacher at Forest Road School, has been selected for inclusion in the 4th edition of "Who's Who Among America's Teachers." Congratulations, Mary!

CAUMSETT EXPERIENCE

Science topics truly came "alive," as our 5th grade students ventured to Caumsett. The activities included a visit to a salt marsh ecosystem, canoeing, recognizing and sampling wild edibles, building a campfire, constructing a native American style debris hut, recording data using weather instruments, and taking part in a nocturnal solo walk. This first hand learning experience is one that the students will always remember.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

December	23–31	Holiday Recess—SCHOOL CLOSED·
January	1	New Year's Day—SCHOOL CLOSED
	10	Breakfast With The Superintendent held at Shaw Avenue School—9:30 a.m.
	13	District 30 Board of Education Committee Meeting—8:00 p.m.
	20	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day—SCHOOL CLOSED
	27	District 30 Board of Education Meeting—8:00 p.m.
February	12	PTA Founders' Day held at Shaw Avenue School—7:30 p.m.
	17–21	Winter Recess—SCHOOL CLOSED

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USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES

The Board of Education encourages the use of school facilities for community purposes when such use does not interfere with the scheduled program. Organizations desiring to use school facilities should request an "Application for the Use of School Facilities" form from the principal of the school involved. Administrative rules and a statement of costs are explained on the application form.

Learning is a treasure which accompanies its owner everywhere!

TAX EXEMPTION FOR SENIORS

Senior citizens with incomes less than $26,900 qualify for a property tax exemption. The Board of Education has provided the maximum exemption as permitted by State Law. Partial property tax exemptions may be up to 50% of the school property tax in accordance with the following maximum income guidelines:

Income	*Exemption %*
Less than $18,500	50%
At least $18,500 but less than $19,500	45%
At least $19,500 but less than $20,500	40%
At least $20,500 but less than $21,500	35%
At least $21,500 but less than $22,400	30%
At least $22,400 but less than $23,300	25%
At least $23,300 but less than $24,200	20%
At least $24,200 but less than $25,100	15%
At least $25,100 but less than $26,000	10%
At least $26,000 but less than $26,900	5%

Any taxpayer who is sixty-five years of age or older and meets the other necessary qualifications and who wishes to qualify for this exemption must file an application prior to May 1, 1997. Application and information may be obtained from Nassau County Department of Assessment, Senior Citizens Division, Nassau County Office Building, 240 Old Country Road, 4th floor, Mineola, New York 11501.

A SPECIAL VISIT

Mrs. Annette Forbes came to Barbara Clarke's 4th grade class at Clear Stream Avenue School and explained to the children about her exciting job as a court reporter. She showed the children how she operates her court reporter's machine. The children were amazed to see Mrs. Forbes' computer translate the machine's shorthand into words right before their eyes and appear on the computer screen. Mrs. Forbes "wrote" each child's name with the machine and gave the children a copy of this abbreviated form of their name. As the children were speaking in class, Mrs. Forbes "wrote" everything the boys and girls said; they laughed with excitement as she read back their spoken words. The next day Mrs. Forbes gave the class a professional looking document that contained the computer printout of the verbal statements made by each student.



What a fascinating machine!

The children and Mrs. Clarke were extremely grateful to Mrs. Forbes for giving up her time to explain her job to the class. Mrs. Forbes' son Jeffrey was a former student of Mrs. Clarke's. Mrs. Forbes certainly made the children's day special, and they said, "Now we understand the job of a court reporter.

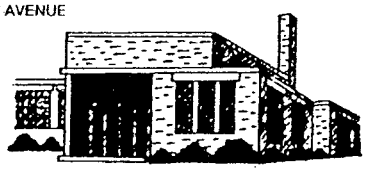
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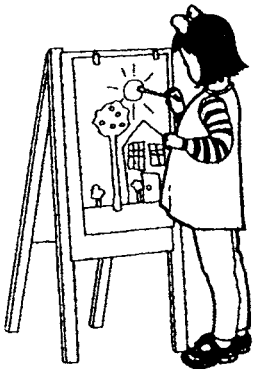
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FLASH: DIST. 30 HAS WEB SITE

District 30 is pleased to announce that we now have a presence on the Internet. As of Monday, February 3, 1997, a complete WEB Site is available to you and your family to learn more about our district. This site can be accessed at the following location: http://www.valleystream30.com. The District 30 Board of Education and administrators take great pleasure in keeping our district current with the technology of the day. If you have any questions or comments concerning our WEB Site, please do not hesitate to contact Lawrence McGoldrick, Superintendent of Schools, at his office at 285-9881, or our E-mail address, valleystream30@mindspring.com. Come surf the web with us and find out more about your school district.
NOTE: Our education URL http://valleystream30.k12.ny.us will be awarded shortly.

KINDERGARTEN & 1ST GRADE REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Registration for next year's kindergarten children and for first graders entering school for the first time will be held on April 14–17 1997, between 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. at Clear Stream Avenue, Forest Road and Shaw Avenue Schools. Registration will only be accepted with **proof of residency** and an **original** birth certificate as proof of date of birth. A child must have been born on or before December 1, 1992 to be eligible for admission to kindergarten in September, 1997. NO EXCEPTIONS ARE EVER MADE TO THE ENTRANCE AGE REQUIREMENTS.



Children entering school for the first time **must** present documentation indicating that they have received 2 doses of measles vaccine after the child's first birthday, as well as, 1 dose of mumps and rubella vaccine, also after the first birthday. In addition, **at least** 3 diphtheria and tetanus and 3 oral polio vaccines must have been given.

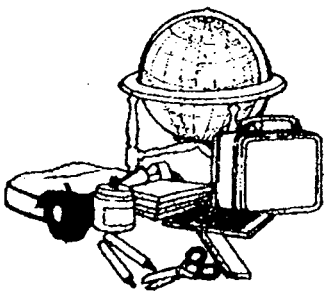
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHY BEE

Once again our 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students participated in the National Geographic Geography Bee. The Preliminary Competition took place in their individual classrooms and the finalists at each school are:

Clear Stream Avenue School:
Grade 4: Russel Maltese and Tiffany Kataria
Grade 5: Thomas Donalds and Rumman Anwar
Grade 6: Corinne Monahan, Melissa Lombardo, and Conor Lanz

Forest Road School:
Grade 4: Brandon Galvin and Mallory Stoller
Grade 5: Jordan Epstein and Samuel Smith
Grade 6: Jesse Sternberg and Scott Weiner

Shaw Avenue School:
Grade 4: Alex Boccio, Jesse DeMarco, Timmy Nolan, and Nicholas Coccaro
Grade 5: Ben Kramer-Miller, Michael Kang, Chris Ferrante, and Alexa Scordato
Grade 6: Jason Baither, Jason Ackerman, and Amanda Larsen



These students advanced to their school level of competition, which was organized by the following: Suzanne Jacob, Reading Teacher at Clear Stream Avenue School; Allison Needleman, 5th grade teacher at Forest Road School; and Sue Wasserman, 5th grade teacher at Shaw Avenue School. These three teachers are very proud to announce their National Geographic Geography Bee school champions and their runner ups:

Clear Stream Avenue School:
Winner Corinne Monahan, and runner up Thomas Donalds

Forest Road School:
Winner Jesse Sternberg, and runner up Scott Weiner

Shaw Avenue School:
Winner Amanda Larsen, and runner up Alexa Scordato

The next step for our champions, Corinne, Jesse and Scott, was to take a written test to enter the State Competition. The results are not in yet, but the fact that these students made it to this level of competition is a great achievement. We tip our hats to all the participants and commend their knowledge and efforts.

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PLEASE NOTE:
ALL VISITORS TO OUR SCHOOLS MUST USE THE MAIN ENTRANCE AND OBTAIN A VISITOR'S PASS FROM THE MAIN OFFICE.

TWO BUILDING SECRETARIES RETIRE

After serving District 30 for 24 years, **Anne Docar** has retired. From 1972 to 1974 she was a traveling secretary between Forest Road and Clear Stream Avenue Schools. Anne went on to become the Shaw Avenue School's Main Office secretary, where she became a friend to her fellow workers and a second mother to all the children.

What will Anne be doing to keep herself busy? Her sister and her spouse are planning a trip to Italy and have invited Anne to join them, all expenses paid! Friends have made many plans for lunches, dinners, and trips. She plans to make frequent trips to Westchester to see her new granddaughter. Anne tenderly commented: "My years in District 30 have been most rewarding and heartwarming. I came to work each morning feeling happy that I had this wonderful job to go to and my enthusiasm never waned throughout the day, You can't find better people anywhere than those working in District 30 and I am glad to call them friends."

Lane Griffin, Clear Stream Avenue School's Main Office secretary also retired. Lane joined District 30 in 1989 and has been an asset to Clear Stream Avenue School and the District in her 7-1/2 years of service. She has been in her profession for 25 years. Lane and her husband are still formulating their future plans. They recently spent six weeks in Florida enjoying the weather and golfing. Lane is looking forward to the arrival of a fourth grandchild and enjoying every minute with her three grandchildren. Lane warmly commented, "I will miss my 'family' at Clear Stream Avenue School. District 30 is a very special place to work. The faculty and staff are wonderful people and I hope the friendships that I formed will be for the rest of my life."

Congratulations, Anne and Lane on your retirements. We wish you both the very best!

LIBRARY NEWS

NEWSDAY SPELLING BEE: Our Library/Media Center Specialists conducted the school level Newsday Spelling Bee. Below are the names of the school champions, runner ups, and the school's Library/Media Specialist:

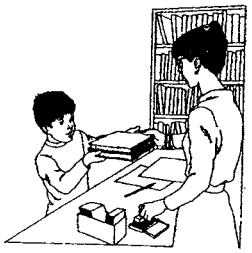
Clear Stream Avenue School:
Joseph DiPalma (6th grader) and runner up Conor Lanz (6th grader)
Conducted by: Alice Dorb

Forest Road School:
Samantha Koshy (6th grader) and runner up Scott Weiner (6th grader)
Conducted by: Carol Tolle

Shaw Avenue School:
Vanessa Iadevaio (6th grader) and runner up Alexa Scordato (5th grader)
Conducted by: Mary Mathews

Congratulations to all the students!

CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK: Numerous activities took place in all our Library/Media Centers during this week. Alice Dorb reported: Children's Book Week coincided with author Marc Brown's birthday. Since Arthur, the main character in Mr. Brown's books, is the favorite storybook character among Clear Stream Avenue School students, special activities related to the "Arthur" books took place on all grade levels in the Library/Media Center.



NEW MAIN OFFICE SECRETARIES

Upon the retirements of Anne Docar and Lane Griffin, two very efficient secretaries have taken over their duties. They are, **Doreen Imbriani** at Clear Stream Avenue School, and **Dary Rossello,** at Shaw Avenue Schoo Both secretaries have "main office experience and a follow-up article will appear in an upcoming issue of *The Friendly Schools.*

STUDENT COUNCIL

The Student Councils in our three schools have been very active. Their concern for school and community is evident in their actions.

The Clear Stream Student Council, under the supervision of Dale Ehrenreich and Sharon Schulman, reported: Collection of over 300 cans of food for Valley Stream's Community Food Drive; 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th graders collected $352.50 to support the world's most vulnerable children. Student Council members spent endless hours counting and rolling coins for UNICEF; Cupcakes and other baked goodies were sold to help pay the extraordinary medical bills of a former Clear Stream Avenue School student. (Over $600 was raised, and that's a lot of cupcakes!); Last, but not least, Student Council members collected and wrapped gently used books, toys and clothing for less fortunate children associated with the South Shore Child Guidance Center in Freeport.

We commend Clear Stream Avenue School's Student Council., as well as, Forest Road and Shaw Avenue School's Student Council for all their efforts in spreading good will in our schools and community.

ALL-STAR GAMES

Basketball All-Star Games were once again a display of Shaw Avenue School team spirit. The girls defeated Moms and Teachers 37–32 in a hard fought game. The boys lost a high scoring game to the Dads and Staff, 70–65. Special thanks to Tom Rouse, Physical Education Teacher for organizing, planning and operatin both games. Activities such as thes games add to the positive climate and morale in school.

WILL THE REAL MOZART...

Mozart and two impostors came to the 6th grades' music classes at Clear Stream Avenue School. The students had just finished researching and presenting oral reports on composers and the three Mozarts came to test their knowledge of the life and times of their musicians. Using the old format from the game show "To Tell The Truth," the following students tried to convince the rest of the students that they were indeed the REAL Mozart: Keith McLoughlin, Jessica Lavrita, and Meagan Robar (from Mary Dunn's class), Natasha Hirji, Daniel Imperial and Shawn Bartolemeo (from Julie McCain's class), and Laura Jean Riccobono, Christopher Bassi and Joseph DiPalma (from David Cooper's class). The rest of the students asked questions and cast votes for the Mozart they thought was telling the truth and was the REAL Mozart. Linda Pratt, Music Teacher, reports that the children learned a lot about Mozart, and had a good time while they were at it!

HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY PTA



A gala event was held at Shaw Avenue School to celebrate the 100th Birthday of PTA. Community members, past PTA presidents and officers, District 30 administrators, and Assemblyman Gregory Becker came together for this special celebration. This special PTA Founders' Day was organized by Sandi Procida and Liz Shaw, Shaw Avenue School's PTA Co-Presidents. Highlights of memorable moments in the history of PTA was an added treat, as well as a very special birthday cake. Happy Birthday, PTA! All the past and present individuals who have participated in PTA should be commended for their dedication and love of children and school.

5 STUDENTS CHOSEN FOR LISFA

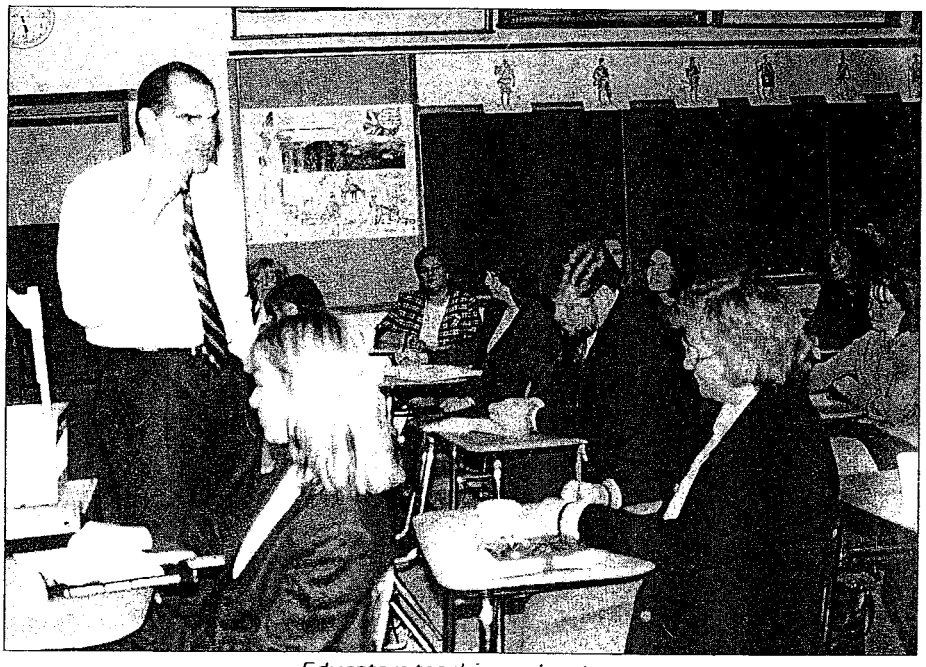
Barbara Wieder, District 30 String Music Teacher, is proud to announce that District 30 has five students participating in the 1997 Long Island String Festival. The students selected are Peter Tai (from Shaw Avenue School), Tania Rios (from. Clear Stream Avenue School), Jaclyn Aviza, Amy Spitalnick and. Elizabeth Weinbloom (from Forest Road School).

The Long Island String Festival Association (LISFA) is an organization of String Teachers who are dedicated to providing an opportunity for Long Island string students to perform. There are three orchestras: Grades 5 and 6; Grades 7, 8, and 9; and Grades 10, 11, and 12. Children are selected by their teacher's recommendation, by the instrument they play and their NYSSMA scores. Each orchestra has hundreds of applicants, but approximately 140 are selected for each group. It is an honor to have five students selected from one district.

These children have learned four selections for LISFA in addition to music for their lessons and school orchestra. They will attend rehearsals and perform in a concert on March 2 in Berner Junior High School in Massapequa.

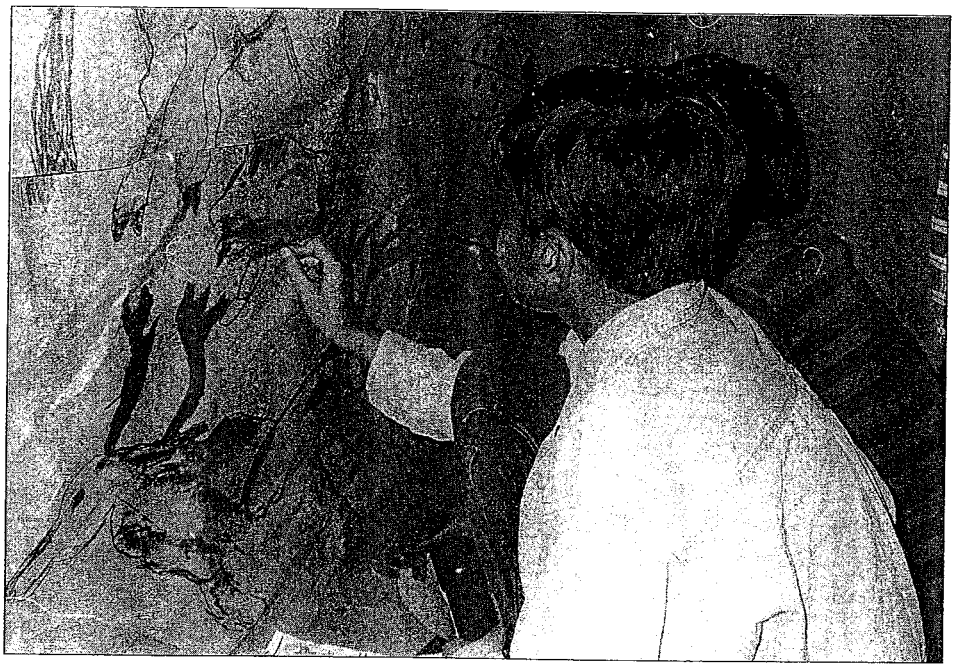
BEYOND 3:00 P.M.

In previous issues of *The Friendly Schools* we have shown examples of our teachers and administrators going beyond their duties before and after the dismissal bell. Many of them attended courses and workshops to enrich their skills and profession, and some have shared their expertise by instructing courses or workshops at the Valley Stream Teacher Center (VSTC). (The VSTC is located at Memorial Junior High School in Room 312, and serves all Valley Stream School Districts.) Recently, Lawrence McGoldrick, Superintendent of Schools, conducted a workshop entitled, "How to Conduct Yourself During an Interview." He stressed that one of the purposes of an interview is to find "the right job, for the right person." This is extremely important in the educational, as well as, other professions. Mr. McGoldrick's following comment sums it up for our teachers and administrators who have shared their skills with others: "I feel that it is my obligation to enhance the skills and training of our educators."



Educators teaching educators.

ARTISTIC JOURNEY BACK IN TIME

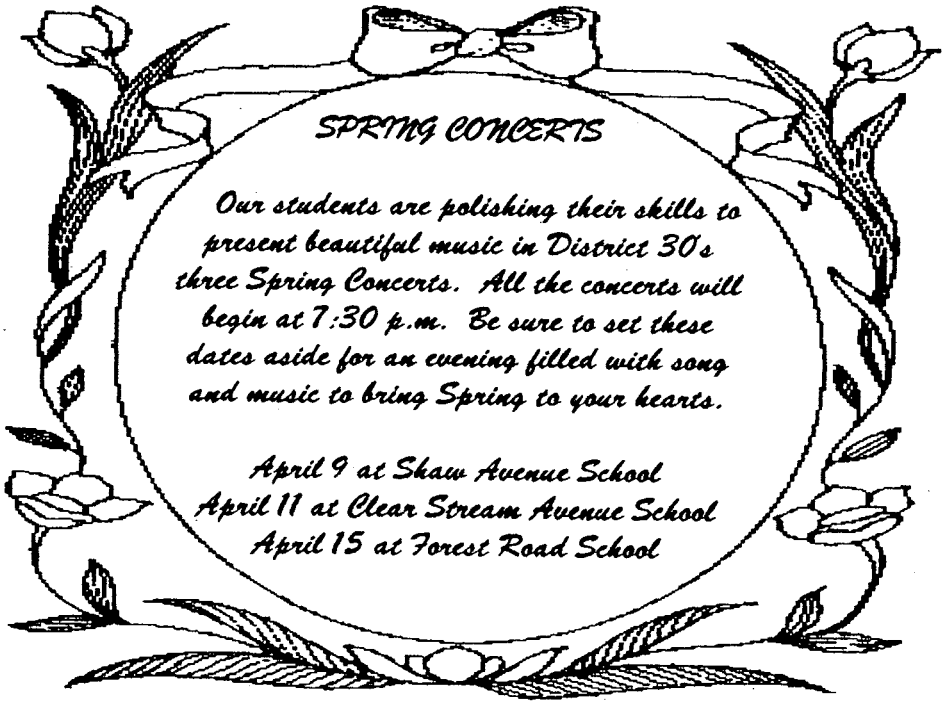


Experiencing cave painting.

In art, Paul Farinacci took 6th graders at Shaw Avenue School on an unusual journey back thousands of years, to the time of Early Man.

Students experienced what it was like for Early Man by creating their own pigments, drawings, and painting implements, utilizing natural materials that they found.

Working in a darkened cave-like room, with only the use of a small flashlight, students used these tools to create wonderful cave images reminiscent of Prehistoric Man.



WHAT DO ROOM 110 & 122 HAVE IN COMMON?

With the excitement of a new student teacher to rooms 110 and 122, a bond has been formed among the students. A reading-writing buddy system has been established under the direction of the student teacher, Christine Conlon, and supervised by Phyllis Amalfitano, 1st grade teacher, and Susan Perrone, 5th grade teacher.

Every Thursday both classes get together for a half hour of excitement. The 5th grade students come in prepared to share a story and related activity with a 1st grade buddy.

The response has been wonderful. Both classes look forward to this opportunity to share. It is wonderful to see such enthusiasm. On any Thursday you might just see a five foot teddy bear, a sleeping bag, toys, or just 42 children engaged in creative wholesome learning at Shaw Avenue School!

COATS FOR KIDS CAMPAIGN was a huge success at Forest Road School. Under the direction of Elaine Friedman, R.N. (School Nurse), the students collected approximately 200 jackets and coats for distribution to needy children in the New York area. This is an increase of over 40% from the last year's successful collection.

7TH GRADE TRANSITION

Jane Dody, Reading Teacher at Shaw Avenue, visited Memorial Junior High School and spent a morning with Ms. Sue Rollero, a junior high school Reading Teacher. Ms. Rollero provided an overview of the 7th grade program with emphasis on the reading component. Ms. Dody had the opportunity to observe classroom instruction and follow up on former students' progress.

The visit was productive and informative. Ms. Dody feels sufficiently prepared to assist the Shaw Avenue School's 6th grade students and parents with the transition to Memorial Junior High School.

PREEEESENTING ...

"C" IS FOR CIRCUS AND FUN FOR THE CLASS

As a culminating activity for the letter "C," the students in Kara Milano's kindergarten class were a part of the "Greatest Show On Earth—The Circus!" The children prepared for their circus all week long in many ways. They first got a feel for the atmosphere of the circus by listening to and discussing different circus books. They brainstormed the types of circus perfomances they would want to include in their circus, and if they were in a real circus who they would want to be. In the Computer Lab with the assistance of Chris Shazar, Computer Aide, they made a class big book illustrating who they would want to be. They even made unique clown collars and clown hats to wear.



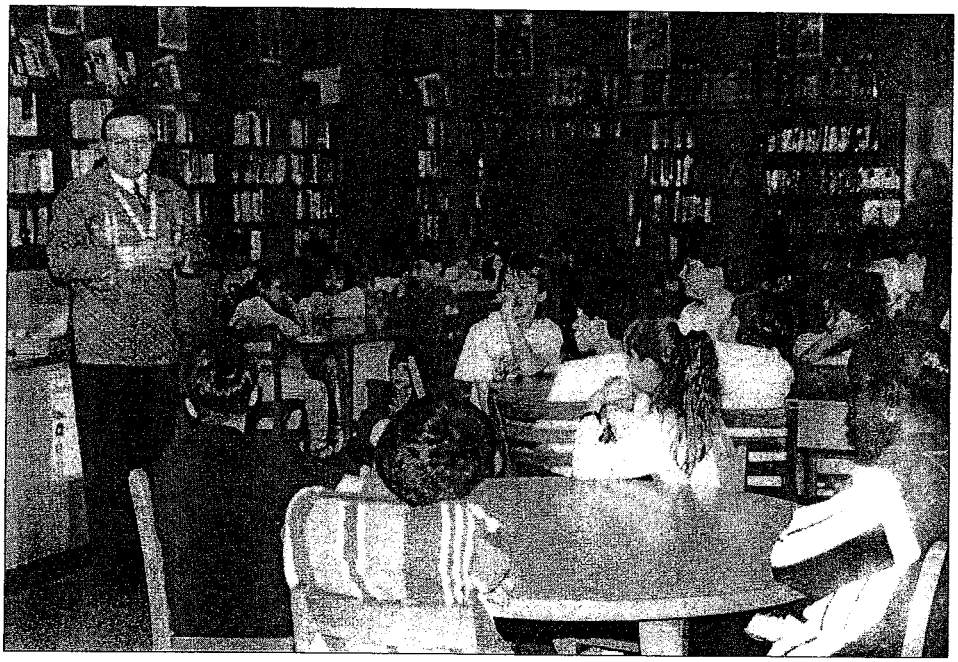
After much preparation, the big day was finally here! Dressed in clown attire with clown painted faces, the children paraded to the Shaw Avenue school gym. With calliope music playing in the background, Ringleader Milano, with the help of Joan Stein, Physical Education teacher, led the students through various circus acts. Some favorite acts were the hoop jumpers, tightrope (balance beam) walk, trampoline and the ribbon dancing. Fun was had by all under the big top!

BETTER TO GIVE THAN TO RECEIVE

Third graders at Shaw Avenue School learned the true meaning of giving this holiday season. During their study of "Holidays Around the World," the students in Amy Bendeth, Josephine Ferranti, Susan Lipski, and Joanne Lufrano's classes decided it would be better to give than to receive. Instead of the usual custom of Grab Bag gifts for the holidays, the children donated the money they would have used for the gifts. Donations went to members of the Shaw Avenue connmunity in the hopes of making their holidays happier. It was a valuable lesson and every student felt good about what they had done.

RED OWL MESMERIZES STUDENTS

Red Owl is a Cherokee who was adopted by a Mohawk family. He visited the 4th graders in the Library/Media Center, at Shaw Avenue School, and the children were entranced by Red Owl's story telling ability.



Red Owl's storytelling was engrossing!

He captured the students' attention by frequently saying "ho." They responded "he." Native Americans use a technique to sharpen listening skills, and Red Owl challenged our students to try it. He discussed life on the reservation and experiences of racism at a public school. His account of Hiawatha emphasized his importance in uniting the five Iroquois tribes into a union called the League of the Five Nations that enabled them to enjoy peace. He went on to explain an early form of Native American government that has many similarities with our government.

The children eagerly asked Red Owl questions and he was generous with his time. Dream catchers, stick ball (today known as Lacrosse), marriage restrictions, and his ceremonial shirt, were just some topics he covered.

When 4th grade students came to the Media Center the following day, they bubbled over with excitement as they discussed how many of them had ancestors who were Native Americans. Numerous students decided to borrow books from the school library on the subject. Lois Benedetto, 4th grade teacher, has a beautiful bulletin board filled with colorful shields and a Native American cave scene which added to the students' experience.

Mary Mathews, Library/Media Center Specialist, commented: "It was a wonderful, exciting, educational experience for our children. Red Owl is a professor at Long Island University who gave his time and talents to our students. We thoroughly appreciate his gift."

GEOGRAPHY AWARENESS WEEK

Various classroom activities were conducted during Geography Awareness Week in all three schools. For example: At Forest Road School, students participated in a contest using questions from the National Geographic Geography Bee. Under the direction of Allison Needleman, 5th grade teacher, each day a geography question was asked over the public address system. Students with the correct responses received certificates. Many other exciting social studies activities also occurred within the classrooms.

MULTICULTURAL FAIR EXPERIENCE

Three continents represented under one roof—what an experience it was at Clear Shream Avenue School. The Multicultural Fair was presented by 4th graders in Maureen Speiss' and Barbara Clarke's classses. The fair included three sessions, which extended throughout the school day. The presentations began with a spectacular slide show. The reasons for immigration were explained and the children's participation in the slide show helped them to appreciate the cultural backgrounds represented in their classes. Parents, Mrs. Randazzo, Mrs. Visone, Mrs. Donna Samuel, and Mrs. Marie Samuels, shared with them their reasons for coming to America and what they missed about their homeland.



The students were dressed in many of the traditional outfits worn by the immigrants.

The children were dressed in beautiful costumes from other countries. Under the direction of Linda Pratt, Music Teacher, students danced, sang, and played musical instruments to a variety of multicultural songs. Students brought in valuable treasures from their homes pertaining to their countries of origin. Our terrific parents baked an assortment of delicious foods representing different countries; the food table looked like a banquet fit for royalty!

The fair was such a wonderful success that the fourth grade teachers and students were asked to perform and show their slide presentation again at a PTA meeting. Family members had an opportunity to dance with the children. Once again it was a wonderful and memorable experience for all!

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PREPARING FOR THE FAIR: A MULTI-SKILL EXPERIENCE: To prepare for the fair, all the children were divided into three groups, each representing a continental area. The European Community, Asia and Africa, South America and the Caribbean Islands. The children researched their own countries using the computer lab and the library. They interviewed family members to receive a better appreciation of their cultural heritage. The students made flags, large surname signs, and posters of their countries of origin. A beautiful multicultural tree was made under the supervision of Susan Menkes, Art Teacher. Carolina Bertalli, ESL Teacher, made dolls with the children.

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SPECIAL THANK YOU: The 4th grade students and teachers would like to extend their sincerest thanks to the following people, who were a wonderful assistance to them during the fair: Linda Pratt (Music Teacher), Susan Menkes (Art Teacher), Carolina Bertalli (ESL Teacher), Noeleen Douglas (Computer Aide), Alice Dorb (Library/Media Specialist), and parents, Mrs. Lanzello, Mrs. Caputo, Mrs. Steenbeek, Mrs. Lozano, Mrs. Singh, and Mrs. Palazzolo.

TAX EXEMPTION FOR SENIORS

Senior citizens with incomes less than $26,900 qualify for a property tax exemption. The Board of Education has provided the maximum exemption as permitted by State Law. Partial property tax exemptions may be up to 50% of the school property tax in accordance with the following maximum income guidelines:

Income	*Exemption %*
Less than $18,500	50%
At least $18,500 but less than $19,500	45%
At least $19,500 but less than $20,500	40%
At least $20,500 but less than $21,500	35%
At least $21,500 but less than $22,400	30%
At least $22,400 but less than $23,300	25%
At least $23,300 but less than $24,200	20%
At least $24,200 but less than $25,100	15%
At least $25,100 but less than $26,000	10%
At least $26,000 but less than $26,900	5%

Any taxpayer who is sixty-five years of age or older and meets the other necessary qualifications and who wishes to qualify for this exemption must file an application prior to May 1, 1997. Application and information may be obtained from Nassau County Department of Assessment, Senior Citizens Division, Nassau County Office Building, 240 Old Country Road, 4th floor, Mineola, New York 11501.

IMPORTANT TAX NOTICE

New York State Income Tax forms for 1996 require the name of the public school district IN WHICH YOU LIVE. Our SCHOOL DISTRICT IS VALLEY STREAM UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT #30 and our CODE NUMBER IS 657.

BUDGET INFORMATION AND DATES

Voting on the Valley Stream Elementary and High School District budgets will take place on Tuesday, May 20, 1997, from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

To enable taxpayers to better understand the budget, a presentation of the proposed budget has been arranged for Wednesday, May 7, 1997 at Shaw Avenue School. The Central High School District budget presentation will begin at 8:00 p.m., followed by a presentation of the District 30 budget. Any organization or individual from the district is invited and encouraged to ask questions.

PERMANENT REGISTRATION

In accordance with permanent registration law passed by the New York State Legislature, a policy of permanent personal registration of voters in District 30 was adopted by the Board of Education. Every person registered to vote in the May 1993–94 school election will remain registered for all future annual and special elections, UNLESS:

a. He/She fails to vote within four years prior to the preparation of future registers; or

b. He/She moves out of the district.

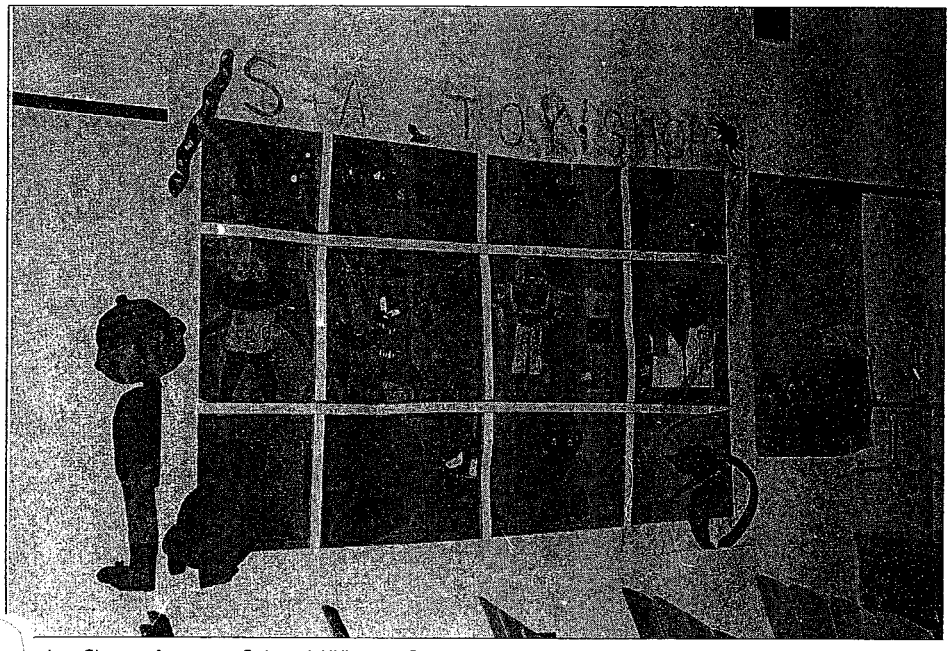
NOTE: In accordance with Chapter 629 of the laws of 1975, any person currently registered with the County Board of Elections is also entitled to vote in the school elections without future registration.

PETITION FOR CANDIDATES

Election of candidates for the District 30 Board of Education will take place on Tuesday, May 20, 1997. Petitions for Board candidates are available at our Administrative Offices, 150 Washington Avenue, Valley Stream, and must be filed **before 5:00 p.m. on Monday, April 21, 1997.** Twenty-five resident signatures are required on this petition in accordance with Section 2018 of the State Education Law. For a proposition to be considered to be placed on the ballot, 48 registered voters' signatures are required, which is 5% of those who voted in the previous annual election, and must be received by the Board of Education no later than Monday, April 21 1997.

PLEASE NOTE: Registration for voting on the budget and for Board of Education members will be at all three schools (Clear Stream Avenue, Forest Road and Shaw Avenue) on Tuesday, May 13, 1997 from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Those not registered must do so on this date.

A special budget issue of *The Friendly Schools* will be distributed in April.
It will contain an in-depth review of the proposed budget.



At the Shaw Avenue School Winter Concert, students displayed their many talents in music and art. While the sweet sounds of the chorus, led by Barbara Kreeger, Music Teacher, filled the air, audiences feasted their eyes on the marvelous murals (seen here) created by artists in Paul Farinacci's art classes.

REMINDER: SCHOOL CLOSINGS

Weather and other emergencies may warrant school closings. PTA Class Parents will be alerted and will initiate telephone calls to inform parents in each class. NEWS 12 on Channel 12 will carry school closing information. Such school closings will be also announced on the following local radio stations:

WCBS (AM) 88	WHLI (AM) 1100
WGBB (AM) 1240	WINS (AM) 1010
WGSN (AM) 740	WALK (FM) 97.5
	WALK (AM) 1370

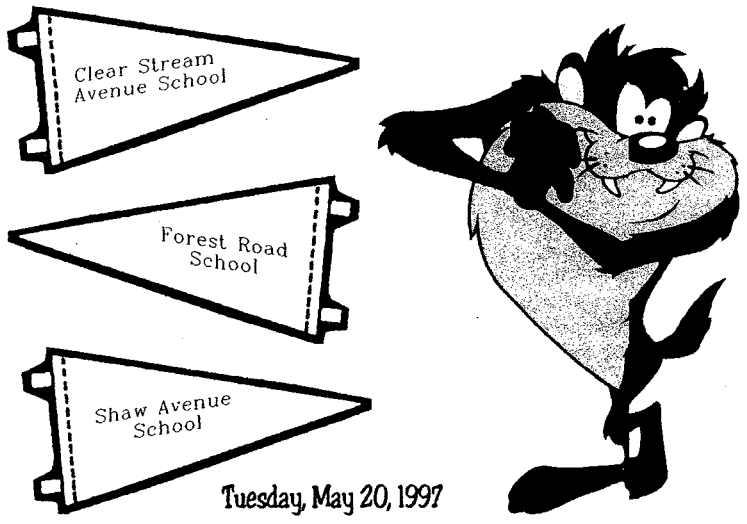
In the event of a delayed opening, schools will start 1 1/2 hours later than usual in District 30. Listen for announcements on the stations listed above. School will never be dismissed early or will the afternoon program, CARE, be canceled once school is in session for the day.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

March	17	District 30 Board of Education Committee Meeting—8:00 p.m.
	21	Breakfast With The Superintendent—9:30 a.m. at Forest Road School
	24–28	Recess—SCHOOLS CLOSED
	31	District 30 Board of Education Meeting—8:00 p.m.
April	9	Shaw Avenue School Spring Concert—7:30 p.m.
	11	Clear Stream Avenue School Spring Concert —7:30 p.m.
	14	District 30 Board of Education Committee Meeting—8:00 p.m.
	14–17	Kindergarten Registration—9:00 a.m. (See Page 1)
	15	Forest Road School Spring Concert—7:30 p.m.
	16	Lights On For Education—7:30 p.m. held at Memorial Junior High School
	21–25	Recess—SCHOOLS CLOSED
	29	District 30 Board of Education Meeting—8:00 p.m.
May	7	Budget Hearing—8:00 p.m. (See Page 7)
	13	Voters Registration—7:00 a.m.–9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m. (See Page 7)
	19	District 30 Board of Education Meeting—8:00 p.m.
	20	School Budget Voting—7:00 a.m.–10:00 p.m. (See page 7)
	20	District 30 Art Exhibit—7:30 p.m.–9:00 p.m.
	26	Memorial Day—SCHOOLS CLOSED

(Note: District 30 Board of Education Committee Meetings are held at the Washington Avenue Administration Building. District 30 Board of Education Meetings are held at Shaw Avenue School.)

ART EXHIBIT



Tuesday, May 20, 1997
7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Your are cordially invited to attend the annual District 30 Art Exhibit at Clear Stream Avenue, Forest Road and Shaw Avenue Schools.

Please Note: Children attending must be accompanied by their parent/guardian.

SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION REQUEST DUE BEFORE APRIL 1

It is a legal obligation of Valley Stream UFSD #30 to provide transportation for children of the district who will be attending private and parochial schools in September, 1997. This transportation is provided only when the following conditions are met:

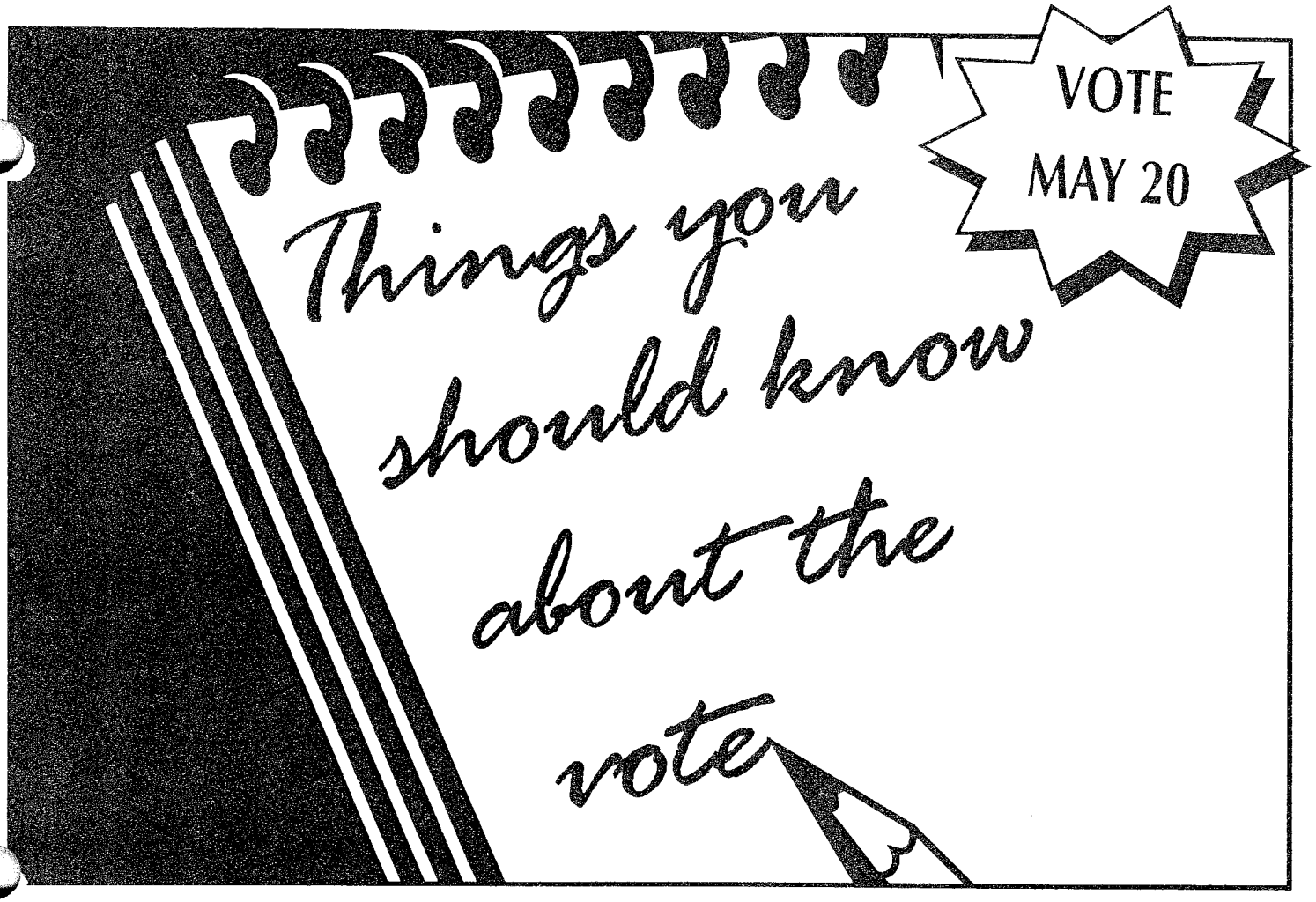
1. A written request for transportation to and from a specific school is made by the District 30 parents no later than April 1, 1997.
2. The child must live at least two miles from the private or parochial school, but not more than fifteen miles.
3. The child must be five (5) years old on or before December 1, 1997.
4. New York State Education Law specifically states that applications must be made annually for each new school year.

If your child meets the above candidate requirements, please send in your request for the 1997–98 school year no later than April 1, 1997. Send yo requests to the Valley Stream Scho District 30, Administrative Offices, 150 Washington Avenue, Valley Stream, New York 11580.

Breakfast With The Superintendent

The basic intent of these informal meetings is to provide a channel of communication between the public and the school district. It offers you the opportunity to ask questions and voice any concerns you may have about the district. District 30 has always maintained as its foremost priority the education of children. This goal can only be met by having the home, the community at large, and the school district working in close cooperation.

These meetings with Lawrence McGoldrick are held several times during the school year at 9:30 a.m. All residents are welcome to any and all meetings. Refreshments will be served so come and join us. The next Brea fast With The Superintendent i scheduled for March 21 at Forest Road School.



The Budget

The proposed 1997-98 school budget adds new initiatives – such as expanded technology and additional academic clubs – that will enhance our educational program. If approved, the budget will cost the average home approximately **$60**.

The Bond Issue

District enrollment is increasing, straining resources and creating cramped conditions, particularly at the Clear Stream Avenue School. Art and science are taught "on a cart"; music is taught in the cafeteria; and the gifted and talented program is taught in a renovated storage closet. The $770,000 bond issue will add two classrooms and a tutorial room to the school.

A bond issue is a cost-effective financial vehicle because it allows the cost of the project to be paid back over a number of years. This allows the district to complete all the necessary work in a short amount of time and minimizes the annual cost to homeowners. If approved, the bond issue will cost the average home approximately **$4** next year and **$10** per year in the remaining years of the payback period.

Vote May 20th *7 a.m. to 10 p.m.*

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Budget Issue #2

Budget & Bond Vote On Tuesday, May 20

on the ballot

Proposition #1
THE BUDGET

- improves our instructional program
- is just 3.6% more than last year's budget
- increases taxes by approximately **$60** per year on the average home

Proposition #2
THE BOND ISSUE

- is needed to alleviate overcrowding at the Clear Stream Avenue School
- adds **2 classrooms** and a **small tutorial room** to Clear Stream Avenue
- will cost the average home **$4 next year** and **$10 in each of the remaining years of the payback period**

Valley Stream residents will see two propositions on the ballot when they cast their votes on Tuesday, May 20: The proposed 1997-98 school budget and a bond issue.

The Valley Stream School District has always taken great pride in its ability to provide a quality educational program to students while remaining sensitive to its taxpayers. The two propositions on which residents will vote are educationally sound and financially prudent.

PROPOSED BUDGET

The proposed budget for the 1997-98 school year calls for a budget expenditure increase of 3.6%. This translates to an increase of approximately $60 for the average household.

While the increase is modest, the budget includes several initiatives that will enhance our instructional program and provide additional opportunities for students to learn and grow.

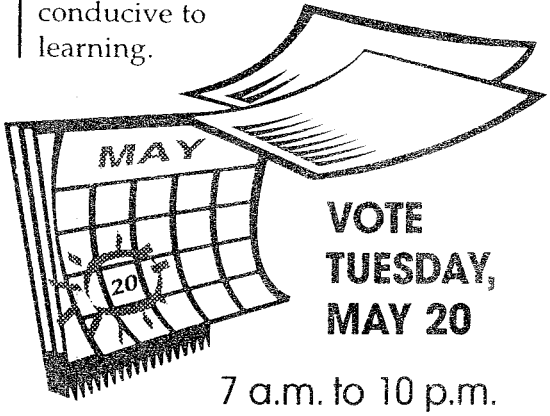
The budget expands computer education at the district's learning centers and provides for additional academic clubs which are important ways for students to continue their academic pursuits outside the classroom.

BOND ISSUE

A second proposition for the construction of two classrooms and a tutorial room at the Clear Stream Avenue Elementary School will also be on the ballot.

Increasing enrollment – a problem being faced by many other Long Island districts – is impacting our instructional program. Clear Stream has simply run out of space. Art and science are taught by teachers who travel from class to class with a cart; music is taught in the cafeteria; and the gifted and talented program is taught in a renovated storage facility.

Costing the average household $4 next year and $10 per year in subsequent years, the bond issue will maintain reasonable class sizes and provide our students with one of the most basic of needs: an appropriate environment that is conducive to learning.



VOTE TUESDAY, MAY 20

7 a.m. to 10 p.m.

VOTER INFORMATION

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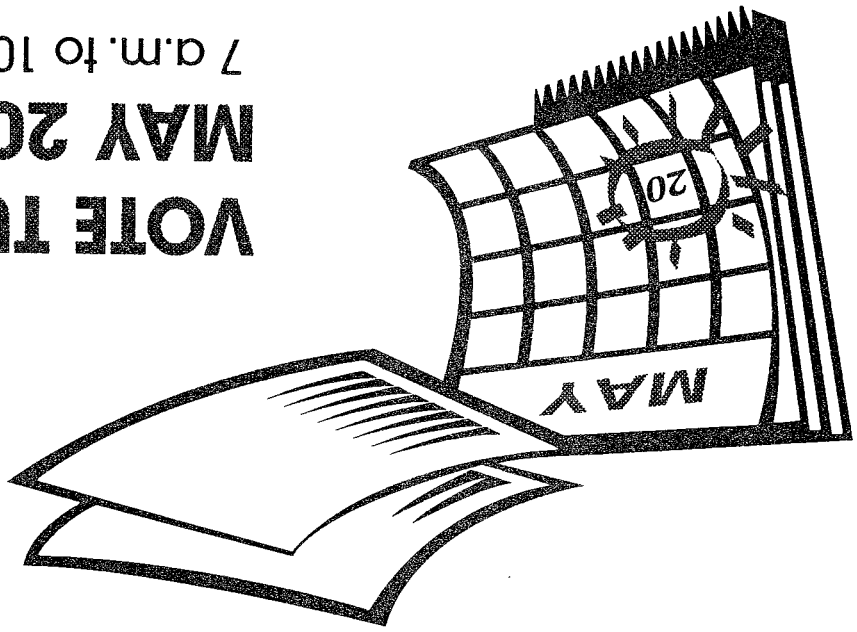
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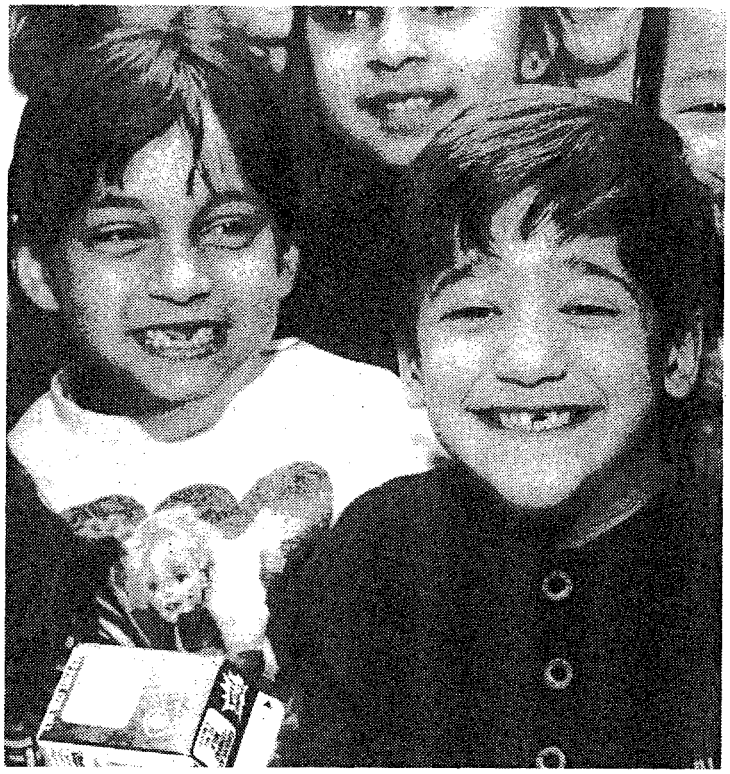
Special Budget Issue

Modest Budget Increase

The proposed budget calls for a spending increase of 3.6%. The cost increase to the average household is approximately $59 in school taxes for the year.

Small Bond Issue Will Relieve Overcrowding

Construction of two classrooms at Clear Stream Avenue will relieve overcrowding. The cost increase to the average household is approximately $4 in school taxes for next year.



Under the proposed bond issue, new construction of two classrooms and tutorial space at Clear Stream Avenue will keep class sizes maintained at current levels.

Budget Vote May 20

Since 1991/92, residents of Valley Stream Thirty Public Schools have experienced modest growth in school spending that has averaged 2.4% per year, and the district has consistently delivered on its goal to preserve its excellent educational program in a cost-effective manner. The proposed budget for 1997/98 continues this trend.

Voters in the district go to the polls on May 20 to cast their ballots for this budget, which calls for a budget expenditure increase of 3.6%, or approximately $59 for the average household. A second proposition for the construction of two classrooms at Clear Stream Elementary School will also be on the ballot, costing the average household $4 next year and $10 in subsequent years.

"This is a solid, responsible budget that preserves one of this community's greatest assets: its schools," said Board President Andrew J. Walters.

Voter information is contained on the back page of this publication. A special official budget hearing will be held at the Shaw Avenue School on Wednesday, May 7 at 8:00 p.m.

Copies of the proposed budget are available in the office of the District Clerk. If you have any questions on the budget, please call Assistant Superintendent of Schools, David Kutcher at 285-9880.

Proposition #1

The Budget

Explanation

The educational message of the proposed budget is straightforward: the quality of education that people in our community have come to expect will be preserved in this budget.

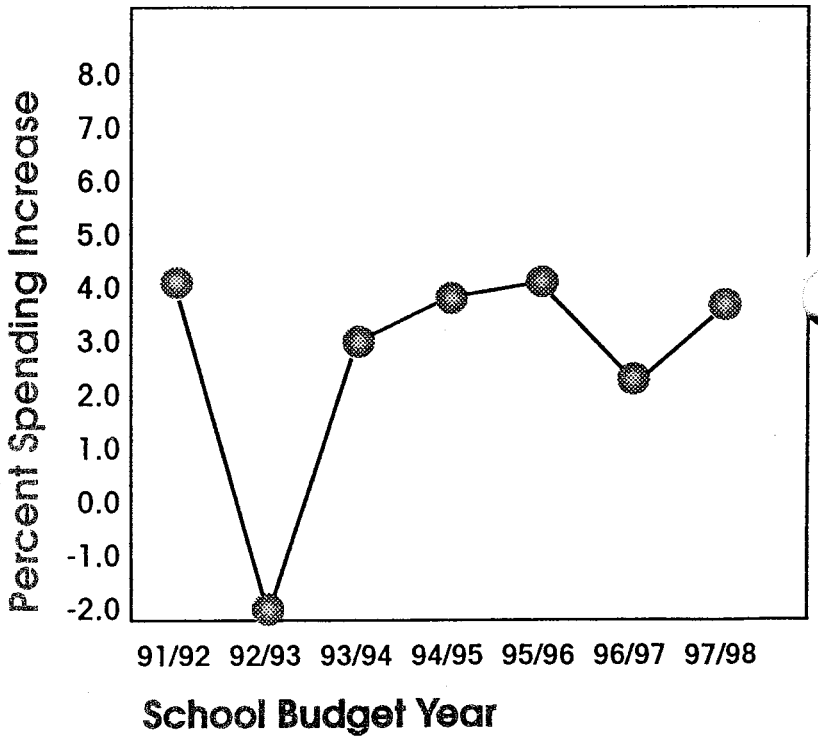
If there is one significant educational challenge that exists (in addition to preserving the quality of our system), it is the effect of increased enrollment in our district. We are attempting to address this need through the bond issue (described on the next page) in order to cost-effectively resolve the negative educational impact of enrollment increases.

Other educational investments that will be made under this budget include increased expansion of computer education at the district's learning centers along with provision for additional academic clubs for students, which we believe are an important way for children to continue their academic inquiry outside the classroom.

The financial message, too, is straightforward: increases in spending are restricted to a couple of key areas. The largest area of increase is in contractual expenditures for the people who educate our children: our teachers and support staff. There are also increased investments that must be made to account for new mandates in pre-school special education, along with projected contractual increases for equipment, increased utilities costs, increased transportation costs, and increased health screening and psychological services.

What Will It Cost?

Cost of the budget will be approximately 98 cents on the tax rate next year, or a $59 increase for the average household.



District Budgets Demonstrate Pattern of Modest Growth

Our district's focus on the bottom line has always been an important consideration. The total spending increase in our district in the last seven years has averaged a modest 2.4% per year.

Proposition #2

Bond Issue

Explanation

Our school district, like many on Long Island, has been dealing with student enrollment increases that have created the need for fundamental change in order to preserve class size and quality of instruction.

District officials and your Board of Education strongly believe in the direct relationship between reasonable class size and the quality of instruction. But at Clear Stream Avenue School, we've simply run out of space to maintain the class size that parents have come to expect. Currently, art and science are taught "on a cart." Music is taught in the cafeteria, and the gifted and talented program is taught in a renovated storage facility.

This enrollment increase prompted thinking and studying over the course of this school year into the various alternatives for addressing the situation.

All of the choices, at right, were ultimately dismissed in favor of building a two-room addition at the school. The addition, which will cost $770,000, will provide the school with two additional 900 square foot classrooms, with bathroom facilities and a 300 square foot tutorial room. It will cost the average household $4 in school taxes next year, and $10 per year in the remaining years of the payback period.

This addition must be approved by the voters, and is being put forth as a special proposition on the ballot. Defeat of the bond issue will require reconsideration of the alternatives that were previously discussed.

What Will It Cost?

Cost of the bond issue will be approximately 7 cents on the tax rate next year, or $4 for the average household. In the rest of the years of the payback period, the cost will be approximately 16 cents on the tax rate, or $10 per year for the average household.

Other Alternatives Examined and Dismissed by District

- **Return to 1/2 Day Kindergarten**
  Classrooms are gained, but the current academic program would be impaired.
- **Split Sessions**
  Loss of continuity and parental child care issues.
- **Increase in Class Sizes**
- **Recapturing of Space at Washington Ave.**
  Though classrooms could be created, students would be isolated from others and have limited services.
- **Central Registration**
  Abandon neighborhood school concept and place students in an available school regardless of home address.

Budget Breakdown

Statement of Estimated Expenditures

Description	1996/97 Approved Budget	1997/98 Tentative Budget	Change
Board of Education	8,250	8,250	0
District Clerk	6,925	7,575	650
District Meetings	9,100	9,100	0
Central Administration	160,324	169,324	9,000
Business Administration	293,307	289,761	-3,546
District Treasurer	15,600	16,700	1,100
Legal Services	33,700	33,700	0
Negotiations	6,000	6,000	0
Public Information	21,710	21,710	0
Operations & Maintenance	1,053,435	1,075,359	21,924
Liability Insurance	110,500	110,500	0
School Association Dues	8,000	8,000	0
BOCES Administration Charge	61,000	61,000	0
School Administration & Curriculum	553,285	575,410	22,125
Instructional Program	6,428,917	6,804,761	375,844
Special Education Program	1,378,047	1,394,904	16,857
Library and Media Services	340,953	358,890	17,937
Computer Education Program	181,988	203,998	22,010
Health & Psychological Services	281,678	295,405	13,727
Extra Services	20,125	35,125	15,000
Transportation	308,085	368,085	60,000
Community Lectures and Census	9,100	9,100	0
Employees' Benefits	2,409,252	2,336,752	-72,500
Interfund Transfers	0	0	0
Debt Service - Interest	180,000	180,000	0
TOTAL BUDGET	**13,879,281**	**14,379,409**	**500,128**

1996/97	1997/98
Spending Increase	
$13,879,281	→ $14,379,409
Tax Rate Increase	
$22.64	→ $23.62
Your Total School Taxes*	
$1,358	→ $1,417

* Based on a home with an assessed value of $6,000

The proposed budget represents a spending increase of 3.6% and a tax rate increase of 4.35%. But what does this mean in real dollars? The average home in our community has an assessed value of $6,000. **This translates to a bottom line increase in school taxes of $59 for the year.**

Proposed Budget

Board of Education **8,250**
Includes expenditures for attendance at educational conferences by Board of Education members.

District Clerk **7,575**
Includes salaries, supplies, materials, and legal advertising for the part-time District Clerk.

District Meetings **9,100**
Includes salaries, supplies, materials, and legal advertising for the budget vote and special meetings.

Central Administration **169,324**
Includes the salaries of the Superintendent of Schools and Central Office personnel. Also includes supplies and materials for the Central Office.

Business Administration **289,761**
Includes the salaries of the Assistant Superintendent and Business Office personnel. Also included are supplies, materials, equipment, the cost of the annual audit, and computerized accounting system costs.

District Treasurer **16,700**
Includes the salary of the part-time District Treasurer, supplies, materials, and costs of banking services.

Legal Services **33,700**
Includes the salary of the part-time School Attorney and litigation fees.

Negotiations **6,000**
Includes the shared cost of special legal counsel for negotiation services. Additional provisions for participation in BOCES negotiation information service and litigation fees are not included.

Public Information Services **21,710**
Includes the cost of preparation, printing, and mailing of the Friendly Schools and other public information services such as the school calendar and bulletins.

Operation & Maintenance of Buildings and Grounds **1,075,359**

Salaries	534,354
Building Upkeep/Repair	70,875
Utilities	269,160
Contractual Repairs, Service Contracts, Security, and Equipment	200,970

The change in expenditures covers salary increases in accordance with negotiated agreements, higher rates for water, light, power and telephone, and extensive building maintenance and repairs in the areas of fire safety, asbestos abatement and compliance with other state and local governmental mandates. The change in the provision for utilities is carried in the new budget based on current industry trends.

Liability Insurance **110,500**
A continued stabilization in this budget appropriation is proposed for 1997/98. Increases are limited as a result of the district's participation in the NY Schools Insurance Reciprocal.

School Association Dues **8,000**
Includes membership fees in local, state, and national educational organizations.

BOCES Administrative Charge **61,000**
Each school district in Nassau County is charged a fee according to the number of children attending public school within the district. A portion of this fee is returned to us as BOCES aid.

School Administration and Curriculum Improvement **575,410**
Includes salaries for the Assistant to the Superintendent of Schools (50%), building principals, school secretaries, equipment for school offices, materials and supplies. Also included are provisions for educational conference expenses of supervisory personnel, curriculum library maintenance, curriculum development, in-service training, and mini-grants for special instructional projects.

Instructional Programs **6,804,761**

Salaries	6,491,713
Equipment	10,680
Contractual Services	49,510
Materials and Supplies	102,051
Textbooks	99,107
BOCES Services	51,700

Salaries include teachers, specialists, substitutes for teachers and assistants, teacher aides, and noon aides. Teacher assistants, when authorized, are included in this area. No changes in the areas of furniture and equipment continue to allow for the replacement of items that cannot be repaired cost-effectively. Contractual services include the substitute registry, approved teacher conference expenses, postage, repair of music and science equipment, and the copier lease. The changes in consumable materials and textbooks for all instructional areas are reflective of the current economic condition and industry wide adjustments. Approximately 26% of the textbook expense is returned as state aid. Our students' participation in the BOCES Cultural Arts and Science Field Experience Programs reflect changes determined by BOCES. The portion of the science program for student living expense is reimbursable. Approximately 60% of these programs is returned as state aid.

Proposed Budget

Special Education Program **1,394,904**

Salaries	649,489
Materials, Supplies, & Contractual Services	128,455
Tuition - Other Districts and Private Schools	236,320
Tuition - BOCES	380,640

The increase in salaries reflects adjustments made in accordance with current negotiated settlements along with the 50% salary allocation of the Assistant to the Superintendent. The district, in addition to operating four special education classes, provides specialists for students who are mainstreamed into regular classes. The change in the area of out-of-district tuition is a direct result of shift in enrollment and an upswing in the cost of special education pupils in other public school district classes, BOCES classes, and in private residential and nonresidential schools.

School Libraries and Media Services **358,890**

Includes the salaries for librarians, library monitors, clerical staff, library and media equipment, library books, periodicals, materials and supplies for the three schools. Also include are the costs for the maintenance and technical support for the district's participation in the automated Nassau Schools Library System program.

Computer Education **203,998**

Includes the salary for the Teacher of Computer Education and the salaries of five computer aides. The appropriation for computer equipment reflects the continued expansion of our program into the district's learning centers.

Health Screening and Psychological Services **295,405**

Health Services	126,420
Psychological/Screening Services	168,985

Includes the salaries of the school psychologists, the salaries of three registered nurses, medial supplies and equipment, and contracted services provided by other districts and BOCES for mandated services to the Blessed Sacrament School.

Extra Services **35,125**

Includes extra pay for extra services and supervision and reflects the districts commitment to provide a broad range of activities for our children both before and after school.

Transportation **368,085**

In accordance with state law, transportation is provided for children to private and parochial schools located at least two miles and no farther than fifteen miles from the pupils' homes and for children attending special education classes in our schools, other public schools, BOCES, and private schools. Transportation is also provided for the district's instrumental, special enrichment, and field trip programs. The changes in this code are a direct result of a balance in the contract costs of these services and the number of children currently being transported out-of-district. Also, the transportation costs for proposed mandated preschool services impact this area. Fluctuations in the number of children transported to non-public and special schools also have budgetary impact. A percentage of the cost of basic transportation is returned as state aid to the district in the following year.

COMMUNITY LECTURES AND CENSUS **9,100**

Includes funds for the district sponsored Peer Pressure Program and other lectures and for the state mandated annual census.

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS **2,336,752**

NYS Employees' Retirement System	65,125
NYS Teachers' Retirement System	544,500
Social Security	578,152
Worker's Compensation	62,775
Medical & Dental Insurance	1,086,200

Includes the cost of the district's contributions to the two retirement funds that our personnel participate in, Social Security contributions, Worker's Compensation premium, and health and dental insurance. All rates are determined by Federal and State law and by negotiated contract. Increases and decreases reflect a combination of higher or lower rates, larger bases, and increased premiums.

INTERFUND TRANSFERS **0**

In the past, the Interfund Transfers appropriation provided funding for improvements to your district's facilities. Although there are no capital projects scheduled for 1997-98, the Board remains committed to this program and has included provisions for safety improvement renovations and mandated ecological replacements in the Operations and Maintenance area of this budget.

DEBT SERVICE **180,000**

Includes interest payments on short-term borrowings which the district requires prior to the receipt of school tax payments and state aid. This expense reflects a stabilization in interest rates and is partially offset by the interest income generated through the investment of idle funds.

Questions & Answers

The level of support for school budgets in our community has been consistent. But what happens if the budget fails?

It has been a very long time since the district has lost a budget vote, but the effects of an austerity budget should not be underestimated. If our district was forced to operate on a contingent budget, the following could occur:

- No new equipment
- No transportation under 2 miles
- No new library books
- No new field trips
- No dental hygiene program
- No lunch subsidy
- No capital improvements
- No intramural programs
- No club activities
- No use of school facilities by community groups

What is the tax increase in actual dollars, and how do I figure it out for my home?

The tax increase for the average home is $59. This assumes that your home has an assessed value (not the appraised value of your home, but the number that the county uses to ascertain your taxes) of $6,000. This is the average assessed value for our district according to the County Assessor's Office. Some people will have a higher assessed value and some will have a lower assessed value. To figure out how much more in school taxes this budget will cost you,do the following:

Your assessed value x .01 x .98 = TAX INCREASE

Remember, your assessed value is not the value of your home. You can find your assessed value on your tax bill.

Many community members know that there is a study under way, of which our district is a part, that calls for the consolidation of the Valley Stream districts. Why should we support the construction of two new classrooms if the possibility exists that we could merge?

It is important to understand the timing of the bond issue project. The classrooms and tutorial space planned are necessary regardless of any outcome of the consolidation study. Currently, there is no available space to house another classroom section. In fact, the science program and art program are "on-a-cart" and the music program utilizes the cafeteria.

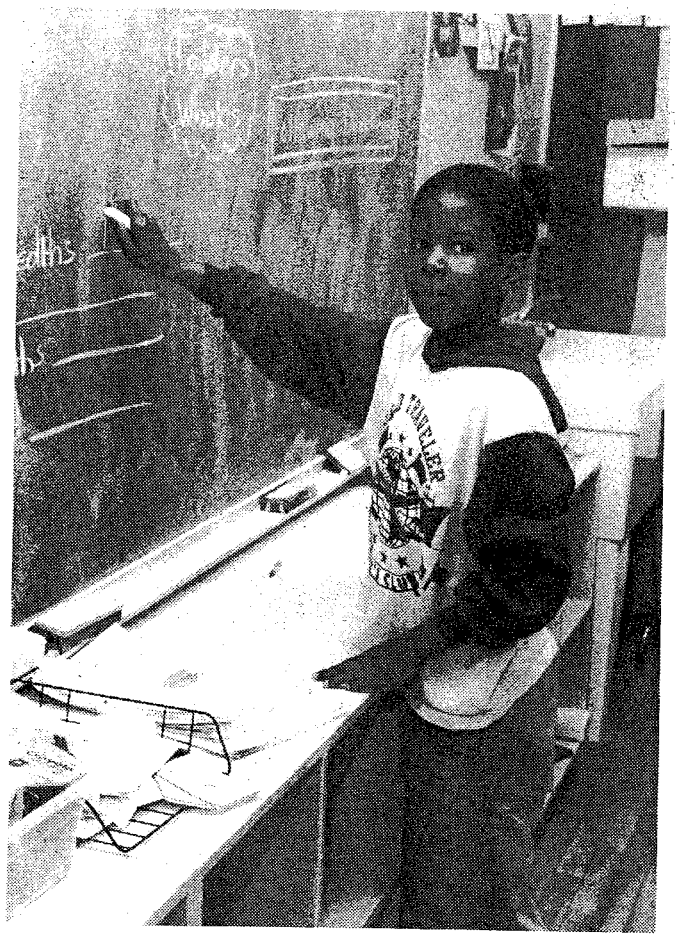
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What exactly are we facing in terms of "numbers" at Gibson Stream?

By 1999, we will have to add two new classroom sections to the building. We simply do not have any room for these children without taking significant action.

If the bond issue does not pass, will the district really continue implementing Project [illegible] sections of reading, [illegible] Kindergarten?

Absolutely. We explored these issues because we believe it is important to look at all avenues of possibility in order to address our increasing enrollment. But we feel that the bond issue provides the best educational solution to the challenge of increasing enrollment. All of the other alternatives will have some negative impact on education.



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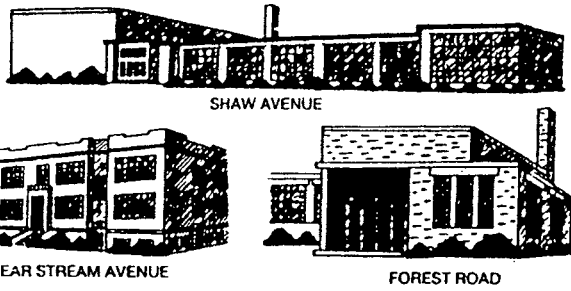
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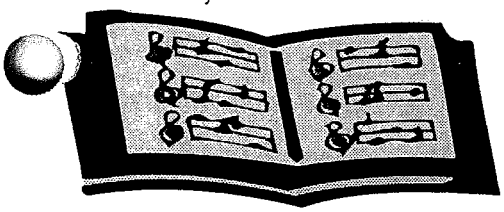
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MUSIC, MUSIC, MUSIC

Spring Melodies filled the auditorium when the Chorus, Orchestra and Band presented toe-tapping and lyrical music for everyone's enjoyment. The student body enjoyed the band's rendition of Handel's Royal Fireworks Music and a preview of their upcoming Memorial Day Parade music.



The orchestra, under the direction of Barbara Wieder, presented a varied program including a tribute to the comet with a piece called "Star Dancer." An advanced ensemble, included Tania Rios, Katie Hay, Jessica Laurita and Jennifer Vega performed "Scherzo," and the orchestra concluded with the theme from Rocky.

The 5th and 6th grade Chorus, 70 strong, lit up the auditorium with their smiling faces, as well as flashlights, in a piece called "Lights." They also performed a piece written for last summer's Olympic Games called "Carriers of the Light," in which a small ensemble was featured. In addition, Noor Syed sang a solo in the group's rendition of "Swingin' on a Star." The evening program finished with a special treat when Linda Pratt, Music Teacher, asked all the former chorus members in the audience to join the chorus for their last number that is traditionally "Closing Comment." We were pleased to have so many "old friends" in the audience.

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The 1997–98 School Budget and Bond Issue Have Passed

The District's Students, Board of Education, Administrators and Staff would like to thank the residents of our District for their continuous support.

ARTS & CRAFT SUPPLIES —IS IT SAFE?

The following information has been prepared by our Health and Safety Committee.

When you purchase arts and craft supplies for your children for use at home or school, make your selections carefully. Not all of the items found in the stores should be considered safe to use. Many craft supplies still contain toxic items, high lead levels, and known carcinogens.

To be sure that you are purchasing safe, non-toxic supplies such as markers, paints, crayons and glue, for your children, and yourself, look at the product to see if it carries one of the stamps listed below. Be a wise shopper! Do not take "the cheap way out"—the safety of your child, and yourself, is at stake!

In trying to identify products which are safe or are non-toxic, look for one of the following emblems or wordings:



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SCHOOL DISTRICT REPORT CARD AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW IN EACH SCHOOL

Chapter 474 of the Education Laws of 1996 requires all public school districts in the State of New York to make a School District Report Card available to the public. The purpose of the School District Report Card is to provide information on a number of performance items. These items include: academic performance of students as measured on statewide achievement tests, fiscal performance with regard to per pupil expenditures for regular and special education, the number of special education students, and other measures such as attendance and suspension rates. These performance items may be compared to statewide averages and/or to other comparable school districts. In addition to the performance measures, a disclosure of specified administrative salaries must be presented.

The School District Report Card is presented each Spring and is appended to the proposed budget for the ensuing school year. It is made available to the public at least 14 days prior to the district's annual meeting (budget vote). A copy of the School District Report Card will be available in each school for parental review. It will also be transmitted to our local newspapers, the Valley Stream Herald and The Maileader.

Any questions or comments pertaining to the School District Report Card may be directed to Gene Nyitray, Assistant to the Superintendent of Schools, at 285-9833.

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PLEASE NOTE:
ALL VISITORS TO OUR SCHOOLS MUST USE THE MAIN ENTRANCE AND OBTAIN A VISITOR'S PASS FROM THE MAIN OFFICE.

CINQUAIN AMERICA: SYMBOLS OF THE STATES

The 5th grade students in Susan Wasserman's class completed a multi-media project under the direction and assistance of Mary Mathews, Library/Media Specialist. As part of the 5th grade Social Studies curriculum, each student was assigned two or three states in the United States. Research on these states was completed in written form using printed and electronic materials. Students began their multi-media projects by using the program, Clarisworks, to print the names of the states and their own names on a proposed cover sheet for their report. Using the Astound program, they then combined the word processing program with color pictures of their state flag, bird and flower. These three pictures were researched electronically by using Information Finder and Encarta. The completed cover was achieved when students placed an outline map on the cover so that the name of the state and its map were in the center of the page. What a magnificent job was done by all! Part II coming up!

The students wrote cinquains for each of their states. Some students mentioned natural features, tourists' spots, natural resources, major cities, etc., which are found in their states. Student voices sure sounded different on the computer.

PARENTS HAVE HOMEWORK, TOO!

The parents in Gail Starler's 2nd grade class have added meaning to Parents As Reading Partners (PARP). To show the importance of reading in their adult lives, the parents were asked to write essays about a book that changed their lives, someone who encouraged them to read or how reading can build a future.

The students decorated the room by creating book jackets about their favorite books and then invited their parents to visit. The following parents read their topics to the class: Mrs. Ahearn, Mrs. Anguera, Mrs. Bernstein, Mrs. Martinez, Mrs. Mazariego, and Mrs. Simona. For the parents who could not attend, their assignments were shared by their children and by Stanley Kaminsky, Principal. The parents' heartfelt descriptions and enthusiasm gave special meaning to parents as reading partners.

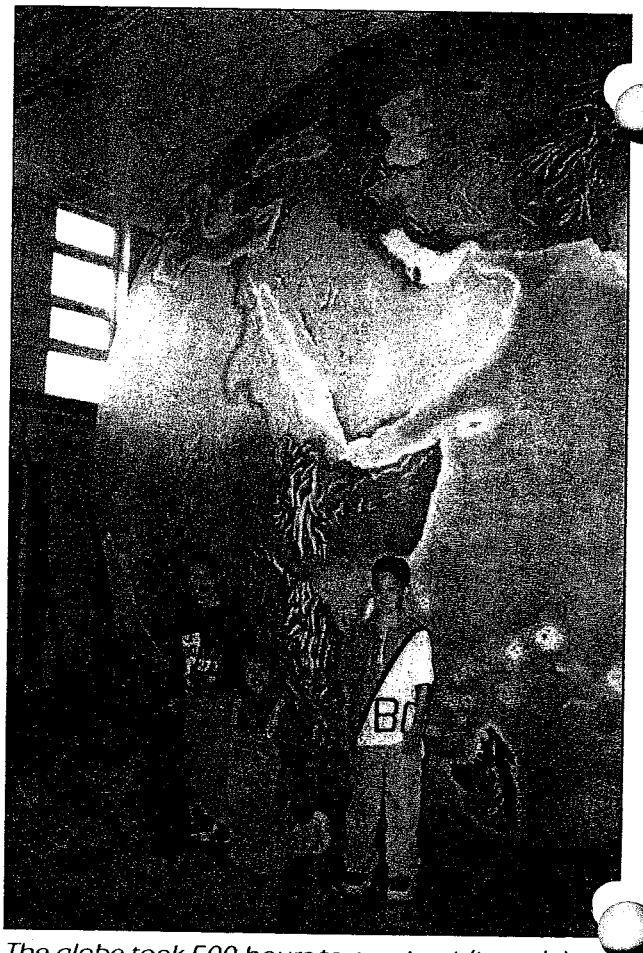
MOVING?

If you plan to move out of the District during the summer, please inform us as soon as possible. If you know of someone who is moving into the neighborhood with school age children, ask them to contact the school. This will assist us in planning classes for next year.

JOURNEY INSIDE THE EARTH

Is such a trip possible? The students at Shaw Avenue School had an opportunity to look at the earth from the inside out! A 22 foot globe was set up in their gymnasium. Each class visited the portable globe classroom by entering through a zippered doorway in the International Date Line (180 degrees longitude).

Students sat on Antarctica while they viewed the world from the inside. Oceans and landforms were still in their correct places, but students were viewing them in reverse. Questions about continents and oceans were correctly answered by kindergarten and 1st grade students. Second and 3rd graders easily identified deserts, mountain ranges and tropical rain forests. Fourth, 5th and 6th graders concentrated on routes to take from one continent to another, time zones and geographic barriers that led students to a broader understanding of economic geography. Susan Wasserman, 5th grade teacher, and students would like to thank the Shaw Avenue School PTA for making this program possible.



The globe took 500 hours to construct (to scale) and paint, weighed 70 pounds (without the air) and inflated (or deflated) in about 10 minutes using a small fan.

ANOTHER CONTEST WINNER



Kevin's artistic talents are also displayed in the mural on the wall.

Kevin Smith was selected as one of the winners in the recent contest sponsored by the Hempstead Recycling Plant. He was selected from many participants within Nassau County and was a winner from Forest Road School. His winning entry was a poster with Bugs Bunny doing a slam dunk for recycling. Standing with Kevin is his teacher, Dennis Terrell, and Sue Baron, Art Teacher.

INTERSCHOOL PEN PALS

Amy Bendeth's 3rd grade class at Shaw Avenue School and Nancy Blankshine's 3rd grade class at Forest Road School have been getting to know one another through letter writing. To make letter writing more exciting, both teachers thought the students might like to make new friends through writing.

The children were paired with a pen pal and have been communicating since December. This activity has strengthened the students' writing and reading skills. The students look forward to reading each other's letters. Many found they had a lot in common and shared similar interests. New friendships were also made.

REFLECTION PROGRAM

The Reflection Program is a PTA sponsored program that encourages students to explore their talents in literature, music, visual arts and photography. National PTA sets a theme, which this year was "It Could Happen," and students create projects based on this theme. The school winners are:

At Clear Stream Avenue School:

Literature:	Janyl Cabrera, Melissa Lazano and Tania Rios
Visual Arts:	Matthew Swahn, Martin Heeb and Steven Kaplan
Photography:	Nicole Migio
Music:	Sarah Weiss

At Forest Road School:

Literature:	Amanda Aponte, Ketan Panchal and Paul Jung, Zachary Stiendam, Gabriela Barreto, Alexander Klein, Jesse Sternberg and Daniela Barreto
Visual Arts:	Kimberly Morse, Samantha Iskol, Michael Piacente, James McGrady, Christopher Bernal, Dimitrios Kanterakis, Diana Parisotti, Kristina DiLecci, Dominique Moron and Daniela Barreto

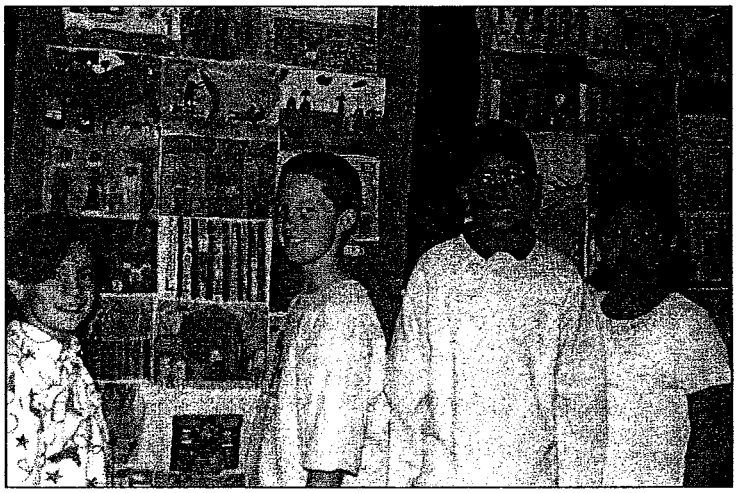
At Shaw Avenue School:

Literature:	Kristina Anspake, Alexa Scordato and Matt Tranquellino
Visual Arts:	Danielle DiGenova, Alexa Scordato and Peter Tai
Photography:	Hal Berman, Matt Cronin and Anthony Pelle

PETS AND FRIENDS

Researching pets promised to be an exciting project in Gail Starler's 2nd grade class. It began when they visited the Shaw Avenue School Library, and with the assistance of Mary Mathews, Library/Media Specialist, they selected books on pets.

In class, they worked on organizing their research findings and then visited their school Computer Lab. With the assistance of Evelyn D'Angelo (Computer Technician), the students used the word processor and colorful illustrations for their projects. The final results were made into individual books. The children were very proud. Not only have they learned a great deal, but their books will provide the opportunity for other children to learn how pets can be our friends.



Several 5th grade students posed in front of these two special quilts. The quilt on the left was created by students in Allison Needleman's class. After reading biographies written by slaves, the students created a square to represent that person. Sherrie Lewis' class read books on slavery and created the squares for the quilt on the right. Several parents assisted the children by sewing the squares together to create this wonderful work of art and history.

EXPERIENCING SC

Hands on experience, especially in the field of science, is a very important aspect of learning. Our students ex

YOUNG SCIENTISTS



John and Danny eagerly await discussing their project with viewers.

Sixth graders held their first Science Fair at Shaw Avenue School, and students, teachers, parents, and friends attended their spectacular display. AnneMarie Homer, Science Teacher, and Karen Jacobson, Contract Substitute Teacher, who assisted the students, walked proudly among the crowd.

The Science Fair is the culmination of four months of research, preparation and discovery for the 6th grade young scientists. The process began when students selected their area of interest and then posed a question that they wanted to know more about. Research was conducted via encyclopedias, books, and/or computers. Students chose a partner and worked cooperatively to conduct the experiment. A hypothesis was formed and the students then set out to prove, through experiment or research, whether or not it was valid. This was the exciting and fun portion! Our young scientists discovered that either they were correct in their hypothesis or that things were not always how they seemed. Their results were then beautifully presented on colorful science boards filled with information, results, charts, pictures and graphs. Prior to the Fair, all the students' projects were presented before a panel of teachers. The teachers judged and awarded first, second, third and honorable mention prizes. All participants received a ribbon and certificate of participation for a job well done! The award recipients were:

1st Place: John Barcheski and Danny Parise for "The Effect of Cigarette Smoke on the Lungs"

2nd Place: John Yannotta and Roberto Vargas for "The Effect of Heat on Different Elements"

3rd Place: Allison Amico and Kemely Castro for "How Tornadoes Form"

Special Awards: Qandeel Skiekh for "The Working of the Human Eye and Camera" and Travis Reynolds for "The Most Social Cat."

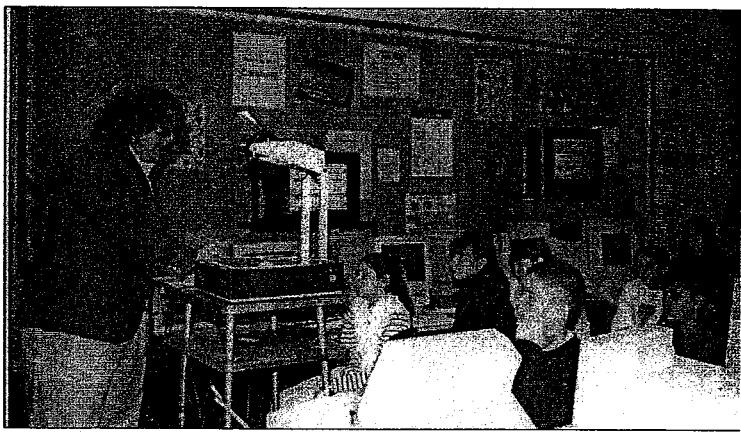
All our young scientists should be commended for their research and in educating the attendees! Below are some comments from our students:

"I feel that the Science Fair was a good way to learn by having fun. It taught us teamwork and cooperation." —Amanda Larsen

"We have worked very hard on these projects and we are very proud of ourselves!" —Keri Ann Cooke

"I know how much effort and time everyone has p to their projects. I've had a lot of fun working on our project with my partner." —Heather Gauger

WHAT'S IN A WEATHER FORECAST?



A lot goes into forecasting the weather!

Sixth grade students were visited by a meteorologist, Jim Hayes, from the National Weather Service Forecast Office in Brookhaven, Long Island. He presented a thorough description of what meteorologists do and how they go about doing it. Through the Internet, overhead transparencies and weather instruments, Jim demonstrated the skills involved in forecasting the weather. He puts together forecasts for the weather channel, marine and aviation forecasts for 18 million people in parts of New Jersey, Upstate New York, Connecticut, Long Island and New York City. Jim showed the students weather satellites and he explained how they are used to forecast the weather. He also talked about the importance of radar and computers. The students learned about Nexrad Doppler Radar and how this instrument sends signals to a computer. He also showed the Shaw Avenue School students a Radiosond which is attached to a balloon. The balloon blows up to the size of the classroom, rises high into the clouds and bur[illegible]nc then glides down with a chute. It records temperatures and air pressure. The computer receives this information and makes a map for meteorologists to read. He explained that so much information goes into the computer and meteorologists need to interpret so much data that sometimes forecasts are wrong.

Jim went on the Internet to show the students how he looks at radar in other parts of the country and satellites or the ocean. Before he left, Jim showed students how to e-mail him at the weather office so they can ask him questions and he will answer them. "The students were happy to have met Jim Hayes and learned so much about meteorologists," commented AnneMarie Homer Science Teacher.

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umerous innovative activities to stimulate their minds. The following are some examples of these activities.

SCIENCE OLYMPIAD

Students at Shaw Avenue chool participated in the lational Science Olympiad iat is a competition with ther students on the same ourse level from schools all ver the United States. There /as no limit to the number of tudents who were allowed to ·articipate. The Olympiad onsists of 35–40 multiple hoice questions that are ased on factual knowledge as /ell as students' understand-ıg of scientific processes. The me limit for the contest was 5 minutes. Under the direc-on of AnneMarie Homer, cience Teacher, 4th and 5th r s worked independently questions. The top ten ıdividuals' names and their cores were sent to the lational Science Olympiad /here results are collated. The um of the top ten scores is the chool's team score. Each chool team will receive a ıedal and ten certificates.

The contest enabled stu-ents to become more ıvolved and interested in ıany fields of science and ·rovided recognition and wards at both the local and ıational levels.

THE STARLAB EXPERIENCE



Exiting STARLAB was like landing back on earth!

STARLAB is an exciting teaching aid that brings to life the beauty and wonders of the night sky as well as important scientific and environmental concepts. It is a portable planetarium, consisting of an inflatable dome capable of seating a class of 25–30 students. This allows for student participation in the form of activities done within the STARLAB by BOCES naturalists. Teachers at Shaw Avenue School conducted STARLAB activities within the classroom to make the program more meaningful for the students. AnneMarie Homer, Science Teacher, was very excited about this program Some of the topics that STARLAB presented were: night and day; the seasons; the moon and its phases; using a star clock; the planets; Native American and Greek Myths.

Special thanks to our Shaw Avenue School PTA for sponsoring the STARLAB Program so that students could enjoy and benefit from this learning experience. The STARLAB has made an unforgettable impact on all the students. Everyone will be looking into the night sky and seeing much more than they saw before.

HOW DO WE GET CLEAN WATER?

Studying the environment as a strand of the health curriculum, and in celebration of Earth Day, the students in Susan Stiefel's 4th grade class, at Forest Road School, were involved in an exciting project. The class was surprised to learn that the water we drink comes from the ground, rivers, and streams. They wanted to know how dirty water could be made clean and clear enough to drink. Inspired by "The Magic School Bus at the Waterworks" by Joanna Cole, the 4th graders decided to try to create their own water purification systems. The children used cheesecloth, sand, paper towels, and other household materials to try to construct a filter to clean muddy water. In five cooperative teams, each group created, presented and tested their own ideas. As the water full of mud, leaves and pebbles passed through each team's system, the children were amazed to see clean water trickle out of the other end. These young scientists were very proud of their success.

MORE YOUNG SCIENTISTS

Third grade students in Virginia Cabral and Mary Maclean's classes held a Science Fair in the Clear m Avenue School cafe-. Each child prepared an individual project to demonstrate. The experiments varied from Earth Science to Physics to Chemistry to Nutrition and the students presented their experiments to every class, and many parents. It was an informative and interesting day at the "Clear Stream Laboratory."



Man's fascination with the wheel and how to propel it was demonstrated in Dennis Terrell's class. During their study of technology, students at Forest Road School built their own set of wheels and used rubber bands to propel them in an exciting race.

A SPECIAL STORY QUILT

Through a grant from the Valley Stream Teacher Center, the children in Barbara Clarke's 4th grade class has created a story quilt. The history of Long Island from the time of the Algonquins to the present, is the theme of this quilt. The children chose an important topic about Long island's past or present and represented it with fabrics and paints on a square piece of materials.

This project was a very valuable, meaningful, and educational endeavor for the children. The students enjoyed themselves and learned much from making this quilt. Many quilt stories were read to the class prior and during this project. Making quilts and the family stories that were sewn into the fabrics played an important part in the history of America. The class created a beautiful quilt that all the students of Clear Stream Avenue School can admire.

We at District 30 hope you all have a great, relaxing, and safe Summer. We all look forward to another great school year in September!

THE GREAT READ-IN



While on-line, students asked famous authors questions, and the excitement grew when the authors answered their questions on the Internet.

On May 9th, Karen Catalanotto's and Edith Yelland's 5th grade classes at Clear Stream Avenue School participated in a day long reading project for grades kindergarten through high school on the Internet. The Read-In is an effort to incorporate and integrate the language arts curriculum and telecommunications into a worthwhile education collaboration among schools in the US, Canada, and abroad. At predetermined times, classes met in a designated chat area on the Internet to discuss books and meet authors. Gerard Camilleri, Computer Coordinator, and Noeleen Douglas, Computer Technician, shared their expertise so that these events went smoothly in the computer lab and library. The 5th graders also read a book of their choosing to their 1st grade buddies, attended library class with Alice Dorb, Library/Media Specialist, and participated in a sing-a-long with Linda Pratt, Music Teacher, during this all reading related day. Through the generosity of PTA, the students received a bagel breakfast, a snack, and a paperback book to keep as a memento of this fun and exciting experience.

"MAIL", A WORK OF ART!



Young artists created stamps on the computer.

Susan Baron, Art Teacher, and Chris Coffin, student teacher from Hofstra University, introduced the Forest Road School students to the work of Ivan Chermayeff, a graphic designer. Mr. Chermayeff used discarded envelopes, stamps and correspondence to create his collages. As a result of this, Susan Stiefel's and Eileen Cudahy's 4th graders completed an extensive unit in art that involved "mail." Students were asked to bring in junk mail from home. In Art Class they looked at this by-product in a new way and recycled the envelopes and stamps to create new visual images. The students' collages were very imaginative and creative. Students also designed envelopes based on hobbies and interests to mail their letters. The 4th grade teachers worked with their students to use their language art skills and letter writing. The unit in art was integrated into the classroom and Computer Lab. In the Computer Lab students designed their own postage stamps. Some designs included a monkey, a flag, and a space ship.

TWO NEW BUILDING SECRETARIES

As reported in the March issue of *The Friendly Schools,* we would like to introduce two new building secretaries:

Mrs. Doreen Imbriani is the new secretary at Clear Stream Avenue School. Her experience includes 5 years at European American Bank (EAB) as a Customer Service Representative, utilizing her secretarial skills for the Bank Manager. Doreen was then promoted to trainer at the EAB Teller Training Center. She also worked on Wall Street for 7 years at Dominick and Dominick, Inc. in the Stock Transfer Department and eventually became a secretary to the department manager. Doreen is an active member of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, was a member of the Governing Vestry for the past 3 years, and a Sunday School Teacher for a primary age group for the past 11 years. She has two children and loves music, reading and walking. Prior to taking this position, Doreen worked with Lane Griffin, who recently retired as Clear Stream Avenue School's Building Secretary.

Joining us at Shaw Avenue School is ***Mrs. Daryl Rossello.*** She previously worked in their office and filled the vacancy created by the retirement of Ann Docar. Prior to joining District 30, Daryl worked at Liberty Mutual Insurance Company for 9 years. She has lived in Valley Stream for the past 40 years; she graduated Shaw Avenue School in 1966, Memorial Junior High School in 1969 and from Central High School in 1972. Her husband is also a graduate of Shaw Avenue, Memorial Junior, and Central High Schools, and is presently a N.Y.C. Firefighter. They have 2 children who also attend Valley Stream schools. Daryl stated, "Family is the most important thing to me. I now have a second family at Shaw Avenue School, it's a great place to work."

DON'T FORGET—
a complete WEB Site is available to you and your family to learn more about our district. Our Internet address is:
http://www.valleystream30.com.
Come and surf the web with us!

GRADUATION TIME LETTER WRITING CAMPAIGN

The 5th grade students at Forest Road School participated in a letter writing campaign sponsored by MADD. Each student in Sherrie Lewis' and Allison Needleman's class wrote letters to a graduating senior at South High School telling them about the dangers of underage drinking and driving while drunk These letters were written about two weeks before the senior prom and graduation. The 5th grade students hope that the older students will remember their letters when they attend their graduation festivities, and for years to come!



The magic of the circus has irresistibly drawn audiences to the big top for more than two centuries. The Forest Road School students were dazzled with some of the traditional clown acts during a special assembly. Their PTA arranged for two clowns from the National Circus Project to entertain the children in a comedy-variety format that included juggling, plate-spinning, balancing and unicycling. The program featured lots of audience interaction and participation as the students roared with excitement.

ANOTHER TEACHER RECEIVES RECOGNITION

District 30 is proud to congratulate Edith Yelland, 5th grade teacher at Clear Stream Avenue School, on being selected for inclusion in Who's Who Among America's Teachers. This honor comes from a successful former student who recommended her because "you made a difference in his or her life." There is no greater reward to teachers than to be valued and validated by former students. It should be noted that only high school and college students who have been cited for academic excellencies themselves in Who's Who Among American High School Students, or the National Dean's List, are invited to nominate a teacher from their entire academic experience.

(Editor's Note: Edith is the third teacher this school year to be selected for this honor. As reported in previously issues of *The Friendly Schools* during this school year, Paula Franklin and Mary Ruschin were also selected for inclusion in Who's Who Among America's Teachers.)

MUSIC, MUSIC, MUSIC

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The **2nd Annual District Concert** packed Shaw Avenue School's Auditorium as 4th graders from our three schools displayed their musical talents on May 19th.

Last year at this time 5th and 6th grade instrumentalists performed, but this year's program was altered to showcase beginning instrumentalists, and the vocal music program, as well.

Barbara Wieder's beginning orchestra and Eileen Pollan's beginning band, with 60 students each, proved that the children really can make beautiful music in eight short months. The 4th grade singers, almost 200 strong, sang three pieces, each under the direction of one of the vocal music teachers, Linda Pratt at Clear Stream Avenue School, Barbara Kreeger at Shaw Avenue School, and Jay Marinoff at Forest Road School. Robert Cohen, Principal at Clear Stream Avenue School, remarked, "It was a fabulous show when you consider that the youngsters have only been playing for a short time."

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

June	14	Flag Day
	16	District 30 Board of Education Committee Meeting—8:00 p.m.
	23	District 30 Board of Education Meeting—8:00 p.m.
	25	District 30 6th Grade Graduation—8:15 p.m. (Held at each school)
	26	District 30 Kindergarten Graduation—9:00 a.m. (Held at each school)
	27	Last Day of School

(NOTE: District 30 Board of Education Committee Meetings are held at the Washington Avenue Administration Building. District 30 Board of Education Meetings are held at Shaw Avenue School.)

READALOUD CONTINUES TO BE A BIG SUCCESS!



All the students were very proud of their visitors who shared their love of reading!

Our three schools once again had a terrific week celebrating National Library Week. Under the direction of Library/Media Specialists Alice Dorb, at Clear Stream Avenue School, Carol Tolle, at Forest Road School, and Mary Mathews, at Shaw Avenue School, our schools celebrated with their 6th Annual ReadAloud. The ReadAloud is a wonderful way to share with children how pleasurable reading is and how important it is. Relatives and special friends of all the students were invited to read a story during their Library class. Visitors included grandmothers, grandfathers, aunts, uncles, cousins, a sitter, a godmother, and special family friends. Mary Mathews commented, "Once again the response was enthusiastic. This year Shaw Avenue School had 87 volunteers participating, and it was a pleasure to see so many familiar faces." At Forest Road School, Carol Tolle reported over 60 joined their students in this big event. Alice Dorb added, "Approximately 100 relatives and friends joined Clear Stream Avenue School. Several of our guests have gone through the grades (6 years) along with the students and our now considered 'old friends' by many of them."

Mary Mathews' comments reflect everyone's feelings: "This program will definitely be repeated next year. It is a wonderful way to celebrate reading and so many people look forward to it. Our guests certainly gave a special gift of their time and interest to the students and deserve a special Thank you!"

ORIGIN OF MOTHER'S DAY

Second graders had an important task: To find out the origin of Mother's Day in the United States.

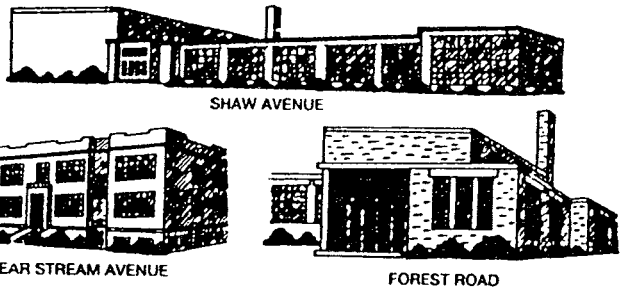
The children discovered it all began with a young woman from West Virginia, Anna Jarvis. She deplored the horrors of hatred that she saw during the Civil War. Anna thought of her loving, warm childhood and thought if all sons and daughters were more devoted to their mothers and family life, we would have a better world. She began a letter-writing campaign and on May 9, 1914, President Wilson signed a Proclamation declaring the second Sunday in May to be Mother's Day throughout the United States.

On May 9th, 1997, exactly 83 years later, Mary Ruschin's 2nd graders welcomed their mothers at a breakfast in their classroom. The children wrote stories about how special their Moms were to them and gave them a little gift, a small package with a tag that read, "Dear Mom: This is what you are to me!" When it was opened, the mothers found a package of Life Savers! (Isn't that what all mothers really are??)

THE N.Y. CONCERT EXPERIENCE

How do you get to Carnegie Hall? The 5th grade chorus students at Shaw Avenue School are now able to answer that question! On May 7th, they went on an exciting field trip to Carnegie Hall to see a concert, under the supervision of Barbara Kreeger, Music Teacher. Barbara is a member of the Carnegie Hall Teachers' Curriculum Council, which enabled her to take her group to this orchestral concert. The program featured Berlioz's "Roman Carnival Overture," and Richard Strauss' "Till Eulenspiegel's Merry Pranks," a musical story about a mischievous little boy. After the concert, the students enjoyed a picnic and a visit to the Central Park Zoo. It was a great day in New York City!

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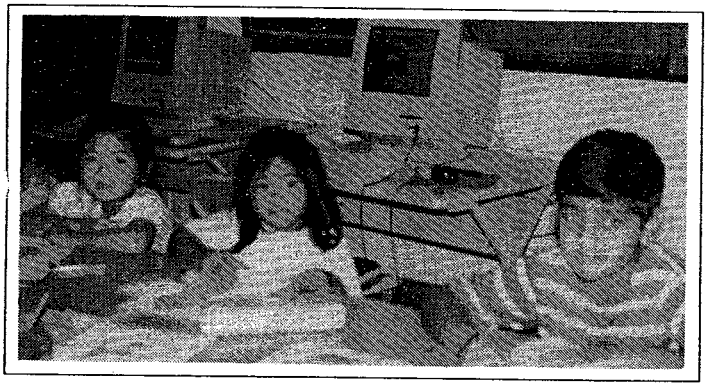
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SUMMER SCHOOL PROGRAM A SUCCESS

During the month of July, District 30 students enjoyed four fun weeks of learning. Classes were held at the Forest Road School and the total enrollment was 117 students; each of the eight classes averaged 15 students. Students attended Monday to Friday, from 8–11 a.m.



ESL students had a variety of activities to assist them in learning English.

"The goal of the summer school program was to prepare students for the upcoming school year by reinforcing and strengthening math and reading skills," stated AnnMarie Homer, Summer School Principal.

Students participated in daily math games, creative literature activities and hands-on projects. They worked in the Computer Lab conducting research and typing stories. Students also used computers in their classroom to practice math and reading concepts. Each class visited the library three times a week to select books for individual and group reading. Teachers used diverse instructional approaches to keep students motivated. Some other activities included measurements, author studies, animal observations, book making and craft projects.

Under the instruction of Jodi Fine and Dolores Mendoza, 2–6 grade students from various countries participated in this program. The ESL (English as a Second Language) students enjoyed learning English through songs, poems, literature, math, cooking and games. As a culminating activity, the students organized a "Multicultural Festival" where they wore clothes, cooked food and shared special stories from their native countries.

When asked what they liked best about the Summer School Program, students shared their following thoughts: the teachers made learning fun and easier; they enjoyed working on the computer, reading interesting books, and playing math games; students liked meeting new teachers and new friends; they especially looked forward to the hands-on projects such as making ice cream.

Parents were also asked to share their feelings about the summer program. Many parents expressed that their children were happy and they looked forward to attending each morning. Other parents observed children to be more comfortable with math and eager to read on their own. They found their children to be interested in learning and more responsible about their work. Children enjoyed learning in a smaller class setting and in a different atmosphere with a new teacher and friends. Parents further commented that their children felt it was different from regular school and that the session did not interfere with family summer activities.



A diverse instructional approach: animal observations. The hedgehog (held by student on right) was a big hit!

The students who attended summer school and their parents affirmed the success of the program. "It was a privilege for me to be part of an educational experience in which children found learning fun and they were proud of their achievements," stated AnnMarie. Adding to the success of this program, were the following "teachers who made learning fun and easier," and the classes they taught: Eileen Cudahy and Judy Neary (3rd grade); Dennis Carr (4th grade); Sherri Lewis (5th grade); Ralph Laudano and Karen Catalanotto (6th grade); Dolores Mendoza (ESL-2nd grade); Jodi Fine (ESL-3–6 grade); Susan Lombardo, R.N., who was there "just in case," and, overseeing that everything ran smoothly, AnnMarie Homer, Summer School Principal.

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In Memoriam...

The entire District 30 staff is saddened to hear of the death of June Burgess (formerly Sorenson), earlier this summer. She was especially loved by her fellow workers and students at Clear Stream Avenue School. June was a dedicated teacher that has enriched many students and will always be remembered. We extend our deepest sympathy to her family and friends.

BREAKFAST WITH THE SUPERINTENDENT

These informal meetings offer you the opportunity to ask questions and voice any concerns you may have about the district. All residents are welcome to any and all meetings. Refreshments will be served. These informal meetings with Lawrence McGoldrick are scheduled for 9:30 a.m. on: October 17 at Forest Road School; January 9 at Clear Stream Avenue School; and March 20 at Shaw Avenue School.

Visit our Web Site: A complete WEB Site is available to you and your family to learn more about our district. This site can be accessed at the following location:http://www.valleystream30.com. If you have any questions or comments concerning our WEB site, please do not hesitate to contact Lawrence McGoldrick, Superintendent of Schools, at his office at 285-9881, or our E-mail address, valleystream30@mindspring.com.

SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Once again our students demonstrated their belief in the importance of reading during the summer vacation. Each of our schools held a Summer Reading Program.

At Clear Stream Avenue School a total of 166 students participated in their program, reading a grand total of 2517 books. Sandra Aragona's 2nd graders and Karen Catalanotto's 5th graders will participate in ice cream parties because their classes had the highest number of participants. Reading teachers Ann Glynn and Karen Peters, organizers of this program, commented: "We are proud of all our students who took part. We would also like to thank all the parents who encouraged their children to read."

Carol Tolle, Library/Media Specialist at Forest Road School, reported that 36 children in grades 1–6 participated in Assemblyman Greg Becker's Summer Reading Challenge. The children used a suggested reading list prepared by Mrs. Tolle and classroom teachers. Those children who read at least 15 minutes a day for 40 or more days this summer will receive a participation certificate directly from the Assemblyman's office.

Students from Shaw Avenue School also participated in the Summer Reading Challenge. Many students also participated in the Henry Waldinger Memorial Library and the Elmont Public Library's program entitled, "New York State Summer Reading Program," and will shortly be receiving certificates for their efforts. At the time of printing, Mary Mathews, Library/Media Specialist, was still receiving students' "recorded reading calendars," and did not have a completed number of participants.

Congratulations to all the students who were involved in the Summer Reading Program. It is our hope that the habit of reading for enjoyment will continue throughout the year!

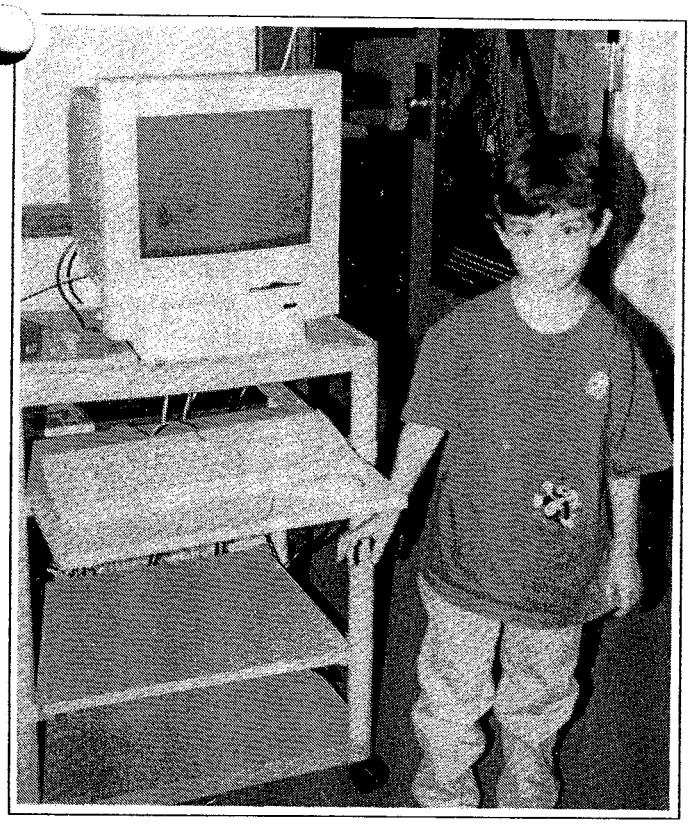
CLASS OF '97 LEGACY

In June, the sixth grade art classes at Clear Stream Avenue School created a lasting legacy with a worthwhile message. Working cooperatively under the direction of their art teacher, Susan Menkes, the 63 sixth graders developed drawings that depict sports and good sportsmanship. The children, after transposing their drawings, painted them onto a 25 foot mural. The mural will be installed as a permanent addition in the Clear Stream Avenue School's gymnasium. The mural reflects the importance of good sportsmanship and getting along together. They wanted the mural to serve as an inspiration for future graduating classes.



Susan Menkes (second on left) stands proudly with some of the students holding a portion of the mural.

CYBER CONCERT



What excitement for Marie Barry's kindergartners, at Forest Road School, as they entered the Computer Lab to see and hear a cyber concert direct from Amsterdam. Craig Biegel and his mother, Sharon, were especially excited. Craig's father, Jeffrey was the highlight of the concert. Jeffrey Biegel is a renown pianist and has performed with many of the world's leading orchestras. Through the wonders of technology, pictured is Craig viewing his father "at work" straight from Amsterdam.

NEWCOMERS

As a new school year begins, we would like to welcome and introduce some of the new teachers and staff who joined our District 30 team:

Angela Penello joins our District as a Speech Teacher for the primary LC class at Forest Road School. She received her Masters Degree from St. John's University. Her experience includes teaching for three years in a private school, which includes teaching pre-schoolers, kindergartners and 1st graders. Angela has lived in Valley Stream for eight years. She commented, "I am extremely excited and happy to join the teaching staff in the community where I live."

At Clear Stream Avenue School, **Karen Peters** has become a member of our team of Reading Teachers. She was previously a Reading Teacher in N. Merrick. Karen's experience also includes teaching kindergarten for two years.

Our new Shaw Avenue School's 6th grade teacher, **Deanna Tsigakos,** comes to us with 11 years of experience. She has taught 6th grade for the past six years. Besides teaching, Deanna enjoys traveling, both within the United States and internationally.

In addition, we officially welcome two new part time office aides to our District: **Lisa Del Campo** at Clear Stream Avenue School, and **Diane Yannotta** at Shaw Avenue School. Their smiling faces are new additions to their Main Office. At our Washington Avenue Administrative Offices, **Kathryn Scuderi** is our new part time Clerical Aide. Also joining us this year is **Marie Randazzo,** who became our newest Classroom Aide at Forest Road School.

DEDICATED TO ELINOR McAULIFFE

On Saturday, May 31, 1997, the Shaw Avenue School Auditorium was dedicated to a long time friend and District 30 Board of Education member, Elinor McAuliffe, who passed away in August 1996. Above the doors of the auditorium, in green letters reads, "The Elinor McAuliffe Auditorium."

Andrew J. Walters, President of the Board of Education, Trustees Thomas M. Galgano and Leanore Egan, David Kutcher, Assistant Superintendent, and Cathy Montefusco, PTA Co-President, gave their personal comments of Elinor, and spoke of her achievements (such as, the recipient of the Lay Educator of the Year Award, and the New York State School Board Association's Everett R. Dyer Award). Very touching and heartfelt comments were made and they were all summed up in a plaque that was placed outside the auditorium.

Michael McAuliffe, Elinor's son, represented his family and spoke of his mother's dedication and her love for children, and added, "I'm sure that my mother is smiling down on us today as she becomes immortalized."

Under the direction of Music Teachers, Barbara Wieder and Linda Pratt, the 6th grade String Orchestra professionally performed. The finale was a tantalizing array of refreshments.



Everyone was touched by the ceremony and the memory of Elinor.

District 30 Board Decides Against Consolidation

After carefully weighing the results of an exhaustive study completed in July, the Board of Education has unanimously decided not to pursue consolidation with its neighboring school districts.

This move comes on the heels of the release of a detailed study that looked at the educational and financial advantages of consolidating the four Valley Stream districts - District 13, District 24, District 30 and the Central High School District. The study, which was conducted by Interactive, Inc., concluded that a consolidation of all districts would cost District 30 taxpayers between $200 and $300 per year in additional taxes for little or no upgrade of educational programs.

"We carefully weighed the facts presented in the study and concluded that consolidating would not be in the best interests of our community," said Andrew J. Walters, President of the Board of Education. "We have been entrusted as stewards of the system, both educationally and financially. Our main concerns have to be the children in our schools and taxpayers in our community. Ultimately, maintaining our independence is best for both."

The Board weighed a number of issues in its decision, all of which are articulated in a seven page Statement of Belief that it has published for the community. Economic, educational, and governance issues weighed strongly in the decision. Here is an issue-by-issue synopsis of the Board's findings:

• **Economic:** District 30 is in an outstanding financial position, thanks to a rich tax base that includes almost the entire Green Acres Mall and to prudent financial management. The tax base has helped the Board moderate taxes while offering a strong educational curriculum. Any consolidation would dilute the tax base and put the District's economic position at risk. In addition, the total consolidation would actually cost taxpayers $200 or $300 more per household.

• **Educational:** Interactive, Inc. was charged with leveling up programs for all the districts involved. In other words, no district could lose educational programs as a result of consolidation, while all the districts involved would achieve educational equity.

The study showed that District 30's educational program set the standard in nearly every area. The other districts would have received tremendous program enhancements, while District 30 would basically maintain its program. With this information, it was clear to the Board that consolidation would not appreciably benefit District 30 children, especially, in light of the increased cost.

•**Governance:** The District 30 Board has had a history of working well as a unit for children and taxpayers. Most Board members have volunteered their time for more than a decade, thus creating a stable leadership in the District. This has not always been the case in neighboring districts, which is a cause of concern to the District 30 Board. There is no guarantee that under a new board leadership the current array of educational programs will be maintained in a stable political environment.

After weighing the costs and benefits of each of these issues, the Board's conclusion was inescapable. "We hope to achieve additional savings through the sharing of services," said Mr. Walters. "But to create a new school district with new and unknown leadership at a higher cost to our taxpayers is not a viable option."

For a copy of the entire Statement of Belief released by the Board of Education, feel free to call the Assistant Superintendent of Schools at 285-9880.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

November 4 – Election Day/Superintendent's Conference — NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
11 – Veteran's Day — SCHOOLS CLOSED
17 – District 30 Board of Education Committee Meeting–8:00 p.m.
24 – District 30 Board of Education Meeting—8:00 p.m.
27–28 – Thanksgiving Recess — SCHOOLS CLOSED

(NOTE: District 30 Board of Education Committee Meetings are held at the Washington Avenue Administration Building. District 30 Board of Education Meetings are held at Shaw Avenue School.)

NEW LIBRARY CARD NEEDED

Computer bar-coded library cards are now needed to check out material at the Henry Waldinger Memorial Library. If you have not yet registered, there is a one week period before your new card will be ready. Bring in your old card and two pieces of identification. You cannot check out material unless you have a new card.



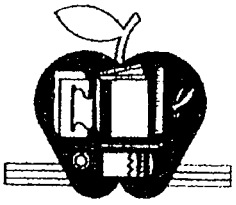
NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

Valley Stream Union Free School District Thirty hereby notifies students, parents, employees, and the general public that it offers employment and education opportunities without regard to sex, race, color, national origin or disability.

Inquiries regarding the implementation of this non-discrimination policy may be directed to the Title IX Coordinator, Mr. David V. Kutcher, Assistant Superintendent, or the Section 504 Coordinator, Mr. Gene Nyitray, Director of Special Services, Valley Stream Union Free School District Thirty, 150 Washington Avenue, Valley Stream, New York 11580-3052 (Telephone: 516-285-9880).

HALLOWEEN CAUTION

To insure a safe and enjoyable Halloween, we hope you follow these suggestions. Make sure you accompany very young children on neighborhood trick or treat visits, or arrange for another responsible adult to watch them. Require that your children bring home their treats to be examined before they eat anything. Also, discourage your children from throwing eggs and from spraying paint or shaving cream on other people's property—you could be liable for damages. If you are driving, particularly after dark, be alert for children running into the streets.



NOT GETTING THE FRIENDLY SCHOOLS?

If you know of any district residents who are not receiving *The Friendly Schools* and would like to, ask them to send their names and address to: Valley Stream Union Free School District Thirty, Administrative Offices, 150 Washington Avenue, Valley Stream, NY 11580-3052. The Friendly Schools is issued four times a year, plus one Special Budget Issue.

NEW PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

Have you noticed the new state-of-the-art playground equipment located outside the Clear Stream Avenue School's gymnasium? At the request of the Clear Stream Avenue School PTA, the Board of Education approved the funding for this new playground to replace the old, worn wooden equipment that had been vandalized over the years. The selection of this particular playground was done by a committee consisting of: Robert Cohen, Principal; Jonathan Griess, Physical Education Teacher; Vincent Libertini and Arlene Sacks, Kindergarten Teachers; Rosann DiPalma, Cathy Montefusco and Mary Sheffield, parent representatives. The committee worked diligently to ensure that the equipment would help develop upper body strength/gross motor skills, as well as, including exciting, creative pieces for imaginary play.

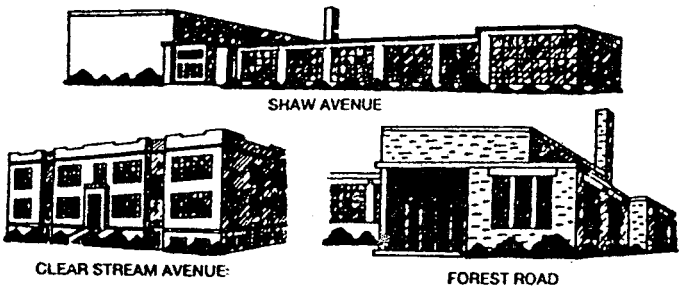
On May 26, 1997 students gathered around the playground for the ribbon cutting ceremony. Joining the morning festivities were Lawrence McGoldrick, Superintendent of Schools, and Gregory Abbate, Director of Facilities. Everyone at Clear Stream Avenue School is thrilled with this new addition.

SCHOOL CLOSINGS

Weather and other emergencies may warrant school closings or delayed openings. A delayed opening means students are expected to be at school at 10 a.m. PTA Class Parents will be alerted and will initiate telephone calls to inform parents in each class. NEWS 12 on Channel 12 will carry school closing information. Such school closings will also be announced on the following local radio stations:

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Students Exhibit Art In Statewide Show

Works of art by students from District 30 have been selected for an exhibit at the annual conference of the New York State School Boards Association. District 30 Art Teachers, Susan Menkes at Clear Stream Avenue School, Susan Baron at Forest Road School, and Paul Farinacci at Shaw Avenue School reported their chosen school representatives. (The grades reflect the grade the students were in last year.): Representing Clear Stream Avenue School were: Ben Lockspeiser (Grade 4) and Danielle Albanese (Grade 1); From Forest Road School: Ilana Brown and Kevin Montoya (Grade 5) and Andrea Chong (Grade 3); from Shaw Avenue School: Amanda Ricotta and Christopher Devivo (Grade 4).

This exhibit is organized annually by the New York State Art Teachers Association to showcase the artistic achievements of students at the elementary through high school levels. A reception honoring the young artists was held at the Buffalo Convention Center in Buffalo, the site of this year's exhibition.

District 30 School Tax Relief

School District 30 reports that starting in the 1998–99 school year, the School Tax Relief (STAR) initiative will provide direct property tax relief to homeowners. It is anticipated that taxpayers will save $2.2 billion annually throughout the state when the STAR program is fully phased in after four years. School districts are expected to receive reimbursement for this property tax relief.

Please note that residential real property may qualify for a partial exemption from school district taxes under the New York State School Tax Relief (STAR) program. To receive such exemptions, owners of qualifying property must file an application with their local assessor on or before the applicable taxable status date. For further information, please contact the Nassau County Department of Assessment, 240 Old Country Road, Mineola, NY 11501 (516-571-2045) with regard to the information and documentation which must be filed prior to the applicable taxable status date.

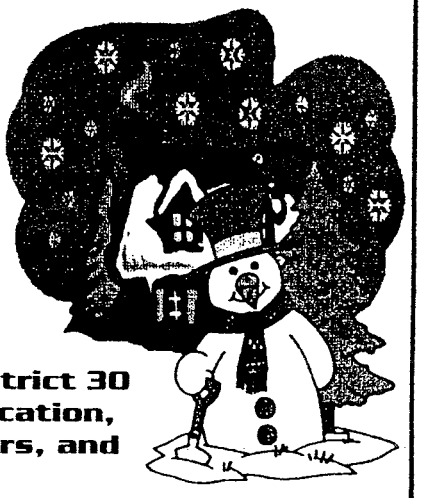
Friendly Schools — 40th Anniversary

If you look through past issues of *The Friendly Schools* you will notice that many issues have turned brown and brittle, but they still represent some of the history of District 30. We say "some," because what District 30 represents and all the activities that go on in our schools can never be placed in 4, 6, or 8 page issues. As stated in the first issue, it is hoped that The Friendly Schools will serve as a vehicle to acquaint everyone with aspects of the school program other than with only the financial picture.' The relationship between the District 30 schools and community has always been one of understanding, support, and friendliness. What better than to call the publication, *The Friendly Schools!* With the support of our District 30 team members, the editors have always tried to meet the original intention of this publication. As *The Friendly Schools* approaches the end of its 40th anniversary we would like to salute our past editors:

January 1957–April 1957—Editor: Lawrence O. Lobdell
October 1957–April 1969—Editor: Lawrence O. Lobdell and Co-Editor: William VanNess
October 1969–April 1984—Editor: Richard M. Burbell and Co-Editor: Lawrence Cid
January 1985 to present: Marie Stone

To All Our Friends,

May your home be filled with happiness and good cheer during the holidays and all through the coming year.



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Founders' Day

PTA Founders' Day commemorates the origin of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers back in the 1890's. This year the celebration will be held at Forest Road School on February 11 at 7:30 p.m.

Present PTA Presidents, Officers, District 30 Administrators and teachers will join together with past PTA Presidents and officers for this gala event.

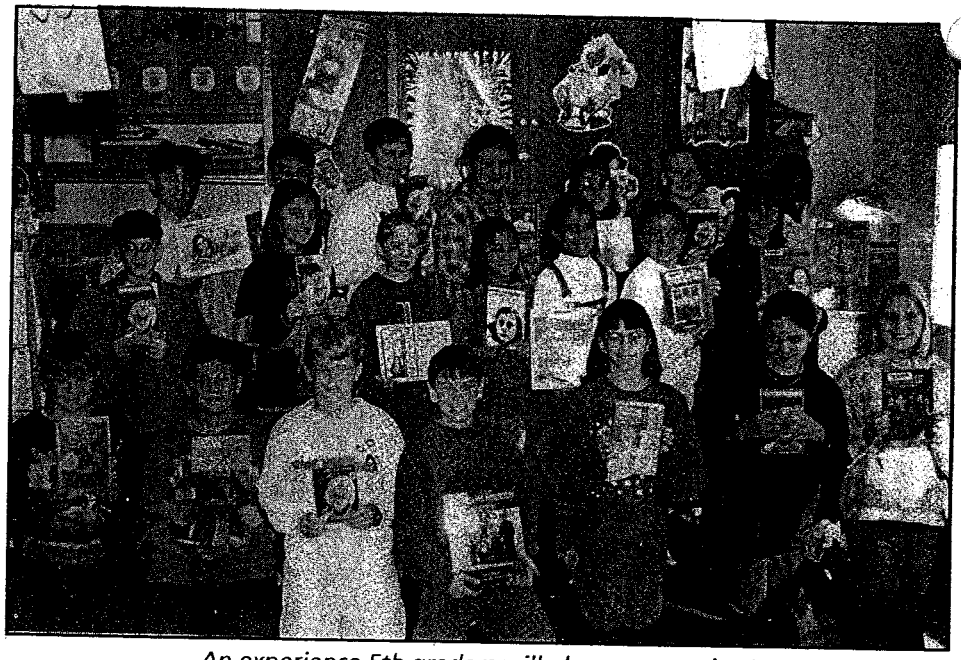
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"4 Stories"—Camera Roll



An experience 5th graders will always remember!

The Shaw Avenue School 5th grade reading class was treated to a very special presentation. As part of a follow-up activity to the reading of "Number the Stars," a novel telling the story of friendship and overcoming fear during the Holocaust, Arlene Upton's class was honored to take part in the filming of "4 Stories."

The presentation featured Dr. Karen Friedman, ADL President of Holocaust Studies, Ms. Anne Shore, President of the Hidden Child Foundation/ADL, and Mr. Maurice DuBois, WNBC anchor/reporter.

Dr. Friedman provided our eager, well-prepared students with additional background information by using posters and a video depicting events during the Holocaust. Ms. Shore was then introduced to the students. Ms. Shore was not only a survivor of the Holocaust, but as a ten year old girl had successfully gone into hiding during the war for two and a half years. Ms. Shore's most compelling details of her experiences included family photographs spanning her childhood. She detailed the horrific loss of her father in the middle of the night as a result of Nazi search. The emotional rendering of Ms. Shore's experiences as a young survivor moved everyone.

The final part of this event was the appearance of Mr. Maurice DuBois, host of WNBC "4 Stories," a weekly presentation. Mr. DuBois questioned the students' reactions and focused on Ms. Shore's remarkable real life drama. He encouraged the students to share their views and inquired as to why many of them fought back tears as they listened to Ms. Shore's triumph in her survival. The "4 Stories" featuring this presentation was aired on November 22, at 7:30 p.m.

The excitement of taking part in a television show about the Holocaust will be further enhanced when their new friends, Dr. Friedman, Ms. Shore, and Mr. DuBois return to Shaw Avenue School. The students look forward to recounting events and enjoying new friendships.

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Dedication to a Friend

As reported in the November issue of *The Friendly Schools,* one of our dearest friends passed away, June Burgess. June taught 5th grade at Clear Stream Avenue School for 10 years. She started as a Student Teacher. Her brave struggle with cancer ended this past Spring. Although she is gone her legacy will live on forever. The Clear Stream Avenue School PTA purchased an 8 foot recycled plastic bench dedicated to June's memory. What a perfect dedication, for June had a great concern for nature and the environment. A dedication ceremony took place on November 10th in the playground. June's friends, family, former students, and District 30 Administrators attended. Refreshments were served after the ceremony and a video of one of her former classes shown.

Speaking at the ceremony were Robert Cohen, Principal, Cathy Montifusco, PTA Co-President, Lawrence McGoldrick, Superintendent of Schools, and Amy Agnesini, former District 30 Physical Education Teacher and close friend of June. Amy represented the entire Clear Stream Avenue School faculty in a very sensitive and touching remembrance of June. We would like to take this opportunity to relate to you the very special person June was.

June was always thinking of those special kinds of projects to further enhance her curriculum. Those unique ideas that made learning fun. Teaming up with Ellen Totten, Clear Stream Avenue School had its first Read-A-Thon and Math-A-Thon. They had a clean-up patrol, which sensitized our students to the importance of taking care of their own environment. Working side-by-side with Amy, there were numerous food drives to help those less fortunate. June was one of the team of teachers who arranged the first Washington, D.C. trip. Remember the start of the Dance-A-Thons? Thousands of dollars were raised for handicapped individuals. For the many Valley Streamers serving in the Persian Gulf during Desert Storm, June took action again, and raised money, and collected clothing, food, etc. to ease the financial hardships of our local families who had a loved one serving our country.



In memory of June Burgess, a Special Teacher whose dedication and love have touched the hearts of us all. Clear Stream Avenue PTA 1997.

June didn't think she was special, but, we all knew she was truly one-in-a-million. The list can go on and on. She always went that extra mile, especially for her students.

It is hoped that the bench not only serves as a remembrance of June, but as a reminder of what she believed in: That there's good in everyone—just take the time to find it; that you should allow yourself to take the time and really smell the roses; that you should try to lend a helping hand to others, because there are so many who need one; and of course, allowing yourself to love, because the more love you give, the more you will receive.

Art on the Internet

Valley Stream leads the way in raising the standards in visual arts for all students in New York State. The New York State Department of Education has chosen a project for the Internet created in Susan Menkes' Art Class. The lesson appears on the web site, because it best represents the new standards for education in New York State. Photos of students creating art at Clear Stream Avenue School are also featured on the Internet. The learning experience integrates art and math.

Shown are some of the students and their art. From left to right: Sarah Steenbeek, Diana Alejandria, Laura Zurlo, Krisel Cabrera, Tiffany Williams and Mrs. Menkes.

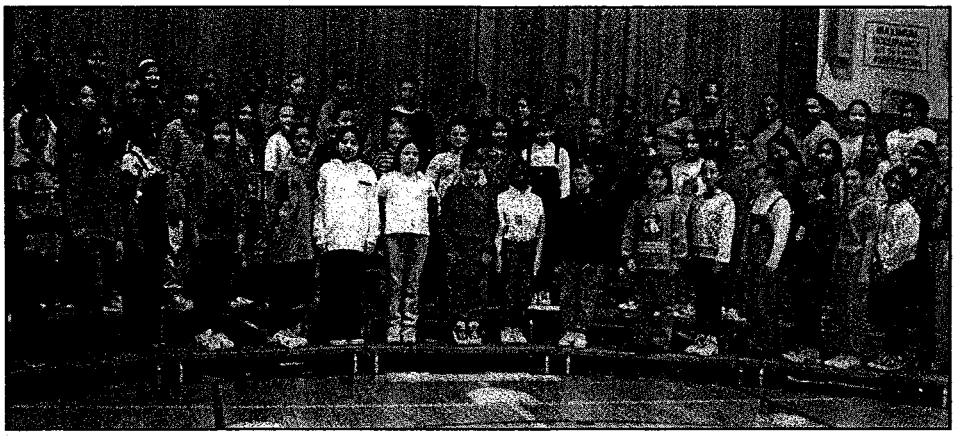
Special Acknowledgement

Art Teacher, Susan Menkes, was recently named a charter member of the New York State Academy for Teaching and Learning by Commissioner Mills of the State Education Department, and The New York State Board of Regents.



Sharing their creativility.

Spreading Holiday Joy Through Music and Songs



Listening to the Clear Stream Avenue School Chorus rehearsal for their performance at Charles Monica Residence was really a beautiful melodic Winter Fantasy!

Students in all three schools in the district have been hard at work preparing their winter concert programs. The chorus at Forest Road School is under the direction of John Stump, new to our district this year, and will celebrate Christmas, Kwanzaa, Hanukah, and sleigh riding in song. Barbara Kreeger, choral director at Shaw Avenue School, says that the children will be singing about peace in twelve languages and their program will feature dancing and vocal soloists. Linda Pratt reports that the program at Clear Stream Avenue School is called Winter Melodies, and the music will be about fun in the cold snow.

Barbara Wieder, Orchestra Director, reports that the orchestras in all three buildings are presenting a mix of seasonal tunes and classics including Skaters' Waltz, Dreidel Song, and Rossini's William Tell Overture. Forest Road School is highlighting the violins, Clear Stream Avenue School the violas, and Shaw Avenue School the cellos.

The bands, under the direction of Eileen Pollan, are opening their programs with a Fanfare and will perform holiday songs and small ensembles featuring woodwind and brass players.

The concerts are free and open to the public and are scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Thursday evening, December 11 at Clear Stream Avenue School, Tuesday evening, December 16 at Forest Road School, and Wednesday evening, December 17 at Shaw Avenue School.

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Linda Pratt also reports that the Chorus at Clear Stream Avenue School is spreading some good will this year by entertaining seniors at the Charles Monica Residence on Monday, December 8. The children will perform their entire program called Winter Fantasy and feature several soloists and speakers.

All County Participants

In January, District 30 will be well represented at the Nassau Music Educators' Association All-County Festival at Tilles Center at C.W. Post Campus of Long Island University. Children selected from our schools to perform in the chorus are: Matthew Doino, Thomas Donalds, Antonella Sciscioli, and Noor Syed at Clear Stream Avenue School; Jean Lee, Samantha Pierre, Jacqueline Smith, and Joshua Smith at Forest Road School; Samantha Due, Jennifer St. Preux, Erika Werbeck, and Jameela Youssef at Shaw Avenue School. Orchestra members include: Melissa Alcoba from Clear Stream Avenue School; Amy Spitalnick from Forest Road School; Darrell Cheng and Melissa Ann Maisel from Shaw Avenue School. Band participants are Alyssa Endrich from Clear Stream Avenue School, Jordan Epstein from Forest Road School; Michael Arana and Benjamin Kramer-Miller from Shaw Avenue School. Congratulations to all our performers—what an honor!

Students are donating gifts such as combs, deodorants, toothpaste, toothbrushes, books, puzzles, etc. to the St. Albans Veterans Facilities.

The Valley Stream Post 1790 Veterans of Foreign Wars will collect these gifts from the Shaw Avenue School students and distribute them to our hospitalized Vets.



Students involved in Quest (Gifted and Talented Program) at Shaw Avenue School were recently involved in a fitness unit. Their teacher, Ronnie Horowitz, reported that besides learning about such things as the hazards of smoking, benefits of a balanced diet, etc., the students also work out daily.

VSTC Parent University January 31

The Valley Stream Teacher Center (VSTC) once again has arranged special workshops for Valley Stream parents, and community members, called "Parent University." Attend the university and receive information on parenting, technology, as well as educational issues and innovations. Classes will be held at the Memorial Junior High School on Saturday, January 31 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. The fee is $5.00 and you have a choice of 2 one hour sessions.

Last year the Parent University was a huge success and feedback from attendees extremely positive. Some of the workshops being planned are: Conflict Resolution for Parents; Financial Planning for College; Parents as Reading Partners; Parents as Math Partners; Understanding Special Education Program; Transitions from Grade 6 to 7; Telecommunications, plus many more. A complete list of offerings will be submitted to our local newspapers, or you can call the VSTC (561-1492). Reservations are necessary to reserve your choice of workshops. Seats are limited, so be sure to sign up early!

Happy Holidays, Re[illegible]s

As we entire the holiday season our thoughts also turn to all our friends and team members who have left us. Included in our thoughts are three of our friends who retired recently:

After 39 1/2 years of dedication Virginia Cabral retired to a life of leisure. Virginia started her career as a student teacher in District 30 and went on to teach in Forest Road and Clear Stream Avenue Schools. For the past several years she has taught 3rd grade at Clear Stream Avenue School. She is now relaxing, reading, spending more time with her grandchildren, Cliff and Jacquie, and plans to travel and do volunteer work with her husband, Oliver. Virginia commented: "I have enjoyed my years in the District and the many friends I've made since I started as a permanent substitute in February 1958. The Forest Road School crew from the 50's and 60's regularly meet and enjoy each other's company. District 30 has been a wonderful place to have spent my career. Parents, faculty, and staff are a very supportive network working together for the good of the children."

Roslyn Scheidt, a teacher of 33 years, 10 of which were spent in District 30, also retired. Ros began her career with us as a substitute teacher at Clear Stream and Shaw Avenue Schools, and a ful[illegible]en teacher at For[illegible]nd her husband a[illegible]rg, NY. She plans to [illegible]Art Museums, and A[illegible]e- cial joy is being [illegible]ir first grandchild. [illegible]th as a parent and [illegible]en my pleasure to [illegible]ed with District 30 [illegible]s everything a paren[illegible]id want. Most imp[illegible]he fact that in Di[illegible]ts come first."

After over 17 ye[illegible]ict 30, Grace Pisa[illegible]r retirees. Grac[illegible]t Shaw Avenu[illegible]d manned the sw[illegible]In 1989 she becam[illegible]he Business Offi[illegible]n located in Sha[illegible]n to the Washi[illegible]- tive Offices. Ta[illegible]y schedule, and wa[illegible]l- dren, Grace sta[illegible]n school Distric[illegible]ne opportunity to [illegible]ul lifetime friend[illegible]th rewarding and fu[illegible]his district."

Happy Holida[illegible]es and hope they kee[illegible]

Important Hands-On Experience

Firefighter, Ron Garofalo and Michael Seltzer of the Valley Stream Fire Department visited the kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grade students at Forest Road School. They showed the students a video about fire safety and reviewed rules for preventing fires as well as staying safe in case of a fire. Afterwards they took the students outside where they had a "Safety House." This house was created through a combined effort of the Boy Scouts Troop 369, the firefighters, and members of the community. The "Safety House" is a replica of three rooms of a house that is filled with smoke. The firefighters demonstrated how to crawl through the house and how to feel the doors before opening them. The children were then given the opportunity to crawl through the smoke-filled house. The firefighters also distributed coloring books, erasers and fire safety materials for the students to take home.



Students outside the "Safety Ho[illegible]"

The firefighters' visit was an excellent learning experience for all three grades. The concepts that were taught in the classroom as part of a Fire Safety unit were reinforced by the firefighters. The students greatly benefited from crawling [illegible]afety House." Students [illegible]rs of Forest Road School [illegible]ciate the dedication of [illegible]

Renowned Pianist Performs

Students in Forest Road School welcomed a very special visitor to their school on September 23: Jeffrey Biegel, a renowned pianist who has performed with many of the world's leading orchestras, and father of Craig Biegel, kindergarten student in Marie Barry's class.

Through the efforts of PTA, a Baby Grand Piano was supplied, rent free, by the Piano Shoppe of Garden City. PTA paid for the shipping and tuning of the piano so that the students could experience the true sound of a concert pianist first hand.

Jeffrey Biegel delighted the students as he played his rendition of music that they could relate to, such as, "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star," "The Alphabet Song," etc., but with a more elaborate sound. He told the children to listen to how the different sounds of music could make you feel sad, happy, cheerful, etc. They listened intensely and their applause demonstrated their enjoyment.

If you recall, the November issue of *The Friendly Schools* reported that through the wonders of computer technology, students saw and heard a cyber concert direct from Amsterdam featuring Jeffrey Biegel. What a pleasure it was for them to see and hear him play in their own school!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

December 15	District 30 Board of Education Meeting—8:00 p.m.
22–31	Holiday Recess—SCHOOLS CLOSED
January 1–2	Holiday Recess—SCHOOLS CLOSED
9	Breakfast With The Superintendent held at Clear Stream Avenue School—8:30 a.m.
12	District 30 Board of Education Committee Meeting—8:00 p.m.
19	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day—SCHOOLS CLOSED
26	District 30 Board of Education Meeting—8:00 p.m.
February 9	District 30 Board of Education Committee Meeting—8:00 p.m.
11	PTA Founders' Day held at Forest Road School—7:30 p.m.
16–20	Winter Recess—SCHOOLS CLOSED
23	District 30 Board of Education Meeting—8:00 p.m.

(NOTE: District 30 Board of Education Committee Meetings are held at the Washington Avenue Administration Building. District 30 Board of Education Meetings are held at Shaw Avenue School.)



Listen to the different sounds!

If children live with criticism, they learn to condemn.

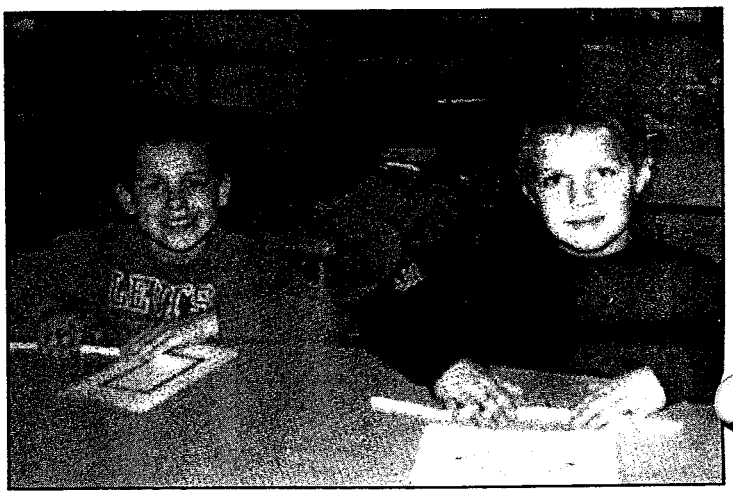
If children live with hostility, they learn to fight.

If children live with tolerance, they learn to be patient.

If children live with encouragement, they learn confidence.

If children live with acceptance and friendship, they learn to find love in the world.

As part of their lesson concerning our five senses, Madelyn Schweigert's kindergartners, in Shaw Avenue School, are having fun playing with clay. Each student rolls clay into a shape (square, circle, etc.) and when completed, each student closed their eyes and guessed what shape it was. Playing and learning is fun! (These little fingers were also involved in making 8" apple pies for Thanksgiving—mmmm!)



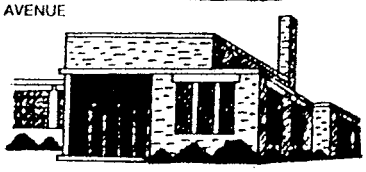
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Kindergarten and 1st Grade Registration Information

Registration for next year's kindergarten children and first graders entering school for the first time will be held on April 20–24, 1998, between 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. at Clear Stream Avenue, Forest Road and Shaw Avenue Schools. Registration will only be accepted with **proof of residency** and an **original** birth certificate as proof of date of birth.

A child must have been born on or before December 1, 1993 to be eligible for admission to kindergarten in September 1998. NO EXCEPTIONS ARE EVER MADE TO THE ENTRANCE AGE REQUIREMENTS.

Children entering school for the first time **must** present documentation indicating that they have received 2 doses of measles vaccine **after** the child's first birthday, as well as, 1 dose of mumps and rubella vaccine, also after the first birthday. They must also have received **at least** 3 diphtheria and tetanus and 3 oral polio vaccines. In addition, children are required to have received 3 doses of hepatitis B vaccine. (Public Health Law 2164 required that all children born on or after January 1, 1993 must provide proof of immunity to hepatitis B disease upon entrance to kindergarten.)

Here are just a few of the topics covered in this issue:



Field Trips
Art Exhibits
Budget Information
Pen Pals
Geography Bee
Class Activities
Caring Community
Students' Teamwork
+ a whole lot more!

Spelling Bee Results

Once again our Library/Media Specialists conducted the school level Newsday Spelling Bee. Students competed against each other with the school winner representing his/her school at the Newsday Spelling Bee Regional Semi-Finals.

Below are the names of the school champions and alternates and the school's Library/Media Specialist:

At Clear Stream Avenue School (Mrs. Alice Dorb):
Champion: Noor Syed, 6th grader
Alternate: Melissa Lozano, 5th grader
At Forest Road School (Mrs. Carol Tolle):
Champion: Anthony Dimino, 6th grader
Alternate: Joshua Smith, 6th grader
Shaw Avenue School (Mrs. Mary Mathews):
Champion: Michael Arana, 5th grader
Alternate: Bilal Gadit, 5th grader

Spring Concerts

The promise of spring is in the air with the sounds of music for the annual spring concerts presented by the children in the district. Mark your calendars now for Shaw Avenue School Concert—April 1, Clear Stream Avenue School Concert—April 3, Forest Road School Concert—April 7.

All the concerts will begin at 7:30 p.m. and feature the chorus, band, and orchestra from each building. The music teachers report that our 4th, 5th and 6th graders have been working hard at all those early morning rehearsals, and the concerts will be exciting. Plan to bring the family and enjoy the evening.

LIFE MEANS MORE WITH MUSIC!

VISIT OUR WEB SITE: A complete Web site is available to you and your family to learn more about our district. This site can be accessed at the following location: http://www.valleystream30.com. If you have any questions or comments concerning our Web site, please do not hesitate to contact David Kutcher, Assistant Superintendent of Schools, at his office at 285-9880, or our E-mail address, valleystream30@mindspring.com.

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PLEASE NOTE:
ALL VISITORS TO OUR SCHOOLS MUST USE THE MAIN ENTRANCE AND OBTAIN A VISITOR'S PASS FROM THE MAIN OFFICE.

It is not enough to have a good mind. The main thing is to use it well.

—Rene Descartes

Rehearsal At the Opera

Several 6th grade students from Shaw Avenue School were extremely fortunate to attend the dress rehearsal of Mozart's "Die Zauberflote" (The Magic Flute), at the Metropolitan Opera House.

Barbara Kreeger, Music Teacher, was able to arrange this trip through the efforts of the Lopardo family. Frank Lopardo, a leading tenor at the Metropolitan Opera, was able to provide them with wonderful orchestra seats for the performance. His son, Frank, is one of our 6th graders.

Mr. Lopardo played the leading role of Tamino in this fantasy opera. The students were not only impressed to hear Mr. Lopardo perform, but were also taken with the scenery, costumes, special effects, the orchestra, and the lyrics sung in German.

In the words of several sixth grades, "This was an experience of a lifetime!"

Two Principals To Resign

At the January 26th Board of Education Meeting, the Board of Education accepted, with regret, the resignation of Stanley Kaminsky, Principal of the Shaw Avenue School, and Barbara Warren Cronin, Principal of the Forest Road School.

Both Dr. Cronin and Mr. Kaminsky will be leaving District 30 after eight years of service, in order to enter new phases of their careers. It is anticipated that both of these fine educators will be involved in education at the college and university level.

A search to fill the two positions that Barbara and Stan currently occupy will begin in the immediate future. The successful candidates will be in place on or around July 1, 1998.

Editor's Note: It is planned that the June issue of *The Friendly Schools* will highlight Barbara and Stan before they leave us.)

P.A.R.P.



Each year our PTA's sponsor a special program entitled P.A.R.P. (Parents As Reading Partners). They involve students in numerous and diversified activities to encourage more reading at home. One of these activities was the "Pajama Party" held at Forest Road School. On February 4th at 7:00 p.m., students dressed in pajamas arrived at school for a "bedtime story hour." The primary grade students gathered in groups in classrooms, got nice and comfy while 5th and 6th graders read them a story. Pictured are students showing off some of their favorite stuffed bedtime toys. They were anxious to continue the story read to them by 6th graders, Ilano Brown and Robyn Shapiro (rear right).

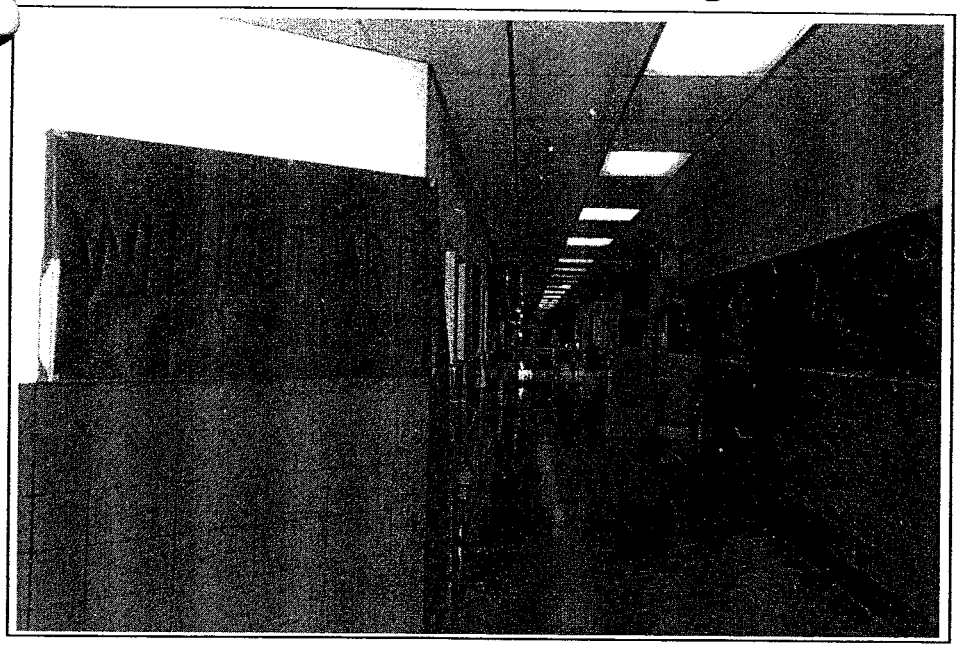
Special Transportation Request Due Before April 1

It is a legal obligation of Valley Stream UFSD #30 to provide transportation for children of the district who will be attending private and parochial schools in September, 1998. This transportation is provided only when the following conditions are met:

1. A written request for transportation to and from a specific school is made by the District 30 parents no later than April 1, 1998.
2. The child must live at least two miles from the private or parochial school, but not more than fifteen miles.
3. The child must be five (5) years old on or before December 1, 1998.
4. New York State Education Law specifically states that applications must be made annually for each new school year.

If your child meets the above candidate requirements, please send in your request for the 1998–99 school year no later than April 1, 1998. Send your requests to the Valley Stream School District 30, Administrative Offices, 150 Washington Avenue, Valley Stream, New York 11580.

World AIDS Day



At Shaw Avenue School all artwork was covered for one day to commemorate "A Day Without Art" on World AIDS Day. Led by Art Teacher Paul Farinacci, the school participated along with art galleries, museums and other institutions in this world-wide event.

By covering the artwork, the students experienced what it would be like in a world without art. It was also done to memorialize all those, especially in the arts, who lost their lives to AIDS.

MINI-GRANT was awarded to Mary Maclean, 3rd grade teacher at Clear Stream Avenue School. The mini-grant was awarded by the VSTC (Valley Stream Teacher Center) for Mary's project entitled "CPA (Courtesy, Politeness, Responsibility)." Using chips as a reward, students demonstrating courtesy, politeness or responsibility will be given chips that they may redeem for a "recognition award" at the CPR Trading Post.

Teamwork

With the beginning of the 1997–98 school year, Carol Ventura's 1st grade class and Edith Yelland's 5th grade class teamed up to meet once a week to react together and work on various projects.

In addition to reading *Scholastic News,* the 5th graders helped their young pals make paper-bag puppets as a culminating activity to a study on feelings, likenesses, and differences.

A major project was recently completed. The two classes worked together to write a book of Haiku poetry. (Haiku is a Japanese form of poetry consisting of only three lines with a set pattern of 5, 7, and 5 syllables.) Upon completion, the two classes met in the Computer Lab.

Under the direction of Noeleen Douglas, Computer Technician, the poems were typed and printed. Each child received a copy with the original laminated and displayed in the Lab.

The two classes have several projects planned with Tina Farrell continuing to direct the 5th graders as their new classroom teacher.

(Note: Tina Farrell has joined District 30 upon the retirement of Edith Yelland.)

Our greatest national resource is the minds of our children.

—Walt Disney

Schoolyard Habitat Program

In June, 1997, Alice LaPoma, a contract substitute teacher, initiated and implemented a Schoolyard Habitat Program in accordance with the guidelines of the National Wildlife Federation. A section of the Shaw Avenue School property has been designated as a schoolyard habitat with a bird feeder station, a birdbath, a hummingbird feeder and several shrubs and flowers specifically chosen to attract birds and butterflies.

The habitat will provide endless opportunities to integrate the curriculum while enjoying nature that is literally in our own backyard. Some curriculum topics include identifying birds by season; tracking migrational habits; studying bird behavior, instincts and adaptations; identifying birds and their sources of food; and butterfly identification.

Students will be encouraged to use the Internet as a source of current bird migration data. They will also utilize a variety of reference materials in the Science Lab such as bird field guides and study cards to assist in the identification of local common birds in Valley Stream.

The habitat site will be maintained by different classes each week. They will fill bird feeders and keep fresh water in the birdbath. At a future date, they hope to include community groups such as Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, etc. to assist with planning and improving the habitat.

This program provides a very basic yet in-depth approach to further appreciate the natural environment and living creatures within it. AnneMarie Homer, Science Teacher, is looking forward to an ever-growing program next year. Some of the visions include: mini-habitats developed by individual classrooms; window bird feeders for classroom use; and providing students binoculars for viewing birds and butterflies.

Pen Pals Plus...

Many of our classes have pen pals far and near. A pen pal is not just a lesson in writing, penmanship, etc., but a lesson in learning about others and in many cases finding out that we are alike in many ways. Having a pen pal can also lead into other areas of learning. Below are two examples of what our students have experienced:

North Dakota Pen Pals

Mary Ruschin's 2nd graders at Forest Road School received a very pleasant surprise. They received news from their 2nd grade pen pals in Rugby, North Dakota. They learned both classes have many things in common, regardless of the many miles between them.

Both classes have seventeen students, and both have students with the names of Grace, Michael, and Kristine. They discovered that they enjoyed many of the same television shows, "Scooby Doo" and "Goosebumps," and they all love pizza, macaroni and cheese, and garlic bread. They are also busy with addition, subtraction, regrouping tens and ones, reading and writing. They collected 10,000 pennies to make $100, which they will give to charity.

Their "Rugby" friends had lots of snow already. After examining the map in their classroom, they found North Dakota. They understood why their friends had snow—it's really North, in fact, it touches Canada.

Our 2nd graders made Valentine cards for their new friends and have sent them postcards featuring parts of Long Island and New York City, such as, Montauk Lighthouse, Jones Beach, Statue of Liberty, Twin Towers, and St. Patrick's Cathedral. The students are learning lots of things from having pen pals so far away. They're calculating the distance between us and the time difference, as well. Who knows, maybe they might even get to meet each other one day!

California Pen Pals

The students in Mary-Kay Ficarrotta's 2nd grade class have begun a pen pal relationship with 3rd grade students from California. They are in Ms. Facchiano's class at the Eastside Elementary School in Lancaster, California. The biggest lesson they learned was that they have so many things in common. Both classes enjoy pizza, watching television, listening to Hanson, Spice Girls, and Men In Black.

The children were very excited to be able to locate their pen pals on a map. Although they talked about the great distance, time change and difference in weather and housing, our Shaw Avenue School students would like to visit their California pen pals. Their next lesson was counting pennies and airline costs!

Spirit of Giving

In the spirit of giving and community service, the 6th graders at Shaw Avenue School composed and designed letters and cards which were distributed by an organization called "Meals On Wheels." This organization distributes food to the elderly and disabled. The response from the recipients and director of the program was overwhelming.

A heart-felt thank you was received by Patricia Raimondi. Mrs. Vivian Christy was so touched that in her letter she included a wonderful story written for Patricia. The following is an excerpt from Vivian's letter: "I have never had children, but when my many nieces and nephews were small they would beg me for stories. When I'd ask them, 'Do you want a story from a book or shall I make one up right now?' they would shout, 'Make one up! Make one up!' For your thoughtfulness, I enclose a story I made up yesterday just for you. Maybe your younger acquaintances may ask you for a story. Then you can read them the one I am giving you. I hope you like it." The story is entitled "Trouble at Mr. Crumble's Farm," and it starts like this: Lo-o-o-n-g ago, when Valley Stream was all farmland, there lived on what is now Shaw Avenue, a farmer named Mr. Crumble..."

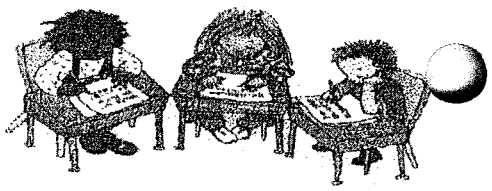
Michael Buckley, 6th grade teacher, coordinated the project and the students were so pleased with the results, they have written more cards and letters.

5th Graders Against Smoking

The children in Sherrie Lewis' and Allison Needleman's 5th grade classes at Forest Road School participated in an integrated health, language arts, and research/technology project. It began in the classroom with a unit on smoking. The children completed a research assignment using an "Inquiry Chart or I-Chart" to find out information about smoking. For example: What drugs are found in cigarette smoking? What are the immediate effects of smoking? What are the long-term effects of smoking? What is involuntary smoking? Why do some people smoke? They completed this chart using the computer, reference books, and encyclopedias in the classroom and in the library with Carol Tolle, Library/Media Specialist. In addition to the questions on the I-Chart, the children were encouraged to find additional interesting facts and record any new questions they came up while doing their research.

When the I-Chart was completed the children applied their knowledge to their three-week keyboarding instruction. With the assistance of Miss Auletta, Keyboarding Teacher, Carol Biscardi, Computer Instructor, and Lydia Rosen, Computer Technician, the children developed their own individual pamphlets including their information and encouraging individuals not to smoke. Using the computer, the students divided the paper and typed their research information in an organized manner. Each student designed his or her own individual logo on the computer to include in his or her pamphlets as well.

The 5th graders learned a lot about the hazards of smoking and were able to share their findings in their pamphlets. This was an educational and rewarding experience for all that participated.



LISFA Accepts 7 Dist. 30 Students

Barbara Wieder, Music Teacher, is proud to announce that a record number of District 30 students will be performing with the Long Island String Festival. LISFA is an organization of string teachers who are dedicated to providing opportunities for the best students in local school districts to perform.

The students accepted into the Grade 5 Orchestra are:

Marisa Del Campo, violin,
from Shaw Avenue School
Ben Lockspeiser, bass,
from Clear Stream Avenue School
Sean Parlia, violin,
from Forest Road School
Stacey Procida, cello,
from Shaw Avenue School
Stephanie Rotondo, cello,
from Shaw Avenue School

The students accepted in the Grade 6–7 Orchestra are:

Darrell Cheng, violin,
from Shaw Avenue School
Melissa Maisel, viola,
from Shaw Avenue School

These children rehearsed on February 27 and 28 for a total of eleven hours to present a concert at Freeport High School on March 1st.

We applaud the commitment that these children have made and acknowledge their dedication to excellence.

National Geographic Geography Bee Results

Once again the 4th, 5th and 6th grade students in our district participated in the National Geographic Geography Bee. The purpose of the Bee is to provide students with the opportunity to increase their knowledge of and interest in geography. The competitions in each of our schools were coordinated by: Karen Peters, Reading Teacher at Clear Stream Avenue School; Allison Needleman, 5th grade teacher at Forest Road School and, Sue Wasserman, 5th grade teacher at Shaw Avenue School.

The bee at the school level consisted of three parts. The first part was the preliminary competition, which took place in the individual classrooms. All students were asked seven rounds of questions. When the round was completed, the following students advanced to the final competitions:

At Clear Stream Avenue School:

Grade 4: Jennifer Cassano, Mathew Preziotte, Steven Kaplan, and Holly Thompson

Grade 5: Jonathan Baxter and Cassandra Smith

Grade 6: Chris Martino, Claudia Alvarez, Nadeem Khan and Thomas Donalds.

At Forest Road School:

Grade 4: Zachary Steindam and Scott Ulberg

Grade 5: George Bernal, Alex Feaser, and Brandan Galvin

Grade 6: Jordan Epstein and Michael Ram

At Shaw Avenue School:

Grade 4: Ran Li, Nora Fox, and Joe Kramer-Miller

Grade 5: Adam Busapavanij, Angela Russo, Alex Boccio, and Melissa Fassetta

Grade 6: Ben Kramer-Miller, Kyle Antonelli, Michael Kang, and Anthony Pelle

The above students then competed in a very intense "School Championship. The winners were:

At Clear Stream Avenue School:
Chris Martino – Winner
Jonathan Baxter – Runner-up

At Forest Road School:
Zachary Steindam – Winner
Jordan Epstein – Runner-up

At Shaw Avenue School:
Alex Boccio – Winner
Melissa Fassetta – Runner-up

Chris, Zachary, and Alex took a written test to enter the State and/or National Competition. We are anxiously awaiting their results.

VS a Great Place!

As a follow-up activity for their 4th grade presentation on the "History of Valley Stream," Maureen Spiess' class at Clear Stream Avenue School wrote about their perceptions of what they like best about their village. Many children spoke about the wonderful sports programs we have here in Valley Stream. They also wrote about their feelings about Clear Stream Avenue School, Valley Stream Park, Rockaway Avenue, and Green Acres Mall. All in all they decided that Valley Stream was a great place to live! These writings were written on the computer under the direction of Noeleen Douglas, Computer Technician, They were then put into a class book for distribution to the students' families.

Dragons Never Forget?

A giant fire breathing dragon now graces the hallway wall in Clear Stream School, reminding the children to "Fire Up On Your New Year's Resolutions," and make Clear Stream a better place. Initiated by the Clear Stream Avenue School Student Council, Co-Presidents Noor Syed and Claudia Alvarez, sponsors Julia McCain, 2nd grade teacher, and Linda Pratt, Music Teacher, the dragon boasts scales made of promises that will make their school a better place by nearly 350 students. These resolutions run the gamut from "I promise to try harder on my homework" and "I promise to listen in class," to "I promise I will try to get along better with my schoolmates," and "I promise to pick up litter when I see it."



After the children printed their resolutions on forms distributed by the Student Council, the Council members stapled them to colored paper that they had cut in the shapes of scales. After the scales were attached to the bulletin board, Art Teacher, Susan Menkes created a head and tail worthy of the finest Chinese New Year dragon. When the children pass the dragon and perhaps find their own promise, they are reminded, "Don't DRAG-ON keeping your promise!!"

Budget Information and Dates

Voting on the Valley Stream Elementary and High School District budgets will take place on Tuesday, May 19, 1998, from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

To enable taxpayers to better understand the budget, a presentation of the proposed budget has been arranged for Wednesday, May 6, 1998 at Clear Stream Avenue School. The Central High School District budget presentation will begin at 8:00 p.m., followed by a presentation of the District 30 budget. Any organization or individual from the district is invited and encouraged to ask questions.

Permanent Registration

In accordance with permanent registration law passed by the New York State Legislature, a policy of permanent personal registration of voters in District 30 was adopted by the Board of Education. Every person registered to vote in the May 1994–95 school election will remain registered for all future annual and special elections, UNLESS:

a. He/She fails to vote within four years prior to the preparation of future registers; or
b. He/She moves out of the district.

NOTE: In accordance with Chapter 629 of the laws of 1975, any persons currently registered with the County Board of Elections is also entitled to vote in the school elections without future registration.

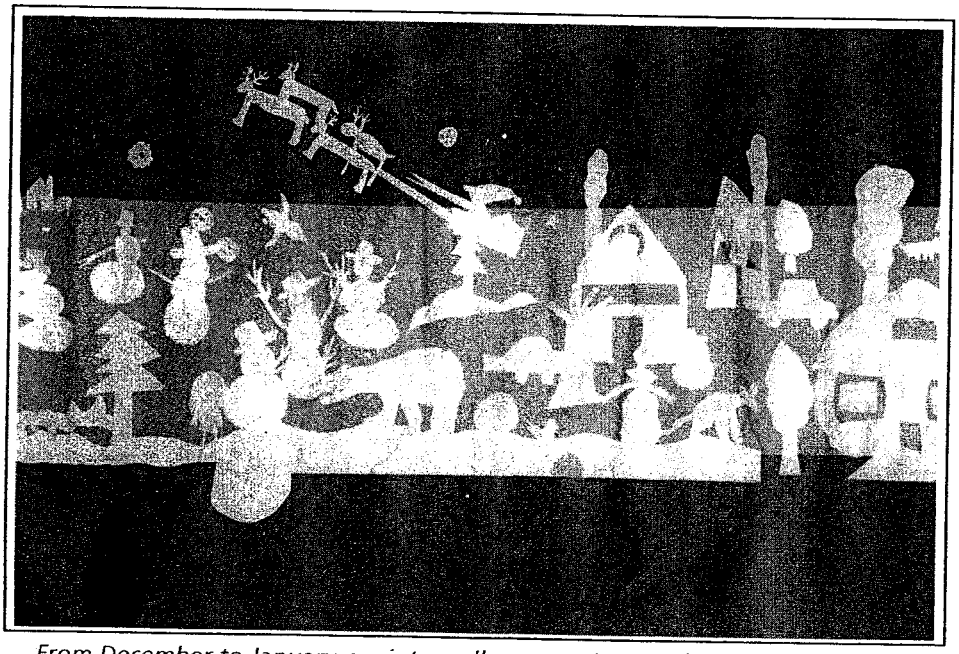
Petition for Candidates

Election of candidates for the District 30 Board of Education will take place on Tuesday, May 19, 1998. Petitions for Board candidates are available at our Administrative Offices, 150 Washington Avenue, Valley Stream, and must be filed **before 5:00 p.m. on Monday, April 20, 1998.** Twenty-five resident signatures are required on this petition in accordance with Section 2018 of the State Education Law. Petition for the submission of a proposition must contain a minimum of twenty-five(25) signatures of qualified voters of the district, or 5% of those voters registered for the previous election, which ever is greater. This petition must be received by the Board of Education no later than Monday, April 20, 1998.

Please Note: Registration for voting on the budget and for Board of Education members will be at all three schools (Clear Stream Avenue, Forest Road and Shaw Avenue) on Tuesday, May 12, 1998 from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.Those not registered must do so on this date.

A special budget issue of *The Friendly Schools* will be distributed in April. It will contain an in-depth review of the proposed budget.

Mural Displayed at Museum



From December to January, a winter collage mural created by Frank Farinacci's 3rd grade art classes at Shaw Avenue School was on display at the Stony Brook Museum. This was part of the museum's Invitational Winter Wonderment Exhibition. This work measured 3 feet by 16 feet, a detail of which can be seen above.

Early Bird Special

The Shaw Avenue School Writing Club is in full swing. Fifth and 6th grade students meet with Jane Dody, Reading Teacher, on Monday and Tuesday mornings at 7:30 a.m. to sharpen their writing skills. Activities that promote successful communications between the writing and reader are emphasized. In addition, students are developing the skills they need to meet and exceed the standards of the New York State Tests. Kudos to all early rising club members who make the extra effort to attend this club.

Important Tax Notice

New York State Income Tax forms for 19[illegible] require the name of the public school district IN WHICH YOU LIVE. Our SCHOOL DISTRICT IS **VALLEY STREAM UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT #30** and our CODE NUMBER is **657**.

A Step Back in Time



First, you need to gather broomcorn.

The weather was beautiful and the students filled with curiosity as they boarded the bus from Forest Road School to the BOCES Environmental Center in Upper Brookville, L.I.

Students were divided into three groups, each to explore four workshops set up by the BOCES naturalist staff. Students cored, peeled, quartered, and pressed apples, making the most yummy natural apple juice they have ever tasted. They then strolled over to the broom-making barn. Students selected twelve pieces of broomcorn, practiced tying knots, and then with the assistance of parents and BOCES naturalists, they each made a broom—all without machinery, just as they did back in Abe Lincoln's era.

They attended a workshop at the log cabin. They learned what hard work it is to cut logs using a two-man saw and to peel bark to get just one log prepared for the cabin. Inside the log cabin, the crude shutters and door were closed and they could see why candles were so important to the early colonists and pioneers.

The students enjoyed the last workshop: Candle making. It took each student approximately twenty-five "turns" dipping their wicks of string into hot cans of wax. Finally, candles began to form and were hung on a drying rack. An added treat was that they were able to take home the candles they made. They learned, a candle burns very quickly, but it takes a long time to make one. Pioneers needed numerous candles; this task was usually given to their children our age—a lot of hard work.

Students noted they were all so tired from just walking and being outdoors, they felt children "long ago" probably "just ate and went to sleep." (Remember, no television, no Nintendo, no Gameboy!) Our students were able to relate to the Lincoln Family's life at Pigeon Creek. They were very thankful for their experience at BOCES and to our District for making such a learning experience possible.

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Feeding The Mind

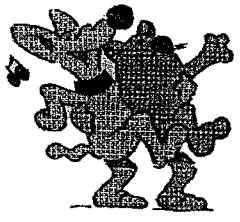
Sandra Rubin, Reading Teacher at Shaw Avenue School, and her daughter Lindsey organized a book drive to help less fortunate families in the Valley Stream area.

Going on the premise that it is important to feed the mind as well as the body, Sandra and Lindsey, working with the Shaw Avenue School PTA, asked students and their families to donate gently used books for this cause. Their request was met with an outpouring of generosity. Age-appropriate books accompanied the food that the Shaw Avenue School PTA collected and gave to area families. The families with a great deal of gratitude and much excitement received the donations. The students and families who participated in this book drive were proud that they could share their books with less fortunate children. Mrs. Rubin and Lindsey hope to extend these donations to community services in Valley Stream and surrounding communities.

My Buddy & Me

This year Sandra Aragona's 2nd graders and David Cooper's 6th graders have paired up again as "Buddies," at Clear Stream Avenue School.

They recently completed their first project in February. Each Buddy Pair chose a country and found out a lot of interesting facts with the assistance of Noeleen Douglas, Computer Technician, and Alice Dorb, Library/Media Specialist. They gathered their research information and wrote reports using ClarisWorks. They learned a lot about all the different countries of the world. The 6th graders taught the 2nd graders how to use research and typing skills when writing a report. It was a lot of fun.



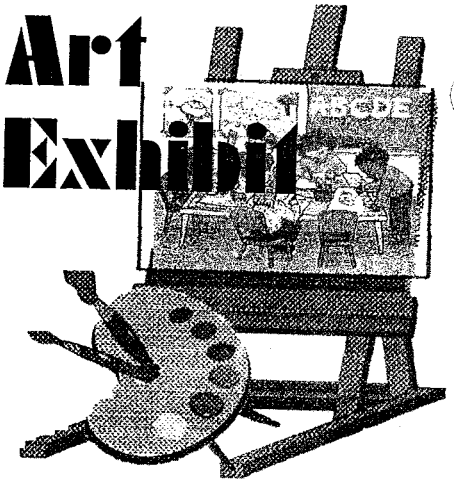
They are all looking forward to doing many more interesting projects together, especially their play on March 20.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

March	16	District 30 Board of Education Committee Meeting – 8:00 p.m.
	20	Breakfast With The Superintendent held at Shaw Avenue School – 8:30 a.m.
	23	Dist. 30 Board of Education Meeting – 8:00 p.m.
	30	Lights On For Education held at Memorial Junior High School 7:15 – 9:15 p.m.
April	1	Shaw Avenue School Spring Concert – 7:30 p.m.
	3	Clear Stream Avenue School Spring Concert – 7:30 p.m.
	7	Forest Road School Spring Concert – 7:30 p.m.
	9–17	Spring Recess – SCHOOLS CLOSED
	20	Kindergarten & 1st Grade Registration (See Page 6)
		Dist. 30 Board of Education Committee Meeting – 8:00 p.m.
	28	Dist. 30 Board of Education Meeting (Preceded by BOCES Budget Voting) – 8:00 p.m.
May	6	Budget Hearing held at Clear Stream Avenue School – 8:00 p.m. (See Page 6)
	11	Dist. 30 Board of Education Committee Meeting – 8:00 p.m.
	12	Voters Registration (See Page 6)
	18	Dist. 30 Board of Education Meeting – 8:00 p.m.
	19	Voting (See Page 6)
		Dist. 30 Art Exhibit held at each school – 7:30–9:00 p.m.
	25	Memorial Day – SCHOOLS CLOSED

(NOTE: District 30 Board of Education Committee Meetings are held at the Washington Avenue Administration Building. District 30 Board of Education Meetings are held at Shaw Avenue School.)

Art Exhibit



Tuesday, May 19
7:30–9:00 p.m.

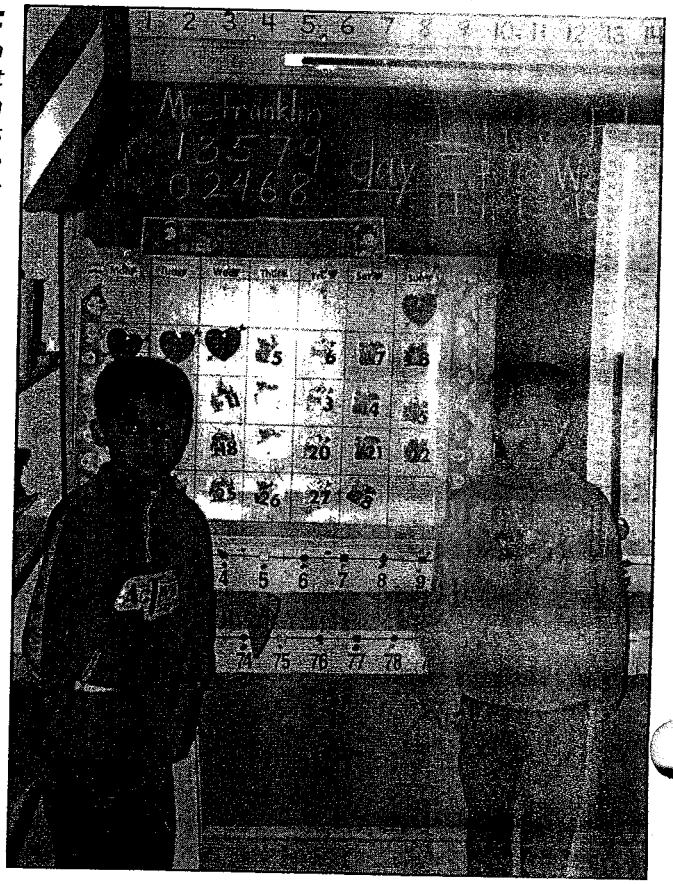
YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL DISTRICT ART EXHIBIT AT CLEAR STREAM AVENUE, FOREST ROAD AND SHAW AVENUE SCHOOLS

Students from District 30 schools are working diligently on their art pieces. Parents and other interested adults in the community are invited to visit the schools. A parent or guardian must accompany children attending the exhibit.

School + Community = Partnership

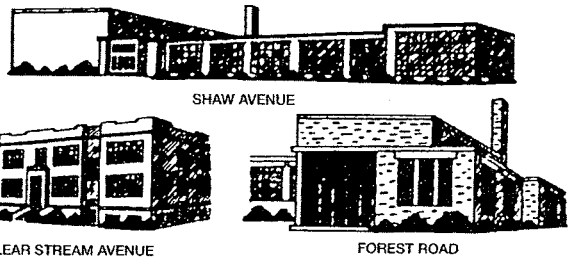
A very caring community member, Tony Hoeffner demonstrates school and community working together. Tony, owner of the Hoeffner Service Station on Rosedale Road in Valley Stream, applied for a Mobil School Alliance Grant for Forest Road School. Tony was awarded a $500 grant. Barbara Cronin, Forest Road School Principal, and Andrew Walters, Board of Education President, accepted the grant at a recent Board of Education Meeting. The grant will be used to enhance the public address system in the Forest Road School gymnasium. A special thank you for caring about his community school.

Diversified Lesson:
Using the calendar, Paula Franklin asks her 1st graders, at Clear Stream Avenue School, questions such as: "Looking at the calendar, what number is in the 2nd week, on a Thursday, and ends with a 2? Looking at the month of February, Amol Pai and Katerina Rozon were able to answer that question: "Number 12!" (Can you figure out what lessons were being reinforced? This is just one example of the numerous innovative lessons students are involved in District 30, and finding out that learning can be fun!)



PLAN AHEAD—
THE LAST DAY OF SCHOOL IS JUNE 26.

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District Thirty Report Card

The district's School District Report Card for 1997-1998 is available for your review in each of the schools in the district. The information contained therein includes the proposed budget for 1998-1999, the disclosure statement, the academic performance of students, special education placements and measures of fiscal performance.

TREES HONOR FORMER TEACHER

With the approval of the Board of Education, the teachers and staff of Clear Stream Avenue School. and friends of June Burgess donated two trees to the school. They were given in memory of June Burgess, a former teacher who passed away.

On Tuesday, May 5th, amid an intermittent shower, a Crimson King maple tree and a Japanese Yoshino flowering cherry tree were planted with the labor and love of the teachers and staff. (The flowering Japanese Yoshino cherry tree grows in the District of Columbia, a trip in which June was deeply involved.) It would have pleased June because of the ecological nature of the gift and the fact that the children of Clear Stream Avenue School would frolic around and under the caring branches of these trees.



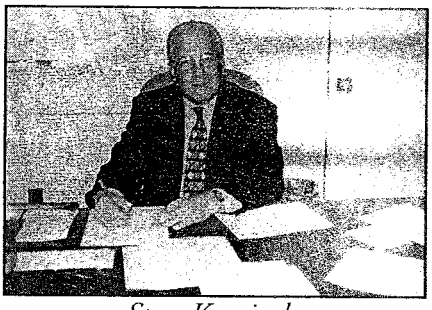
Farewell To Three Special Friends

As this school year comes to a close, so does a chapter in the history of District 30. Three of our team members, and friends, will be leaving their positions in District 30: David Kutcher, Stan Kaminsky and Barbara Warren Cronin. Their dedication and concern have been an asset to our schools. The Board of Education, administrators, teachers, staff and children will miss them. As they enter their next endeavor in life, we wish them the very best of health, happiness and success. We shall miss you all, and will hold you forever in our hearts.

(See Page 3 for highlights and farewell comments on these three outstanding people.)



David Kutcher



Stan Kaminsky



Barbara Warren Cronin

Thank You

The Board of Education, administrators, faculty, and staff would like to express our appreciation for the fine school-community spirit, which has prevailed throughout the year. We wish you all a most healthful, restful and enjoyable vacation.



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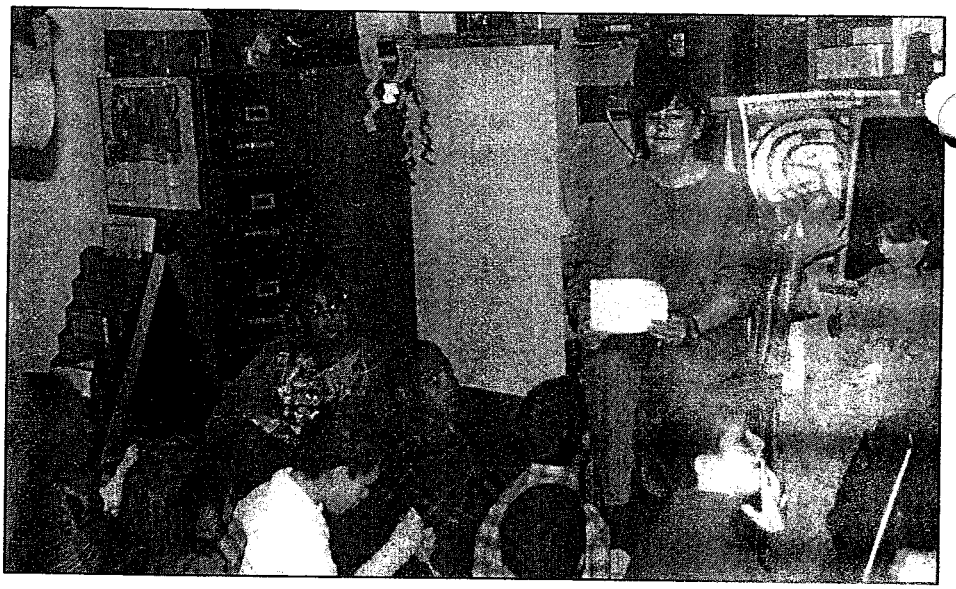
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PLEASE NOTE:
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The parents of Gail Starler's 2nd grade class joined their Shaw Avenue School class to share the significance of reading in their lives. Afterwards, the children had the opportunity to read their essays and explain the importance of reading to them. Stan Kaminsky, Principal, assisted that morning by reading the reports sent in by parents who could not attend. Pictured is Ashley Starna with her class.

Civil War Visitor

On Wednesday, May 6th, Andrew Walters, President of the District 30 Board of Education, visited the Clear Stream Avenue School to share his expertise on the Civil War. Dressed as a soldier, Mr. Walters explained, in character, what it was like to fight in the war. He also described what the soldiers wore, ate, and how they felt during the heat of battle. The 5th graders in Karen Catalanotto's and Tina Farrell's class thoroughly enjoyed this special and memorable experience.



Reflections Results

Reflections Program is a PTA sponsored program, which encourages students to explore their talents in literature, music, visual arts and photography. National PTA sets a theme, which this year was "Wouldn't It Be Great If....." and students create projects based on this theme. Listed below are the winning entries and the PTA Chairperson(s) who organized this event:

At Clear Avenue School: (Cathy Montefusco and Mary Sheffield)
Literature: Matthew Swahn, Jennifer Kelly and Joseph Schinco
Music: Sarah Weiss and Sara Palazzolo
Visual Arts: Lauren DiPalma, Joseph Endrich and Simone Miller
Photography: Andrew Kaplan, Steven Kaplan, Melissa Lozano and Allison Sheffield

At Forest Road School: (Susan Viggiano)
Literature: Sean Parlia, Ashley Tomasulo and Jonathan Smolin
Music: Alexander Klein, Joshua Smith and Ricardo Salcedo
Visual Arts: Evan Harris, Jack Ciociari and Michelle Pellizzi
Photography: Ryan Fishman
Special Education Reflection Winners for Visual Arts: Michael Antoniato, Matteo Petrella and Kristina DiLecce

At Shaw Avenue School: (Elisa Antonelli)
Literature: Nicole Javal, Cindy Olvina and Angela Russo
Music: Stacey Procida
Visual Arts: Lisa Marie Friscia, Melody Tan, Katie O'Shea, Kafel Benn, Amanda Samsoondarrh, Jessica Petrauskas, Michael Colucci and Danielle Di Genova
Photography: John Velsor

David Kutcher

Beginning his career in District 30 as Business Administrator, David Kutcher went on to become our Assistant Superintendent of Schools, serving our District for a total of 13 years. He has been in his profession for 25 years.

David's plans for the future are numerous. He plans to avail himself of new opportunities for personal growth. He wants to travel, maintain ties to public education, continue on the New York Schools Insurance Reciprocal Board of Governors, and to live life to it's fullest. David warmly stated, "Since my arrival in District 30 in 1985, I have had the good fortune to work with a multitude of people I both admire and respect. It has been my pleasure to be able to serve the District 30 community and the thousands of children I have seen pass through its schools. It has been both an unforgettable professional and personal life experience. I will miss all of you in my capacity as an Assistant Superintendent and wish you, as individuals and collectively, continued success as you encounter the challenges ahead.



Academically Talented Students To Be Honored



On May 3rd at Adelphi University, two Valley Stream District 30 students, Benjamin Mandel and Sean Parlia, were honored for their exceptional academic talents. At a special awards ceremony, the John Hopkins University Institute for the Academic Advancement of Youth, recognized these youngsters for extraordinary achievement in Hopkins' annual Talent Search, the largest precollege academic talent search in the world.

Using above-grade-level testing, the Talent Search offers students who typically excel a unique opportunity to test the full extent of their verbal and mathematical skills. Certificates of Merit and special awards were given to these 5th graders who scored at or above an 8th grade level on PLUS Academic Abilities Assessment. Congratulations, Benjamin and Sean.

Stanley Kaminsky

After 8 years as Principal at Shaw Avenue School, Stanley Kaminsky will be leaving our District. Stan has been in the teaching profession for 35 years. He plans to stay active in the field of education, teaching at the college/university level, as he has done part time for 19 years. He will also spend more time with his family, and he added, "regularizing my exercise for fitness."

Stan recently and warmly commented, "Valley Stream and the Shaw Avenue School community are dynamic and so supportive of education. Our accomplishments are due to the dedication of the parents, Board of Education, administration, the faculty and students. My only regret is not coming here sooner. I shall miss you all very, very much.

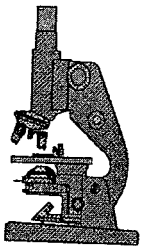
Barbara Warren Cronin

Serving our District for the past 8 years, Dr. Barbara Warren Cronin, Principal of Forest Road School, will be exploring new endeavors. Barbara also served our District as Integrated Language Arts Coordinator, where her duties were to coordinate the writing of the recognized K-6 Integrated Language Arts Curriculum for our district. She has been an educator for a total of 24 years: 11 years teaching in West Hempstead, and 5 years as principal of Hawthorne Elementary School in Mt. Pleasant.

Barbara is considering consultant work in school districts, and she hopes to work with Hofstra University supervising student teachers and participant observers. Barbara is also planning to relocate to Eastern Long Island and is looking forward to her upcoming marriage in July.

Barbara commented, "The decision to leave was made with mixed emotions-- I will miss the children, families, teachers and my administrative colleagues who have become part of an extended family to me. District 30 is a unique district, which has felt like home the minute I arrived in November 1990. My thanks and appreciation go to the Board of Education for the dedication to education and continued support of excellence in education.

Science Fair



Science fairs offer children an opportunity to explore and understand the complexity of their world beyond the daily routine of the classroom. This year Science Fairs involving 6th grade students were held at Forest Road School and Clear Stream Avenue Schools. Usually working in pairs, the students investigated a selected science topic in detail and presented their results in the form of a scientific controlled study or a demonstration model. While awards were presented, the main purpose of these fairs was to stimulate the student's curiosity and help them gain a new appreciation for the world around them. Their work also led them to discover more about the realm of science in general, as well as, gain a greater understanding of how scientists work. "The effort and care that the students put into their projects was quite evident in the impressive results displayed at these fairs, which incidentally, were very well attended by their respective community members," stated Ralph Laudano, Science Teacher and organizer of these Science Fairs.

The following students received awards for their projects:

At Clear Stream Avenue School:

1st Place: Julia Yang, Noor Syed and Rehanna Karim for "Plants have Ears, Too!"

2nd Place: Chris Martinez and Mike Bianculli for "How Detergents Effect the Growth of Plants," and Amelia Leas-Alback and Allison Sheffield for "Pop 'Till You Drop Popcorn."

3rd Place: Billy Moore and Nicholas Siderakis for "Sense of Smell: Person vs. Dog," and Carlos Quezada and Joe Bacchi for "Global Warming."

At Forest Road School:

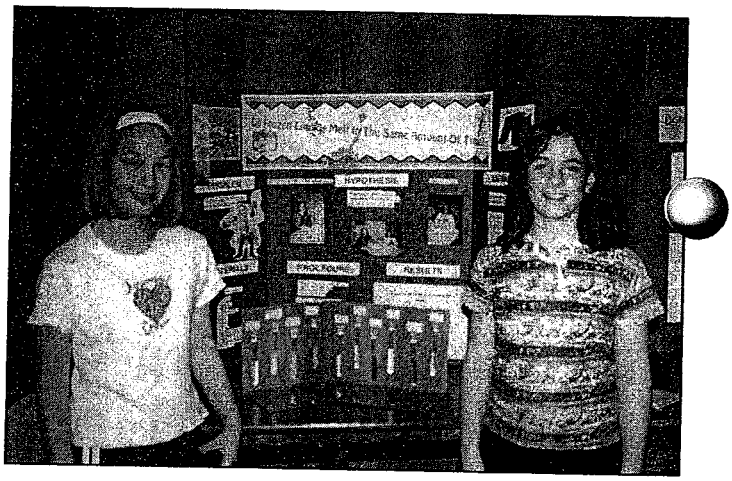
1st Place: Amy Spitalnick and Danya Spritzer for "Do Frozen Liquids Melt in the Same Amount of Time"

2nd Place: Alexander Klein and Samuel Smith for " The Effect of Different Colors of Light on the Growth of Spider Plants."

3rd Place: Jonathan Lurie and Michael Ram for "Therapeutic Touch," and Sara Mustafa for "Which Covers Will Work Best."



"Devastation of Earthquakes" demonstrated by Raul Padella and Brent Larsen.



"Do Frozen Liquids Melt at the Same Amount of Time," researched by Amy Spitalnick and Danya Spritzer.

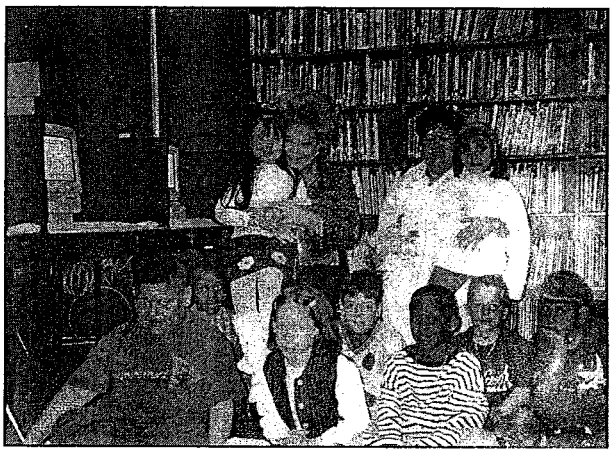
We Love You Dr. Seuss

"If I Ran the Zoo," "A Wocket in My Pocket," "Mr. Brown Can Moo, Can You," and many more stories were read to Mary Reinhard's kindergarten class during their Dr. Seuss Read Aloud Celebration. Parents, Stanley Kaminsky (Principal), and one of the custodians, Vinny Iadevaio, visited the classroom at Shaw Avenue School to share their favorite Dr. Seuss story. The students charted each story, made word webs and rhyme lists, made special "Cat Hats" and concluded the week with a big party. What a fabulous way to honor this special author.

Seventh Annual ReadAloud

This year, our schools celebrated National Library Week with their seventh annual ReadAloud. Relatives and friends of all the students were invited to read a story during their Library class. Our children loved it. You could see how proud the child felt as his or her visitor walked in the door. The shy smiles filled with love, warm hugs, and kisses, were touching. Many readers had participated in a previous ReadAloud, and commented,"I want to do it again next year. The time went by so fast. There is no more fun than reading a book out loud. This is a terrific program." These people did a great job expressing their love of reading and the importance of books in their lives. A big "Thank You" to all whom participated.

The following are comments made by our Library/Media Specialists: Mary Mathews, from Shaw Avenue School, commented: "The response was enthusiastic and this year 114 readers volunteered. It was wonderful to have these volunteers in the Library, and I enjoyed talking with previous participants. This year a couple of grandmothers said that it was their sixth ReadAloud." Susan Wasserman's (5th grade teacher) mother, Mrs. Harris, volunteered and Sandra Schaffer, Teacher Aide, read to a 6th grade class. A grandmother who spent her early life in Holland read to our students. She told the students about the two languages she could speak and something about her life in Holland, and the students located the country on the globe. Each year a bookmark is given to each reader as a small gift. One cousin has the child put his name on the bookmark with the date. He has been a guest reader for several years and uses those bookmarks in the four or five books he is always reading.



Kelly Diver and her Aunt Maryann Harkinish, and Ashley Keough and her Grandmom Camille Caruso enjoyed the reading experience at Shaw Avenue School.

At the Clear Stream Avenue School, Alice Dorb commented, "Approximately 100 relatives participated this year. Everyone had a wonderful time as the participating relatives demonstrated the importance of lifetime reading to their students."

Carol Tolle, from Forest Road School, reported that they had grandmothers, grandfathers, aunts, uncles, cousins, sisters, brothers and family friends' participant, and, as usual "It was a huge success."

We Love Music

Movie Music was very popular again this year as the clear Stream School Chorus members presented their annual June Musical, an informal program featuring solos and small ensembles. Tunes from "Anastasia," "Titanic," and "The Sound of Music," were all featured by soloists from 5th and 6th grades, and the entire chorus sang "Channel Surfin' ", a rib-tickler about watching television. Several children played instrumental solos that they had recently performed for a rating at the solo festival. As a special treat, some 3rd graders played, "Now You Have Jazz" on their recorders. Linda Pratt, Music Teacher, stated, "The children really love to perform, and this program gives them the opportunity to sing or play alone. They also enjoy the chance to do popular tunes!"

Busy Hands, Busy Minds

Here are a few highlights of the learning activities that 4th graders in Maureen Speiss' class have been experiencing. They completed and distributed their "Valley Stream-The Best Place To Live," books. They were delighted to receive a wonderful response from our mayor, James Darcy. They also finished "Free Willy," and made great pop-up books to celebrate the book. These Clear Stream Avenue School students were excited to discover that Long Island had a spy ring during the Revolutionary War. This event is depicted on their ever-changing Long Island map bulletin board.

P.A.R.P. Update

In the March issue of The Friendly Schools we reported that each of our schools participated in the Parents As Reading Partners (P.A.R.P.), which is sponsored by their PTA. Included was the reading Pajama Party held at Forest Road School. Linda Pellizzi and Risa Spritzer coordinated this event. Below are some activities reported from our other schools:

Shaw Avenue School PTA Chairpersons for this event, Mary Berman and Delores Jacobsen, were excited to report that students in their school read a total of 378,988 minutes. Weekly prizes and grand prize raffles were awarded and 98% of the student body participated. Nine classes will be receiving ice cream parties, since their entire class read a five weeks.

At Clear Stream Avenue School, Chairpersons, Fran Lozano and Rosemary Miller reported 180 children participated in the entire program. Three classes had 100% participation. They also held a Book Cover Contest. Grand prizes were awarded at the ice cream parties for the students that were involved in the entire program.

The PTAs hope that the students will continue to read just for fun this summer.

We All Smile In The Same Language



The students, teachers and staff at the Forest Road School participated in a school-wide Multi-cultural Festival. The fair, which was coordinated by Jodi Fine, ESL Teacher, and Susan Baron, Art Teacher, was not only multi-cultural, but also multi-faceted.

Each class represented a different country. Prior to the fair, students researched and learned about their various country and their cultures, customs, geography, foods, games and basic lifestyles.

To begin the festivities, students participated in a sing along, which was conducted by Music Teacher, John Stump. The visiting parents then joined their children in the classrooms to view their exhibits and share in the celebrations. After the parents left, the students and teachers packed their passports and began their travels around the world by visiting other classrooms. Many children and teachers dressed in traditional clothing and served authentic food. The classrooms were decorated with multi-cultural artwork that the children created and designed under the direction of the art teacher, Susan Baron. The travels continued the next morning.

The Forest Road School PTA contributed to the Fair by treating the students and staff to multi-cultural awareness T-shirts and sponsoring an assembly entitled, "Dance Around The World."

Jodi Fine, ESL Teacher, stated, "All of the participants worked long and hard hours, but in the end I feel we all learned a valuable lesson.... WE ALL SMILE IN THE SAME LANGUAGE."



John Stump, Music Teacher, assisted in adding music to Central America.



Mmmm, pasta from Italy!

My Home Town

Jonathan Baxter, a 5th grade student at Clear Stream Avenue School, was awarded $200 and a Certificate of Merit for writing the winning essay in a contest sponsored by the Valley Stream Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber of Commerce was looking to the youths of Valley Stream for their input in creating a better town to live, work, and have fun. The essay contest was called, "Valley Dream-My Home Town." Jonathan's winning essay was the one chosen for the children in grade 4-6; he is a student in Karen Catalonetto's class. Here are a few excerpts from Jonathan's essay: "I envision Valley Stream to be bigger, and more modern... But Valley Stream would still hold its natural beauty... Valley Stream is a great town, and very beautiful, and I hope it will stay that way...If I were given the opportunity, I would like to see a few things become part of Valley Stream...an amusement park...a college...an air/space training center for kids to get to know what it's like to be in a plane or spaceship...I think our town should have a slogan...I think it should be, "Live your dream in Valley Stream!" The people are what make Valley Stream what it is... Everyone who lives here is happy... I'm lucky that I live in Valley Stream... Now you won't think of Valley Stream as just a town, but as a magnificent place where people enjoy themselves and live safe and happy lives."

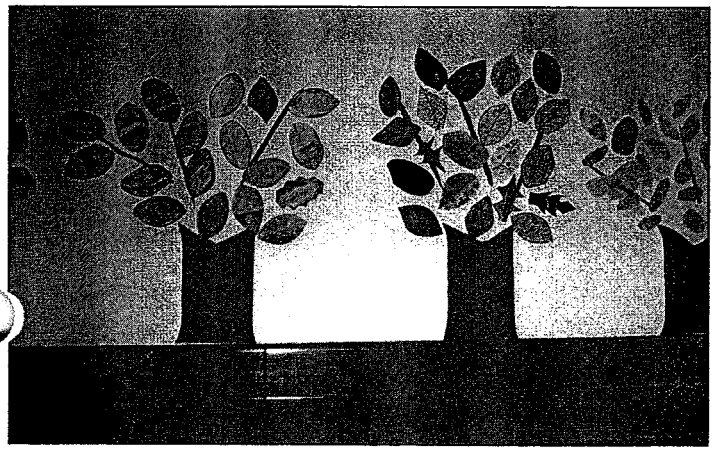
District Music Festival

The District 30 4th graders recently favored the community with the second annual District Music Festival. This concert program highlighted the beginners in the string and band programs, and chorus of nearly 200 children, al of them participating in their first school musical ensemble experience. Vocal Music Teachers, Linda Pratt, Barbara Kreeger and John Stump, and instrumental teachers, Barbara Wieder and Eileen Pollan all agreed that the May 18th program, was a remarkable accomplishment for these children. The instrumentalists, who have had only one year of study, and the choral participants, who have had their first opportunity to sing in such a large chorus, met to rehearse the ensembles the week preceding the concert. The children agreed that performing was great fun, and that the enthusiastic response of the audience was almost as good as the ice cream their parents promised after the show!

A Day of Reading

The annual Read-A-Thon, at Clear Stream Avenue School, was once again a huge hit! Fifth graders participated in a variety of reading activities throughout the day. They read an exciting novel entitled "Terror at the Zoo," by Peg Kehret, which they all enjoyed. Another highlight was singing silly songs and a delicious cooking activity, which was organized by Linda Pratt, Music Teacher. The students and their teachers, Tina Farrell and Karen Catalanotto, would like to extend a special thank you to their PTA who generously provided the books, breakfast, and snacks for the children, and to the parents who joined them for this fun and exciting event.

PLAN AHEAD - THE FIRST DAY OF THE 1998-1999 SCHOOL YEAR IS THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3,1998.



Earth Day was celebrated at Shaw Avenue School by a beautiful display of trees along the main hallway of the school. Judy Post (2nd grade Teacher) recalled Jacques Cousteau's Leaf Petition (to draw a leaf postcard) to petition Washington to save the Antarctica. From that idea she asked each child in the school to draw an original leaf on a card. With the assistance of Mary Reinhard (Kindergarten Teacher) and Pam Garvey (4th grade Teacher) the leaves were artistically displayed and placed on large paper tree trunks and branches. Each tree had the class and teacher's identity on the trunk. Every teacher and child participated and now everyone is enjoying the "scenery" and children are pointing out their contributions.

Astounding Results

As part of the multi-cultural studies, The 6th grade students at Forest Road School created a hi-tech version of a slide and sound show through the computer. The students in Linda Kessler's and Bruce Lesser's classes researched topics on Jordan and Pakistan. They obtained their information from various sources including electronic encyclopedias, Internet sites, and foreign embassies that were "online." The 6th graders then wrote a narration on their topics and selected visuals to go along with them. Using the Astound program, students created a multi-media event, through the use of graphics, sound, and text. The program entertained as well as informed the audience. Utilizing this program, students were able to create visual interest through the use of slide transitions and movement that made the project come alive.

This was an ongoing project. Students worked with their teachers in the classroom, in the library with the assistance of Carol Tolle, Library/Media Specialist, and in the computer lab under the supervision of Computer Technicians, Carol Biscardi and Lydia Rosen, who provided them with technical support.



Being creative and learning was a great experience for Gail Starler's 2nd graders at Shaw Avenue School. With the assistance of their Art Teacher, Jill Slaymaker, they made their own African influenced mask. Lending their assistance, too, were parent volunteers, Lani Halpin and Dorothy Young. The children listened to African music, read folk tales from Ghana, and wrote stories about their masks. Pictured is David Ortez holding the mask he made from cardboard, paint and natural materials.

MOVING? If you plan to move out of the District during the summer, please inform us as soon as possible. If you know of someone who is moving into your neighborhood with school age children, ask them to contact the school. This will assist us in planning classes for next year.

Math Excitement

On May 29th the 5th graders held their annual Math Carnival at Clear Stream Avenue School. Parents, teachers, and students had an opportunity to play the games, test their math skills, and win prizes. This year's carnival games were very exciting and involved many challenging math problems.

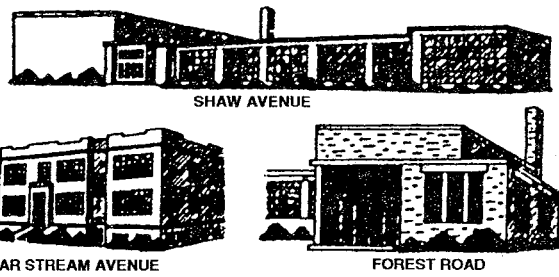
The students in Karen Catalanotto's and Tina Farrell's classes created all the games. Everyone really enjoyed themselves! They would like to thank the PTA for their support by donating the money needed to purchase prizes for the students. They look forward to having another exciting carnival next year.

Mark Your Calendar

JUNE	22	District 30 Board of Education Committee Meeting-8:00 p.m.
	24	6th Grade Graduation Ceremonies (each school) 8:15 p.m.
	25	Kindergarten Graduation Ceremonies at Clear Stream Avenue and Forest Road Schools-9:00 a.m.
	26	Kindergarten Graduation Ceremony at Shaw Avenue School- 8:30 a.m.
		LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
	29	District 30 Board of Education Meeting-8:00 p.m.

(Note: District 30 Board of Education Committee Meetings are held at the Washington Avenue Administration Building. District 30 Board of Education Meetings are held at Shaw Avenue School.)

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Summer School Success

District 30 students enjoyed four fun weeks of learning, held at Forest Road School, during the month of July. This is the second year that the summer school program was implemented. The total enrollment was 107 students; each of the nine classes averaged 12 students; and students attended Monday to Friday, from 8-11 a.m.

The goal of the Summer School Program is to prepare students for the up coming school year by reinforcing and strengthening math and reading skills. The ESL (English as a Second Language) section of the program strives to develop language proficiency through the four skill areas (listening, speaking, reading and writing).

Students participated in daily math games, creative literature activities and hands-on projects. They worked in the Computer Lab conducting research and typing stories. Students also used the computers in their classroom to practice math and reading concepts. Each class visited the library three times a week to select books for small group reading. Some other activities included measurements, author studies, problem solving tasks, book making and craft projects. Teachers used diverse instructional approaches to keep students motivated.

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Mr. Walters Commended

At a recent Board of Education meeting Mr. Andrew Walters was honored by his fellow Board members. Mrs. Leanore Egan, President of the Board of Education, and Trustees expressed their thanks and appreciation to Mr. Walters for serving as President for the past two years. His dedication and professional service to the children, staff and community was commended.

A special "Thank You" to Mr. Walters from the children of District 30!

School Closings

Weather and other emergencies may warrant school closings or delayed openings. A delayed opening means students are expected to be at school at 10 a.m.

PTA Class Parents will be informed and will initiate telephone calls to inform parents in each class. **NEWS 12** on Channel 12 will carry school closings information. Such school closings or delays will also be announced on the following local radio stations:

WNBC (AM) 88	**WHLI (AM) 1100**
WGBB (AM) 1240	**WINS (AM) 1010**
WGSM (AM) 740	**WALK (FM) 97.5**
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Leanore Egan, President of the Board of Education

A Message from the President of the Board of Education

Welcome!

Summer has passed, our children have grown, and so has our district. As we plant the seeds of education for another year, our children will be filled with positive learning. The Board and I will ensure that the educational growth and interest in our children will always be our number one priority.

The Superintendent, Principals, faculty and staff have excellent tools to cultivate and nurture our children to their highest point of education, positive thinking and self-esteem.

The Board is looking forward to your supportive and positive input to accomplish our goals in the District 30 family.

Sincerely,

Leanore Egan

Summer School Success

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Students eagerly shared their feelings concerning this program: They enjoyed working on the computer, reading interesting books, playing math games, and they especially looked forward to the hands-on projects such as making edible soil. The children also stated that they enjoyed learning in a smaller class setting and in a different atmosphere with a new teacher and friends.

Parents were also asked to share their feelings about the Summer Program. Many parents expressed that their children were happy and they looked forward to attending each morning. Other parents observed children to be more confident with math and eager to read on their own. They found their children to be interested in learning and more responsible about their work. Parents commented that their children felt it was different from their regular school and the session was early enough so it did not interfere with family summer activities. The students, who attended Summer School this year, and their parents, affirmed the success of the program.

AnneMarie Homer, Summer School Principal, commented, *"Once again, it is a privilege for me to be part of an educational experience in which children find learning fun and they are proud of the accomplishments."*



Welcome, New Staff Members

We would like to take this opportunity to introduce some of our new District 30 team members to our community.

Mr. Timothy "TJ" Adams joins o Music Department as District Ban Director for grades 4-6. He graduated in 1997 from the Crane School of Music in Potsdam, NY and worked in Ossining, NY before coming to District 30. TJ is pursuing his Masters Degree at Ithaca College. His interests include music (playing, listening, etc.) baseball, hockey, computers, movies, Broadway shows, and running.

Mrs. Colette Araujo is our new Art Teacher at Clear Stream Avenue School. Her three years of experience includes teaching art part time at Maria Regina School (K-8) for 2 years, and Elementary Art for 1 year at the Port Washington U.F.S.D. She was a Varsity Gymnastic Coach for 4 years in Port Washington, and enjoys sculpture and ceramics.

Ms. Jeanine DePace from Valley Stream joins Shaw Avenue School as one of our 6th grade teachers. She worked for the Village of Valley Strear Recreation Department helping organi and run various children's programs. Jeanine also works at a Kumon Learning

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From the Superintendent of Schools

Dear Parents,

I would like to begin by welcoming you and your children to District 30 for the 1998/99 school year. I hope your summer recess was a happy and healthy one. However, now Labor Day is passed and the school year is once again in full swing.

This year will be marked by the institution of new academic standards set by the New York State Board of Regents. Along with these increased academic demands comes the first phase of a new testing system designed to measure student achievement.

This year a new language arts exam and a new math test will be given in 4th grade. The language arts exam will be administered in January and the math test will be given in May. The tests in science, writing and social studies will remain at their current grade levels for one more year.

These new examinations will appear in a new format and will be very demanding. I know our faculty will do everything possible to work with your children to help them attain the best results possible. However, the quest to raise academic standards can not only take place in the classroom. This is an issue that must also be addressed in the home. The significance of attaining and maintaining high standards demands a working partnership between the home and the school.

The need for a positive, constructive and ongoing dialogue concerning each of your children is essential if we are going to continue to achieve well. Therefore, I ask that each of you make every effort to attend as many functions related to our school as possible. Your input and ideas are always welcome.

In closing, I would like to wish each family in our district the very best for a great year.

Very truly yours,

Lawrence R. McGoldrick

Lawrence R. McGoldrick

Farewell, Dear Friends

As the 1998-99 school year begins, several of our teachers and staff members have moved on to retirement. What they have left behind are special memories for the children, parents, and their friends. We wish them happiness in their new endeavors.

Mrs. Rose Marie G. Patterson after serving our District for 33 years has retired. She has been an educator for 39 years. While in our District she spent: 15 years as a substitute; 4 years as a teacher assistant; and 14 years as a classroom teacher. Many of our readers might remember her for she taught 3rd and 4th grade at Shaw Avenue School, 2nd grade at Forest Road School, and taught in our Washington Avenue building which formerly housed kindergarten and 1st grade. Rose Marie plans to manage her husband's business and real estate interest, bowl with the Valley Stream Teacher's League, travel, keep in touch with old friends, spend more time with her five grandchildren, and possibly do some volunteer work. Her parting comments are: "I am grateful that I have had the opportunity to work with the great people in District 30. I would like to thank the many people who made my years happy, productive, satisfying, and rewarding. I will look back with fond memories of my colleagues and the children, who filled my life with love."

Ms. Edith Yelland after 32 1/2 years retired in January 1998. She began her career as a student teacher at Forest Road School, and went on to teach 4th, 5th, and 6th grades at Clear Stream Avenue School. Presently she is busy having a house built in the Fort Myers area of Florida, where she will reside and enjoy the leisure of retirement. She also plans to continue traveling to new places, which is something she always enjoyed. Edith commented, "It was a pleasure teaching at Clear Stream Avenue School, which is truly a friendly school. I enjoyed my teaching career and have many, many fond memories of the children I taught."

Mrs. Paula Franklin, our 1st grade teacher at Clear Steam Avenue School, and Consultant for UCSMP (University of Chicago School Mathematics Program) also retired. She served 27 of her 30 years as an educator in our District: 6 years at Forest Road School, and 21 years at Clear Stream Avenue School. Her involvement in education will continue as a consultant for the UCSMP. She plans to further her interests in oil painting, photography, travel to exotic places, and have more leisure time to enjoy her family. Paula comments, "My life has been enriched immeasurably by the children and parents I've had the pleasure of working with in District 30. I thank them, and my colleagues, for the memories of 27 special years."

Mrs. Carol Ventura, 1st grade teacher at Clear Stream Avenue School, after serving our District for the past 23 years has retired. She began her career as a student teacher in District 30 and taught from 1961-65, and was a substitute teacher for our district for 5 years. She went on to serve as a teacher assistant in Clear Stream Avenue School and in 1984 returned to the classroom as a full time teacher. What will she be doing with her time now? Since her husband has also retired they plan to take in all those surrounding area sights that kept getting postponed. They just returned from Germany, Austria and Switzerland, and have planned a trip to the White Mountains of New Hampshire. Carol also plans to continue volunteering in civic and church activities and spend more time with her granddaughter and other family members.

Mrs. Elaine Friendman, R.N. after tending to, and comforting our students for the past 16 years has retired as our Forest Road School Nurse and Coordinator of Nurses. Elaine started her career working as a registered nurse in the Operating Room at Mt. Sinai Hospital and then left to raise a family.

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THREE NEW ADMINISTRATORS

As stated in the June issue of *The Friendly Schools,* three of our administrators retired from their positions. After an extensive search we have chosen their replacements. We would like to introduce to the community our new administrative team members. Introducing...

Mrs. Helen DeSilva joins us at our Washington Avenue Administrative Offices. Her title is Assistant to the Superintendent for Business. She most recently held the position of Business Manager with the Longwood Central School District for 2 1/2 years. Prior to that experience, she worked for 10 years in various capacities within a school business office with the majority of that time being spent in Valley Stream District 13. Mrs. DeSilva and her husband are long time residents of Valley Stream (24 years). Her three children are graduates of Valley Stream Central High School. We are confident that Mrs. DeSilva's diverse experience in school business offices will prove to be an asset to our District.



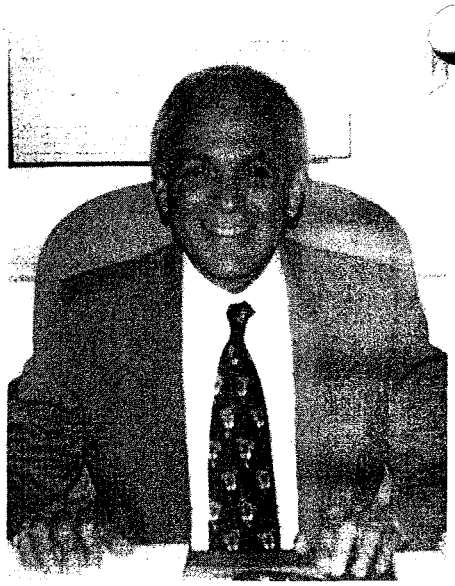
Mrs. Helen DeSilva

Mrs. Carol Kingsley joins us as the new Principal at Forest Road School. She brings to our District 19 years of experience, which includes: A BS in Early Childhood Education from Mills College of Education; A Masters in School Administrations and Supervision from LIU; and, she anticipates completion of her Masters in Computers in Education in December 1998. For the past six years, Mrs. Kingsley was the Assistant Principal at Plainview-Old Bethpage Central School District and the K-6 Elementary Science Coordinator. She is also the former owner/director of Camp Oxford-Guilford. Her experiences continue. Mrs. Kingsley has worked with teachers to implement Columbia Teachers' College Reading/Writing Process, and has established a pilot for FOSS to expand and enhance the science curriculum. Besides her love of children and education, Mrs. Kingsley commented, "I am also an avid skier, snowshoer, gardener (not always successful), reader, golfer, tennis player, wife, and mom of two daughters." Mrs. Kingsley's experience and eagerness will prove to be a plus to our team of administrators and we extend a warm welcome.



Mrs. Carol Kingsley

Mr. Henry B. Mazer is our new principal at Shaw Avenue School. As Mr. Mazer begins his 28th year as an educator, he brings numerous experiences to District 30, among them are: Assistant Principal at P.S. 86 in Queens, NY; Interim Acting Principal at P.S. 30 and Principal in P.S. 133, both in Queens; Teacher–Common Branches Grades 5-6; and Human Relations Teacher for grades K-6. Mr. Mazer was also the guest of the Korean Government and spent the summer of 1997 in Seoul. He is married and has two children. Mr. Mazer commented, "I subscribe to a phrase which I coined. 'In the spirit of human kindness, we can do great things.' I truly believe that expression and support a common goal – doing that which is right for children – a goal that endeavors to help us become more effective leaders/educators." We at District 30 welcome Mr. Mazer and are confident that his qualifications and personality will prove to be an asset to our District.



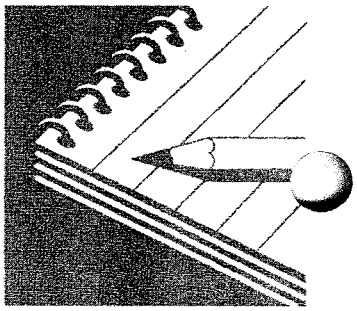
Mr. Henry Mazer

Breakfast With The Superintendent

These informal meetings offer you the opportunity to ask questions and voice any concerns you may have about the district. All residents are welcome to any and all meetings. Refreshments will be served. The first meeting was held at Shaw Avenue School on October 16th. The upcoming informal meetings with Lawrence McGoldrick are scheduled for 8:30 a.m. on:

January 8 at Forest Road School

March 26 at Clear Stream Avenue School.



Welcome, New Staff Members

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enter where she helps register and tutor students in math and reading. In her free time she enjoys reading, fishing, gourmet cooking, playing soccer, and watching sports.

Ms. Diana Gunther is teaching grade 1 at Clear Stream Avenue School. She comes to us with three years of experience. She graduated in 1995 from the College of St. Rose in Albany, NY and is currently working towards earning a Masters Degree at Queens College. Diana is a Valley Stream resident and very enthusiastic about joining our team of educators.

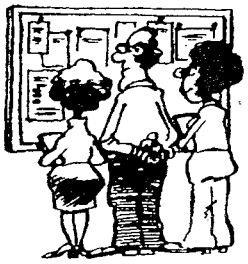
Mrs. Sally Kaplan, R.N. has been in her profession for 16 years and joins our district as School Nurse at Forest Road School. This past summer she was a sleep-away camp nurse and has been a camp nurse at Barrett Park Camp at Valley Stream. Sally's nursing experience at North Shore Hospital includes; research, IV team, medical ICU, the Operating Room, Hemodialysis, medicine, and neurology. She is married and has two sons, both attend Clear Stream Avenue School. She is active in the PTA, Cub Scouts and the temple she belongs to.

Miss Regina Keegan joins Shaw Avenue School as a 4th grade teacher. Along with educational experiences, she feels that growing up in a family of twelve has taught her the value of sharing and respecting others. She plans to bring these values into her classroom and instill them in her students. Regina is very excited about beginning her teaching career in Valley Stream District 30.

Ms. Melissa Nigro is our new 2nd grade teacher at Forest Road School. She has been in her profession for two years and recently received her Masters Degree in Reading from C.W. Post. Melissa previously taught first grade in Brooklyn. As a life long resident of Valley Stream and a past student of Valley Stream Schools, (Howell Road, Memorial JHS, and Central HS) she is thrilled to be a part of a school system that made her what she is today.

Ms. Tamara Rollins, a Valley Stream resident, is the 5th grade teacher at Clear Stream Avenue School. Tamara formerly taught 5th grade in Harlem, NY.

Ms. Beth D. Slavet is our new 1st grade teacher at Clear Stream Avenue School. She graduated from the School of Education at Boston University. She has teaching experience with grades K-4, and taught pre-kindergarten at a community center in Boston. Beth stated, "I have a vested interest in the students at Clear Stream Avenue School. I am looking forward to being an active participant in the community as well as the student body."

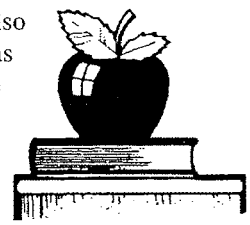


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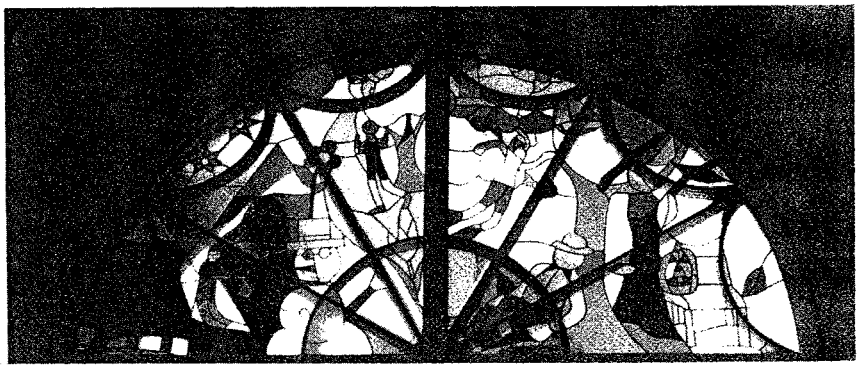
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After 18 years she returned to work. She started off as a substitute nurse at Clear Stream Avenue School and went on to a full time position at Forest Road School. She plans to spend more time with her five grandchildren, travel and perhaps spend some time in Florida.

Once again we would like to express our best wishes to ***Stanley Kaminsky*** (Shaw Avenue School Principal), ***Barbara Warren-Cronin*** (Forest Road School Principal), and ***David Kutcher*** (Assistant Superintendent of Schools), who also retired and was highlighted in the June issue of *The Friendly Schools.*



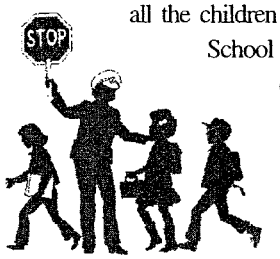
AH, SERENITY: Have you ever dreamed of spending three and a half weeks in a log cabin, with no phone, no distractions, and being able to delve into your favorite hobby? Jill Slaymaker, Art Teacher at Shaw Avenue School, was able to experience this serenity at an art colony in the Blue Ridge Mountains (the Hambidge Center) in Rabun Gap, Georgia. During this time she delved into her hobby – painting! Jill also traveled, with her husband, to Spain – Barcelona and Mallarca. Jill commented, "Barcelona was a fabulous city with many museums. The mosaic-covered park designed by Antoni Gaudi was especially exciting."



Have you noticed the stained glass window above the front door at Clear Stream Avenue School? The talented Class of 1998 created the design representing the four seasons. Their actual size design was given to a professional artist, Rick Cronk, who made their artistic legacy into a beautiful display. The entire student body gathered for the unveiling on June 9. A plaque with names of every 6th grader will be hung in the entrance hall to honor these artists, and will be remembered by all in years to come.

Crossing Guard Retires

After 8 years of greeting and caring for the safety of our children, Barbara Struckman, Crossing Guard, whose post was located outside of Shaw Avenue School, retired on September 29. Her smiling face and cheerful personality will be missed by all the children and parents who crossed her path. To Barbara it was more than a job, she enjoyed children. They were always on her mind and on holidays she would distribute special treats to each Shaw Avenue School student. A special ***Thank You*** from all the children at Shaw Avenue School for her caring and dedication, and best wishes in her new endeavors.



Important Notice - Note Your Calendar...
Schools will be OPEN on ELECTION DAY, Nov. 3
Schools will be CLOSED for students on Jan. 29

In the past schools were closed for students on Election Day, while teachers attended a Superintendent's Conference Day. This year the Superintendent's Conference Day will be held on Friday, January 29, while school will be closed for students.

Mark Your Calendar

October
26 - District 30 Board of Education Meeting** - 8:00 p.m.
November
3 - Election Day - SCHOOLS ARE OPEN (see notice above)
11 - Veterans Day - **SCHOOLS CLOSED**
16 - District 30 Board of Education Committee Meeting* - 8:00 p.m.
23 - District 30 Board of Education Meeting** - 8:00 p.m.
26-27 - Thanksgiving Recess - **SCHOOLS CLOSED**

NOTE: * Meeting held at Washington Avenue Administration Building.
**** Meeting held at Shaw Avenue School.**

Visit Our Web Site: A complete Web site is available to you and your family to learn more about our district. This site can be accessed at the following location: http://www.valleystream 30.com.

Here's What's Happening

The Quest Begins as many exciting topics are planned for the Quest Program (Gifted and Talented) this year. Students in grades 3 through 6 will be writing and publishing a school newspaper of their own. The younger participants will be learning the art of storytelling, practicing detective science and planting a garden at each school. The older students during their class sessions will be traveling the globe in a caravan, tracking weather systems, and becoming art historians. "It should prove to be a rewarding year for all", stated Ronni Horowitz, instructor for this special program.

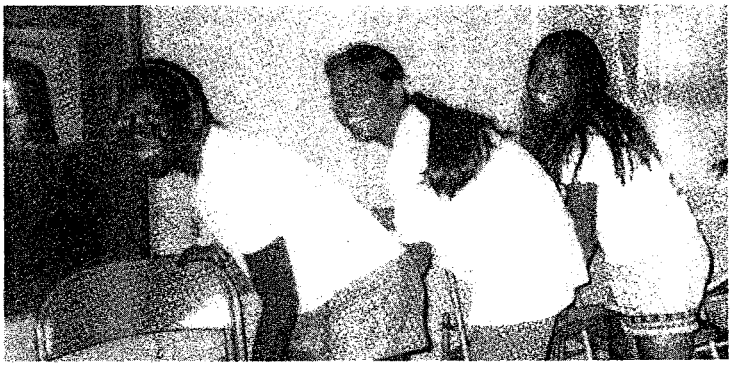
All About Me mobiles were created by Camella Lopez's 2nd grade class. The mobiles dance gaily from their ceilings showing important biographical facts and a photo of each child. Children wrote that they were looking forward to learning to read, to write stories, and to play math games. Developing oral skills was fun, too, as the novice 2nd graders, at Clear Stream Avenue School, spoke about their interests and hobbies through personal objects such as pictures, sports equipment, and toys collected at home and placed in the "Me Bags."

4th Grade Challenges began in Maureen Speiss class. These Clear Stream Avenue School students started the school year by writing about their summer experiences using adjectives to describe the summer. The class is involved in their first book of the year, an environmental mystery entitles "Trouble At Marsh Harbor." The children will learn about crabbing and clamming, and celebrate the end of the book by painting clamshells. They started their UCSMP (University of Chicago School Mathematics Program) with the first lesson on geometric figures and went on to learn about parallelograms, polygons and hexagons.

Winter Concert Dates

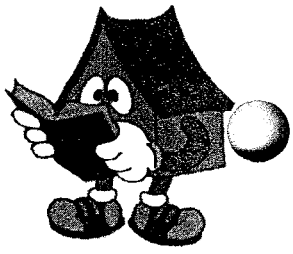
Several of the performing groups in our three schools have already begun rehearsing for their first program in December. The choruses, orchestras and bands have only about ten weeks of rehearsals before the Winter Concert season is here. Mark your calendars now and plan to attend a Winter Concert at 7:30 p.m. on the following dates:

Thursday, December 10 at Clear Stream Avenue School
Tuesday, December 15 at Forest Road School
Wednesday, December 16 at Shaw Avenue School



Getting ready to rehearse at Clear Stream Avenue School.

THE NEW ADDITION to Clear Stream Avenue School was completed and readied for the September opening of school. At the time this issue was being prepared, the dedication of the new addition was planned for September 28, which will be highlighted in the next issue of *The Friendly Schools.*



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School Budget Vote On Tuesday, May 19th

Modest Budget Increase

The proposed budget calls for a spending increase of 3.6%. The cost increase to the average household is approximately **$57** in school taxes for the year. (This includes a $10 cost for last year's approved bond issue to add two new classrooms at Clear Stream Avenue.)

Since 1991/92, residents of Valley Stream Thirty Public Schools have experienced modest growth in school spending that has averaged 2.4% per year, and the district has consistently delivered on its goal to preserve its excellent educational program in a cost-effective manner. The proposed budget for 1998/99 continues this trend.

> ***"This is a solid, responsible budget that preserves one of this community's greatest assets: its schools."***
>
> Andrew J. Walters, *Board President*

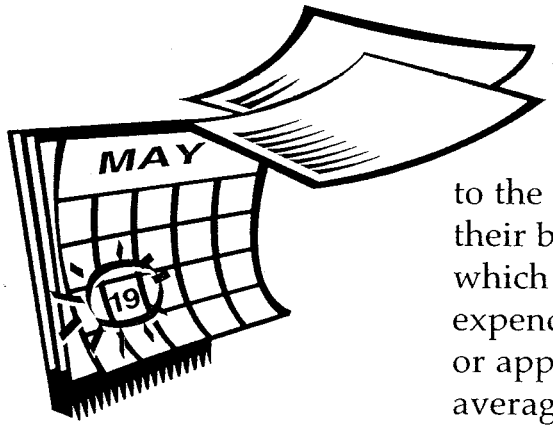
Voters in the district go to the polls on May 19 to cast their ballots for this budget, which calls for a budget expenditure increase of 3.6%, or approximately $57 for the average household.

"This is a solid, responsible budget that preserves one of this community's greatest assets: its schools," said Board President Andrew J. Walters.

Voter information is contained on the back page of this publication. A special official budget hearing will be held at the Clear Stream Avenue School on Wednesday, May 6 at 8:00 p.m.

Copies of the proposed budget are available in the office of the District Clerk.

If you have any questions on the budget, please call Assistant Superintendent of Schools, David Kutcher at 285-9880.



Proposition #1

The 1998-99 Budget

Explanation

The educational message of the proposed budget is straightforward: the quality of education that people in our community have come to expect will be preserved in this budget.

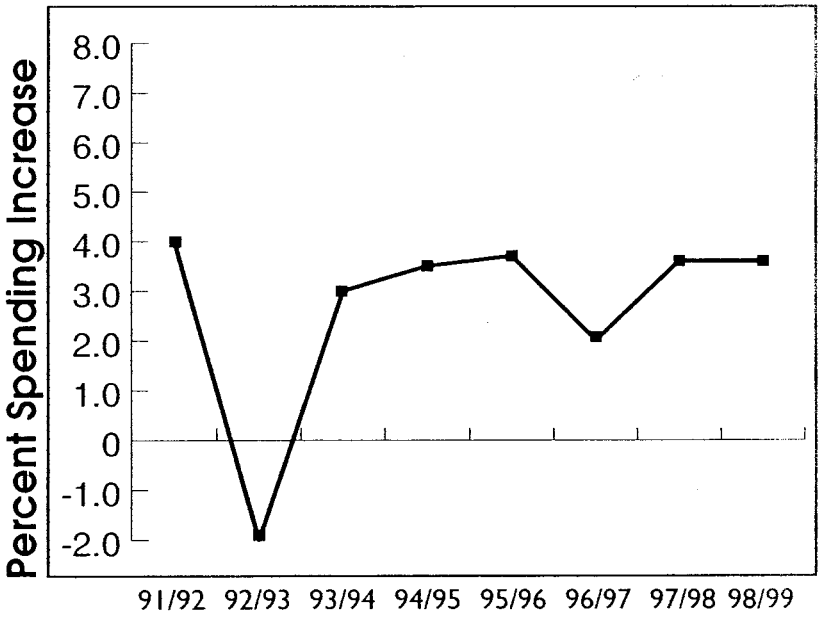
If there is one significant educational challenge that exists (in addition to preserving the quality of our system), it is the effect of increased enrollment in our district. We have attempted to address this need in order to cost-effectively resolve the negative educational impact of enrollment increases.

Other educational investments that will be made under this budget include increased expansion of computer education at the district's learning centers along with provision for additional academic clubs for students, which we believe are an important way for children to continue their academic inquiry outside the classroom.

The financial message, too, is straightforward: increases in spending are restricted to a couple of key areas. The largest area of increase is in contractual expenditures for the people who educate our children: our teachers and support staff. There are also increased investments that must be made to account for new mandates, along with projected contractual increases for equipment, increased utilities costs, increased transportation costs, and increased health screening and psychological services.

What Will It Cost?

Cost of the budget will be approximately 95 cents on the tax rate next year, or a $57 increase for the average household.



District Budgets Demonstrate Pattern of Modest Growth

Our district's focus on the bottom line has always been an important consideration. The total spending increase in our district in the last seven years has averaged a modest 2.6% per year.

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Board of Education **8,250**
Includes expenditures for attendance at educational conferences by Board of Education members.

District Clerk **7,575**
Includes salaries, supplies, materials, and legal advertising for the part-time District Clerk.

District Meetings **9,100**
Includes salaries, supplies, materials, and legal advertising for the budget vote and special meetings.

Central Administration **176,824**
Includes the salaries of the Superintendent of Schools and Central Office personnel. Also includes supplies and materials for the Central Office.

Business Administration **299,451**
Includes the salaries of the Assistant Superintendent and Business Office personnel. Also included are supplies, materials, equipment, the cost of the annual audit, and computerized accounting system costs.

District Treasurer **16,700**
Includes the salary of the part-time District Treasurer, supplies, materials, and costs of banking services.

Legal Services **33,700**
Includes the salary of the part-time School Attorney and litigation fees.

Negotiations **6,000**
Includes the shared cost of special legal counsel for negotiation services. Additional provisions for participation in BOCES negotiation information service and litigation fees are not included.

Public Information Services **21,710**
Includes the cost of preparation, printing, and mailing of the Friendly Schools and other public information services such as the school calendar and bulletins.

Operation & Maintenance of Buildings and Grounds **1,110,541**

The change in expenditures covers salary increases in accordance with negotiated agreements, higher rates for water, light, power and telephone, and extensive building maintenance and repairs in the areas of fire safety, asbestos abatement and compliance with other state and local governmental mandates. The change in the provision for utilities is carried in the new budget based on current industry trends.

Liability Insurance **110,500**
A continued stabilization in this budget appropriation is proposed for 1998/99. Increases are limited as a result of the district's participation in the NY Schools Insurance Reciprocal.

School Association Dues **8,000**
Includes membership fees in local, state, and national educational organizations.

BOCES Administrative Charge **61,000**
Each school district in Nassau County is charged a fee according to the number of children attending public school within the district. A portion of this fee is returned to us as BOCES aid.

School Administration and Curriculum Improvement **635,047**
Includes salaries for the Assistant to the Superintendent of Schools, building principals, school secretaries, equipment for school offices, materials and supplies. Also included are provisions for educational conference expenses of supervisory personnel, curriculum library maintenance, curriculum development, in-service training, and mini-grants for special instructional projects.

Instructional Programs **7,102,806**
Salaries include teachers, specialists, substitutes for teachers and assistants, teacher aides, and noon aides. Teacher assistants, when authorized, are included in this area. No changes in the areas of furniture and equipment continue to allow for the replacement of items that cannot be repaired cost-effectively. Contractual services include the substitute registry, approved teacher conference expenses, postage, repair of music and science equipment, and the copier lease. The changes in consumable materials and textbooks for all instructional areas are reflective of the current economic condition and industry wide adjustments. Approximately 26% of the textbook expense is returned as state aid. Our students' participation in the BOCES Cultural Arts and Science Field Experience Programs reflect changes determined by BOCES. The portion of the science program for student living expense is reimbursable. Approximately 60% of these programs is returned as state aid.

Special Education Program **1,449,621**
The increase in salaries reflects adjustments made in accordance with current negotiated settlements. The district, in addition to operating five special education classes, provides specialists for students who are mainstreamed into regular classes. Changes in the area of out-of-district tuition is a direct result of shift in enrollment and an upswing in the cost of special education pupils in other public school district classes, BOCES classes, and in private residential and nonresidential schools.

School Libraries and Media Services **367,182**
Includes the salaries for librarians, library monitors, clerical staff, library and media equipment, library books, periodicals, materials

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and supplies for the three schools. Also include are the costs for the maintenance and technical support for the district's participation in the automated Nassau Schools Library System program.

Computer Education **229,744**
Includes the salary for the Teacher of Computer Education and the salaries of five computer aides. The appropriation for computer equipment reflects the continued expansion of our program into the district's learning centers.

Health Screening and Psychological Services **306,596**
Includes the salaries of the school psychologists, the salaries of three registered nurses, medial supplies and equipment, and contracted services provided by other districts and BOCES for mandated services to the Blessed Sacrament School.

Extra Services **40,125**
Includes extra pay for extra services and supervision and reflects the districts commitment to provide a broad range of activities for our children both before and after school.

Transportation **313,085**
In accordance with state law, transportation is provided for children to private and parochial schools located at least two miles and no farther than fifteen miles from the pupils' homes and for children attending special education classes in our schools, other public schools, BOCES, and private schools. Transportation is also provided for the district's instrumental, special enrichment, and field trip programs. The changes in this code are a direct result of a balance in the contract costs of these services and the number of children currently being transported out-of-district. Fluctuations in the number of children transported to non-public and special schools also have budgetary impact. A percentage of the cost of basic transportation is returned as state aid to the district in the following year.

COMMUNITY LECTURES AND CENSUS **9,100**
Includes funds for the district sponsored Peer Pressure Program and other lectures and for the state mandated annual census.

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS **2,351,752**
Includes the cost of the district's contributions to the two retirement funds that our personnel participate in, Social Security contributions, Worker's Compensation premium, and health and dental insurance. All rates are determined by Federal and State law and by negotiated contract. Increases and decreases reflect a combination of higher or lower rates, larger bases, and increased premiums.

INTERFUND TRANSFERS **0**
In the past, the Interfund Transfers appropriation provided funding for improvements to your district's facilities. Although there are no capital projects scheduled for 1998-99, the Board remains committed to this program and has included provisions for safety improvement renovations and mandated ecological replacements in the Operations and Maintenance area of this budget.

Debt Service **264,650**
Includes interest payments on short-term borrowings which the district requires prior to the receipt of school tax payments and state aid. This expense reflects a stabilization in interest rates and is partially offset by the interest income generated through the investment of idle funds. Also included are the interest and principal costs for the Clear Stream Avenue School project.

What happens if the budget fails?

It has been a very long time since the district has lost a budget vote, but the effects of an austerity budget should not be underestimated. If our district was forced to operate on a contingent budget, the following could occur:

- No new equipment
- No transportation under 2 miles
- No lunch subsidy
- No capital improvements
- Essential consulting services only
- No use of school facilities by community groups

How do I figure my tax increase?

The tax increase for the average home is $59. This assumes that your home has an assessed value (not the appraised value of your home, but the number that the county uses to ascertain your taxes) of $6,000. To figure out how much more in school taxes this budget will cost you, do the following:

Your assessed value x .01 x .95 = TAX INCREASE

(You can find your assessed value on your tax bill.)

Budget Breakdown

Statement of Estimated Expenditures

Description	1997/98 Approved Budget	1998/99 Tentative Budget	Change
Board of Education	8,250	8,250	0
District Clerk	7,575	7,575	0
District Meetings	9,100	9,100	0
Central Administration	169,324	176,824	7,500
Business Administration	289,761	299,451	9,690
District Treasurer	16,700	16,700	0
Legal Services	33,700	33,700	0
Negotiations	6,000	6,000	0
Public Information	21,710	21,710	0
Operations & Maintenance	1,075,359	1,110,541	35,182
Liability Insurance	110,500	110,500	0
School Association Dues	8,000	8,000	0
BOCES Administration Charge	61,000	61,000	0
School Administration & Curriculum	575,410	635,047	59,637
Instructional Program	6,804,761	7,102,806	298,045
Special Education Program	1,394,904	1,449,621	54,717
Library and Media Services	358,890	367,182	8,292
Computer Education Program	203,998	229,744	25,746
Health & Psychological Services	295,405	306,596	11,191
Extra Services	35,125	40,125	5,000
Transportation	368,085	313,085	-55,000
Community Lectures and Census	9,100	9,100	0
Employees' Benefits	2,336,752	2,351,752	15,000
Interfund Transfers	0	0	0
Debt Service	214,650	264,650	50,000
TOTAL BUDGET	**14,414,059**	**14,939,059**	**525,000**

1997/98	1998/99
Spending Increase	
$14,414,059 →	$14,939,059
Tax Rate Increase	
$23.69 →	$24.64
Your Total School Taxes*	
$1,421 →	$1,478

* Based on a home with an assessed value of $6,000

The proposed budget represents a spending increase of 3.6% and a tax rate increase of 4.02%. But what does this mean in real dollars? The average home in our community has an assessed value of $6,000. **This translates to a bottom line increase in school taxes of $57 for the year.**

VOTER Information

School Budget Vote May 19

Time and Place

Voting will take place on Tuesday, May 19, 1998 between th hours of 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. in the elementary school within your school election district: Shaw Avenue, Clear Stream Avenue, and Forest Road.

Absentee ballots must be in the hands of the District Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. on the day of the vote.

Electors will be voting on the budgets of the Valley Stream Union Free School District #30 and the Valley Stream Central High School District and for the election of one (1) trustee to the Valley Stream #30 Board of Education.

Voter Registration

The day of registration for the May 19, 1998 election is Tuesday, May 12. You may register at any of the school offices from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Although you will be eligible to vote on May 19 if your name appears in the general election lists of Nassau County, the process of voting on May 19 will be much easier if your name appears in the school district registration books. You must be registered in order to vote.

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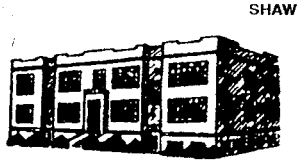
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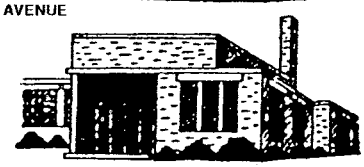
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Students To Perform At Tilles Center in January

The Music Department of District 30 is proud to announce that 21 students have been accepted into the All-County Music Festival sponsored by Nassau Music Educators Association. It is a great honor to be chosen to perform with the best musicians in Nassau County. Our children will join over 600 other students for a gala performance on Sunday, January 10 at C. W. Post College. They will work with their music teachers to learn their parts before they attend two rehearsals on January 7 and 9.

We are pleased to recognize the following children for their musical excellence:

rom Clear Stream Avenue School:

Chorus: Tiffany Kataria, Jerilyn Dattoli and Jaclyn Novello

Band: Alyssa Endrich (baritone horn)

Orchestra: Ben Lockspeiser (bass), Melissa Lozano (violin) and Jane Yu (violin)

From Forest Road School:

Chorus: Cory Vogel and Jaclyn Mitgang

Band: Amanda Gorozdi (flute)

Orchestra: Gabriela Baretto (cello), Benjamin Blum (violin) and Sean Parlia (violin)

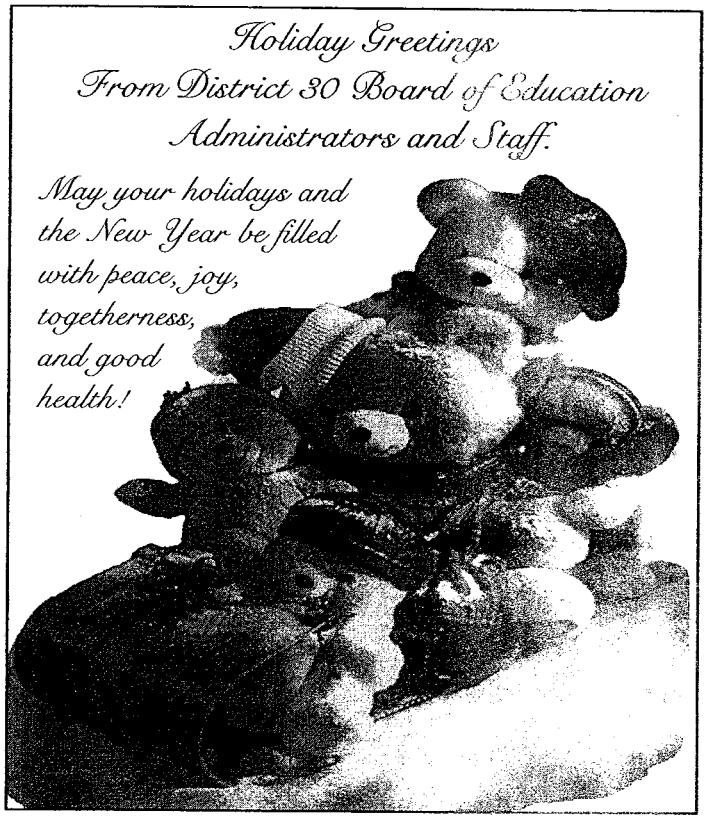
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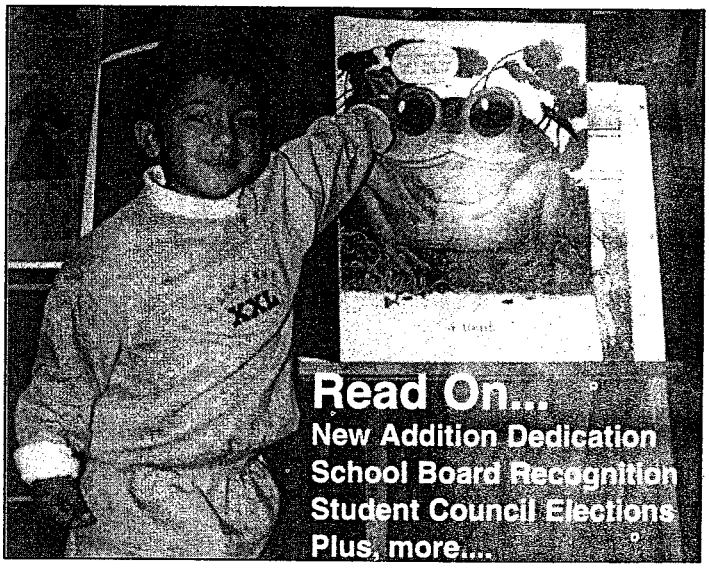
Chorus: Jessica Engle, Krystal Hawes, Emily von Harten, and Laura Spotteck

Band: Nicole Javal (flute)

Orchestra: Marisa DelCampo (violin), Stacey Procida (cello), and Stephanie Rotondo (cello)

The festival is organized and run by Nassau County Music Teachers. District 30 Music Teachers, Barbara Kreeger, Linda Pratt, John Stump and Timothy Adams, will be present to assist at the rehearsals and the concert. Barbara Vieder, also one of our District 30 Music Teachers, is once again co-chairing the elementary orchestra planning committee.





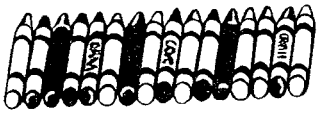
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ALL VISITORS TO OUR SCHOOLS MUST USE THE MAIN ENTRANCE AND OBTAIN A VISITORS PASS FROM THE MAIN OFFICE.



New Staff Members

In the October issue of *The Friendly Schools* we introduced several of our new staff members. Below are two additional people that we would like to introdu to our community.

Regina Pedi joins our District as a 6th grade teacher at Shaw Avenue School. During the 1997-98 school year, Regina served our District as a leave replacement for our Science Teacher, AnneMarie Homer. She commented, *"I am enjoying this year very much. I am learning everyday from the other teachers and the students. I would like to thank all the teachers from all three schools. They have all been so helpful. I appreciate their support and guidance!"*

Colleen Walpole is our PLC Teacher at Forest Road School. The last three years she has worked with pre-kindergarten children who have special needs. The classroom settings varied. She began in a self-contained classroom in Brooklyn, and temporarily moved to Baltimore where she teamed taught in an inclusive environment. Last year she taught in an integrated class in Brooklyn. Colleen's interests include reading, bike riding, aerobics, going to plays and baseball games, and traveling.

School Board Recognition

Our PTA's honored our Board of Education at a special gathering at Shaw Avenue School. PTA members and school faculty joined together to honor these men and women who are elected volunteers who receive no payment for their tim and effort. They are a special group of people who never let their personal feelings interfere with their commitment to o children. MaryAnne Lanz spoke in behalf of PTA and, stated, *"They are the best of the best!"*

These dedicated people are Leanore Egan (1984), Richard Eisenberg, (1984), Thomas Galgano (1983), William Gauger (1984), and Andrew Walters (1991). The year they joined the Board is indicated in parenthesis.

Mayor James Darcy also attended the celebration and presented the Board members with a special Proclamation. Mayor Darcy stated, *"We are gathered to pay respect to people who go that extra mile."* District 30's Board of Education is definitely an example of these special people. A heartwarming thank you from the children of District 30!



The Best of the Best!...Pictured is the Mayor presenting the Proclamation and the PTA Presidents:

Elly Haber, Jill Cohen (from Forest Road School), MaryAnne Lanz (from Clear Stream Avenue School), Board Members, Richard Eisenberg, William Gauger, Thomas Galgano, Leanore Egan, Mayor James Darcy, Rosanne DiPalma (from Clear Stream Avenue School), Kathy Vagnone, Vivian Rainone and Debbie Dolan (from Shaw Avenue School).

Student Council Elected-Events Begin

The schools buzzed with excitement this year all three of our schools held elections to choose their members of Student Council. Below are the results of the elections and some of the Student Council activities.

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After vigorous campaigning and elections, the newly elected Student Council officers at Clear Stream Avenue School (as pictured) are: (front) Sal Hirji, President Grade 4; Stephanie Serrano (4th grader), Secretary; and Matthew Padilla, President Grade 5; (rear) Melissa Lozano (6th grader), News Manager; Alyssa Endrich, President Grade 6; and Steven Kaplan (5th grader), Treasurer. Their Student Council advisors are Linda Pratt (Music Teacher) and Julie McCain (5th grade Teacher).

Their Student Council sponsored a Food Drive. Four hundred nineteen cans of food were collected by the students at Clear Stream Avenue School as a relief effort for hurricane George victims. Cans piled up daily in a week-long campaign to collect at least one can for each child in the school. The children boxed the food that was donated for delivery, by a very proud group of students. They also sponsored the annual UNICEF drive, raising nearly $400 for children, and decorated a tree for sale at the Cerebral Palsy Festival of Trees at the College of Old Westbury. The children also baked scented salt-dough teddy bears to give to their teachers.

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At Forest Road School Students elected their Student Council, too. Their offices and representatives are: Mallory Stoller (6th grader), President; Benjamin Mandel (6th grader), Vice President; Jaclyn Mitgang (6th grader), Secretary; and Andrew Paget (5th grader), Treasurer. Representatives are Michael Leshansky, Samantha Weinstock, Christopher Lowery, Jessica Vuong, Sean Esna, Briana Luri, Thomas Cataldo, Michael Eisenberg, Rachel Spector, Jenna Hutchinson, Michael Raphael, Mark Silverman, Tanya Goldman, Cory Vogel, and Christopher Swords. Linda Kessler (6th grade Teacher) is their advisor.

The first activity of the year was the annual Thanksgiving Breakfast. This celebration was scheduled for Wednesday, November 25. It is the culmination of a Food Drive and Coat Drive, which was supervised by Sally Kaplan, R.N., School Nurse. Raffles were sold and profits donated to the St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital and the victims of the Caribbean storms.

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On November 3, Election Day, Shaw Avenue School students were involved in an election of their own. The Students voted for their Student Council. There were 40 very capable and talented students representing grade 3-6. All the students presented beautiful campaign posters, as well as, outstanding campaign speeches. Pictured are elected Student Council members with their advisors (left) Amy Pernick (3rd grade Teacher) and (right) Mike Buckley (6th grade Teacher), who commended the candidates on a job well done:

Corinne Brady (4th grader), Publicist; Lauren Brady (5th grader), Secretary; Bliss Lanzelotti (6th grader), President; Shirley Montoya (3rd grader), Vice President; and Danielle Lapolla (3rd grader), Treasurer. They are now involved in planning activities for the upcoming year.





Above: *At Shaw Avenue School, the newly elected Student Council gathers for a quick photograph.*

Left: *The Student Council at Clear Stream Avenue School gathers to call their meeting to order.*



NEW ADDITION AT



Winter 1998

Through the support of the Board of Eduction, PTA's, and community, a new addition was constructed at Clear Stream Avenue School. As Leanore Egan, President of the Board of Education, stated at the dedication, "We all unite together because the needs of our children have always been our number one priority." With careful planning and input from everyone involved, the need for two new kindergarten classrooms and a Music Room, became a reality. Some of the people who played an important part in developing and completing this project were: Robert Cohen, Principal, who kept abreast of the project and whose input was beneficial; Kindergarten Teachers, Arlene Sacks and Vincent Libertini, who assisted in the planning which took them above and beyond their school day; Greg Abbate, District 30 Director of Facilities and Operations, who oversaw the project details; building custodians, Jack DiPiazzi and Mike McCann, who worked very hard in the set up of the new rooms; Bill W[illegible]r and Mark Mahon who assisted in the refurbishing of Room 9 and the corridor. The list can go on and on. We would like to express our gratitude to all who were involved and made it possible for the doors of the new addition to open on the first day of school.

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District 30 Teacher Teaches in Taiwan

During the spring of 1998, Susan Wasserman, 5th grade teacher at Shaw Avenue School, was asked to participate in a cultural exchange and ESL teaching program in Taiwan. She left for Touliu (pronounced Doh-lee-oh) in late July and arrived in Taipei, the country's capital two days later. Taiwan (also known as Formosa) is called "Small China," as opposed to Mainland China, which is large in area. It is an island about 14,000 square miles, slightly larger than MA, RI and CT combined and has a population of approximately 21,000,000. There are mountains on the eastern side and an earthquake had occurred a few days prior to Mrs. Wasserman's arrival. Below are Susan's experiences in her own words:

"My story begins in Taipei, the country's capital that is a large, bustling city. Lots of people were carrying umbrellas to protect them from the very hot sun. This exciting city had lots to offer the sightseer. I visited the Lung Shan Temple, a Buddhist shrine whose magnificent architecture kept me enthralled for hours. The Chiang Kai Shek Memorial was indeed a great tribute to the late leader of this country. Yangmingshan National Park was a "hotbed" of mineral springs, mainly sulfur. I flew to Taroko Gorge, a National Park in the mountainous east coast, where we saw marble being quarried. The different colors of this magnificent building material were quite a sight.

I then traveled to Touliu, which was to be my home for the next month and where the Sacred Heart High School is located. The school has 3,300 stu[illegible] ranging from 12 years old who were in the Junior High School,

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The dedication of the new addition took place on September 28th. The Board of Education, administrators, staff, and community members attended this gala event. Following are some of their comments: *"It only took seven months. We watched it grow before our eyes and become a city of the future,"* stated Robert Cohen, Principal.

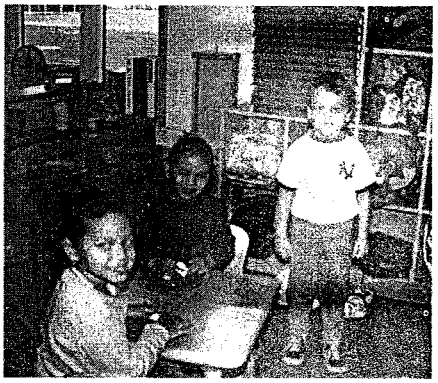
"It is a labor of love. The result is all the dreams we had for our students," commented Andrew Walters, who was President of the Board of Education when plans for the addition began.



The unveiling at the Dedication was proudly performed by Mrs. Egan and Mr. Walters.



Above: Separate areas for learning experiences.



At Right: Learning through play.

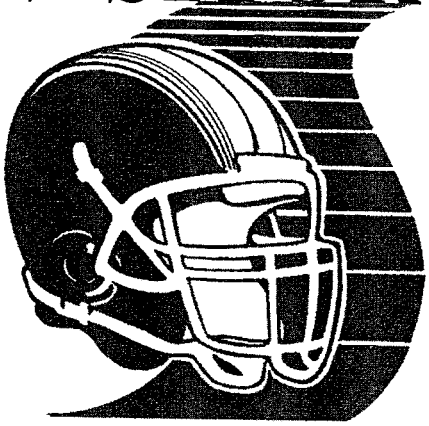
Wrapped Up In The Story

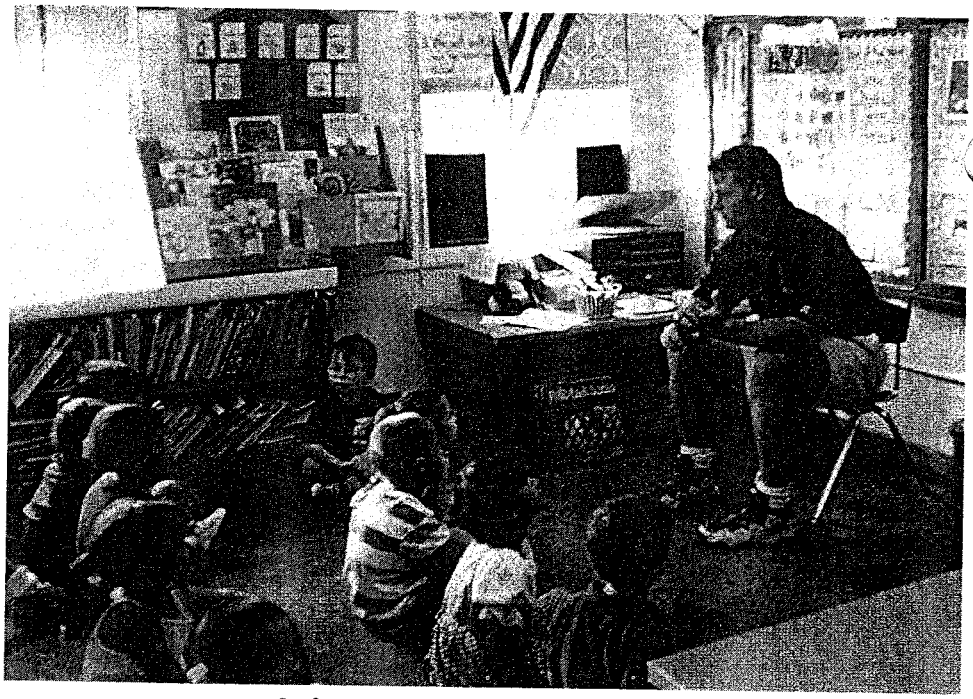
Have you ever read the book entitled "The House on Hackman's Hill"? Fourth graders in Maureen Speiss' class can tell you what this great mystery book is about. It is about two children who are trying to claim a $10,000 reward for finding a stolen Egyptian mummy. To celebrate the conclusion of the book the children wrapped themselves as mummies, using rolls of toilet paper. Engrossed in mysterious stories, they then listened to the wonderful classic by Washington Irving, "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow."

You might have guessed these activities took place around Halloween, which led to a wonderful Halloween party in their classroom at Clear Stream Avenue School, including goodies contributed by parents.



FAMOUS VISITOR





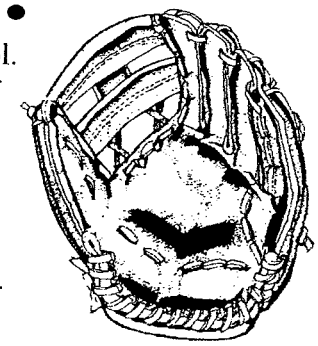
Safety equipment is important!

A Detroit Lions Football player, Stephen Boyd, visited Kara Milan's kindergarten class at Shaw Avenue School. Stephen spoke to the class about his football career, the importance of safety, and the value of a good education.

He explained how important it is for him to wear protective equipment when playing football and how we all need to wear safety equipment at certain times. He pointed out to the children that they all need to wear a seat belt when driving in a car, and protective equipment when they are playing different types of sports like riding a bike, roller blading, soccer and hockey. Stephen stressed how necessary it is to stay in school and do well.

The class loved listening to Stephen Boyd and he was very receptive to all their questions. The class made construction paper footballs and Stephen was nice enough to autograph each one.

Hooray for the Yankees!



Excitement over the World Series filled Cathy Wood's class at Forest Road School. When the Yankees won the students went online to leave their message of congratulations, with the assistance of Carol Biscardi, Computer Instructor, and Lydia Rosen, Computer Lab Technician. The students were delighted to receive a team picture, and they wished the Yankees all the best for another great season next year. With the assistance of their teacher, and Beverly Rini, Classroom Aide, the class conducted a survey, and the results showed that Derrick Jeter was their favorite player. They e-mailed a special message to Derrick.

A Citizen Program has begun for all students at Clear Stream Avenue School. The program reminds children of the importance of being honest, respectful toward themselves and others, being polite, demonstrating good manners, being good listeners, and demonstrating other proper behavior. On the first day of each school week, a topic is described that emphasizes good citizenship and courtesy. At the end of every month a Citizen of the Month will be selected from each class. Those students will receive a Principal's Award and a bumper sticker.

District 30 Teacher Teaches in Taiwan

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to 18 years olds who were graduating seniors. Since it is a private school, there is a rigorous examination for entrance and students wear uniforms depending on their grade. A typical day begins at 7:15 a.m. when students meet with their homeroom teachers. At 7:50 a.m. they have an outdoor assembly to raise the flag, sing the national anthem and discuss the important news of the day. Picture 3,300 students standing at attention for 30 minutes! Classes of 50 minutes in length commenced immediately following the assembly. Students eat lunch at noon and may rest for 1 hour (some students live in the dorms) or play games outside. The noon temperature in August averaged 95-100 degrees F. Classes resumed again at 1:30 p.m. At 2:20 p.m. students cleaned the school with brooms, mops, rakes, etc. Although the school has a custodial staff, students are responsible for keeping their school clean. Classes resumed again at 2:40 p.m. and during the summer session ended at 4:30 p.m. During the regular term classes end at 5:20 p.m. Students either returned to their dorms to get ready for supper or took buses or bicycles to return to their homes. Because this school has such an outstanding reputation, students travel long distances to attend.

I had four classes of 15-year-old boys and girls, called Senior Ones, and a class of teachers who were anxious to learn conversational English. The students and teachers often took us to visit various sights in their country and were most helpful in reading train and bus schedules, as well as shopping in the supermarket. Accompanied by some students, I visited a city called Shuili, where I made pottery of Snake Kiln. I visited the Historic Forest Recreational Area, where we walked across rope bridges to see the various plant and animal life of this most serene and beautiful area. We even stayed overnight at a student's home. With some members of my teacher class, I saw Sun Moon Lake, a very beautiful tourist area as well as Kaohsung, Taiwan's, second largest city and industrial center.

The last week of school, the students put on a show. Imagine 500 students (from all of the ESL classes) singing such songs as "Take Me Out to the Ball Game," and dancing to the "Hokey Pokey" and "Macarena"! Students published a newsletter with articles and cartoons, such as "What should Mrs. Wasserman do in a typhoon?" One student suggested I go shopping while another drew a cartoon of me hiding under the quilts and waiting until the storm passed!

The month I spent in Taiwan was a most memorable one. I hope to return one day to continue working with the Taiwanese students. Perhaps they can visit our Valley Stream schools, or you can visit their country to discover for yourself the magic of Taiwan!"

Healthy Snacks



On Tuesday, November 3rd, Nancy Blankshine's 3rd grade class celebrated their goal of reaching 50 healthy snacks. Since the start of the school year, the class had the assignment to bring in different healthy foods for snack time. The children tried so hard and brought in a variety of foods to eat and share with their classmates. Among the snacks were applesauce, honeydew, peppers, mango, and even coconut. These Forest Road School children enjoyed eating the different kinds of foods and learning that healthy snacks can be fun, too!

School Closings

Weather and other emergencies may warrant school closings or delayed openings. A delayed opening means students are expected to be at school at 10 a.m.

PTA Class Parents will be informed and will initiate telephone calls to inform parents in each class. **NEWS 12** on Channel 12 will carry school closings information. Such school closing or delays will be also announced on the following local radio stations:

WCBS (AM) 88 **WHLI (AM) 1100**
WGBB (AM) 1240 **WINS (AM) 1010**
WALK (AM) 1370

THE MOBIL GRANT

Once again, Tony Hoeffner has demonstrated how the community and school works together. Tony, owner of the Hoeffner Service Station in Valley Stream, applied for a Mobil School Alliance Grant for the Forest Road School. A $500 grant was awarded and accepted by Leanore Egan, President of the District 30 Board of Education. At the October 26th Board of Education Meeting Mrs. Egan expressed her gratitude to Tony for his efforts and caring for his community school. The grant will be used to purchase audiovisual equipment. A special thank you from all the children of Forest Road School.



Mark Your Calendar

December

24-31 - Holiday Recess - **SCHOOL CLOSED**

January

1 - New Year's Day - **SCHOOL CLOSED**
8 - Breakfast with the Superintendent 8:30 a.m. held at Forest Road School
11 - District 30 Board of Education Committee Meeting - 8:00 p.m.
18 - Martin Luther King, Jr. - **SCHOOL CLOSED**
25 - District 30 Board of Education Meeting - 8:00 p.m.
29 - Superintendent's Conference Day - **SCHOOL CLOSED FOR STUDENTS**

February

8 - District 30 Board of Education Committee Meeting - 8:00 p.m.
10 - PTA Founders' Day - 7:30 p.m. Held at Clear Stream Avenue School
15-19 - Winter Recess - **SCHOOL CLOSED**
22 - District 30 Board of Education Meeting - 8:00 p.m.

NOTE: District 30 Board of Education Committee Meetings are held at the Washington Avenue Administration Building. District Board of Education Meetings are held at Shaw Avenue School.

Visit Our Web Site:

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NEW MURALS

Shaw Avenue School has opened this year with a splash (of color)! Huge lively and colorful endangered species murals were installed in the auditorium. Six in all, these murals include a Polar Bear done by 2nd graders, a Dolphin, Zebra and Panda done by 3rd graders and a Water Buffalo and Leopard done by 4th graders. These works of art were created in Paul Farinacci's Art Class. Thanks to support from the Shaw Avenue School PTA, these murals were framed and put on permanent display to be enjoyed for years to come at the school.



ASBESTOS REPORT

Greg Abbate, Environmental Safety Office for the Valley Stream School District 30, states that he has completed the Triennial Asbestos Inspection of schools and reports that all of the buildings are save.

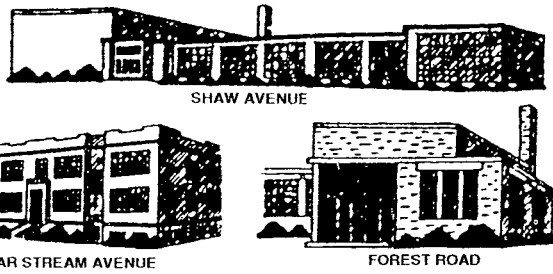
Anyone with questions may call the Business Office at 285-9880.

IMPORTANT TAX NOTICE

New York State Income Tax forms for 1998 require the name of the public school district IN WHICH YOU LIVE.

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Valley Stream Union Free School District #30
and our CODE NUMBER is **657**.

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Kindergarten & 1st Grade Registration Information

Registration for next year's kindergarten children and first graders entering school for the first time will be held on April 19-23, 1999 between 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. at Clear Stream Avenue, Forest Road and Shaw Avenue Schools. Registration will only be accepted with **two proofs of residency** and an **original** birth certificate as proof of date of birth. A child must have been born on or before December 1, 1994 to be eligible for admission to kindergarten in September 1999.

NO EXCEPTIONS ARE EVER MADE
TO THE ENTRANCE AGE REQUIREMENTS.

Children entering school for the first time **must** present documentation indicating that they have received 2 doses of measles vaccine **after** the child's first birthday, as well as, 1 dose of mumps and rubella vaccine, also after the first birthday. They must also have received **at least** 3 diphtheria and tetanus and 3 oral polio vaccines. In addition, children are required to have received 3 doses of hepatitis B vaccine. (Public Health Law 2164 required that all children born on or after January 1, 1993 must provide proof of immunity to hepatitis B disease upon entrance to kindergarten.)



As stated in the December issue of The Friendly Schools, twenty-one students were accepted into the All-County Music Festival sponsored by Nassau Music Educators Association. Our children joined over 600 other students for a gala performance on Sunday, January 10 at C.W. Post College. Pictured are our performers on their way to one of the two rehearsals held at C. W. Post. They should all be commended for their talent and professionalism. The festival is organized and run by Nassau County Music Teachers. District 30 Music Teachers, Barbara Kreeger, Linda Pratt, John Stump and Timothy Adams, were present to assist at the rehearsals and the concert. Barbara Wieder, also one of our District 30 Music Teachers, once again co-chaired the elementary orchestra planning committee.

Newsday Spelling Bee

Fifth and sixth grade students in our three schools participated in the Newsday Spelling Bee. Our Library/Media Specialists coordinated the spelling bees: Alice Dorb, from Clear Stream Avenue School; Carol Tolle, from Forest Road School; and Mary Mathews, from Shaw Avenue School.

Winners representing each class eagerly spelt their words in the final contest.

The winners were:

From Clear Stream Avenue School
Winner: Jerilyn Dattoli, Grade 6
Alternate: Summaila Anwar, Grade 5





From Forest Road School
Winner: Susan Chan, Grade 6
Alternate: Alex Feaser, Grade 6

From Shaw Avenue School
Winner: Nicole Javal, Grade 6
Alternate: Carlie Buccola, Grade 6



Congratulations to all our participants.



This issue is stacked with information, plus, many innovative learning activities that will reinforce learning experiences for our students.

So read on...

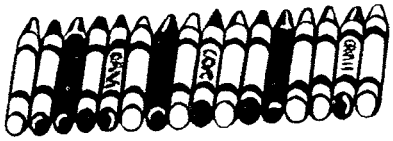
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PLEASE NOTE
ALL VISITORS TO OUR SCHOOLS MUST USE THE MAIN ENTRANCE AND OBTAIN A VISITORS PASS FROM THE MAIN OFFICE.



Special Transportation Request

DUE BEFORE APRIL 1

It is a legal obligation of Valley Stream UFSD #30 to provide transportation for children of the district who will be attending private and parochial schools in September, 1999. This transportation is provided only when the following conditions are met:

1. A written request for transportation to and from a specific school is made by the District 30 parents no later than April 1, 1999.
2. The child must live at least two miles from the private or parochial school, but not more than fifteen miles.
3. The child must be five (5) years old on or before December 1, 1999.
4. New York State Education Law specifically states that applications must be made annually for each new year.

If your child meets the above candidate requirements, please send in your request for the 1999-2000 school year no later than April 1, 1999. Send your request to the Valley Stream School District 30, Administrative Offices, 150 Washington Avenue, Valley Stream, New York 11580.

Multicultural Celebration



The Shaw Avenue School Multicultural celebration was held during the week of February 8th. It was a week filled with numerous activities revolving around the school's diverse population. The week's events began on Monday morning with an all-school sing-along and parade of students dressed in their native costumes representing over 25 countries.

The entire school wore t-shirts donated by the PTA emphasizing the week's theme. Every student was issued a passport, which was stamped as they visited various continents (booths set up in the small gym).

The students participated in various hands-on activities all week. Parent guest speakers were invited to visit many classrooms and talk about the culture and customs of their respective countries.

A highlight of the week was the International Café set up in a classroom. Every student and staff member tasted foods from around the world which were donated by the parents.

"The week was a huge success in which all students became familiar with the traditions of their classmates' native countries," commented Joan Stein, Physical Education Teacher. They saw that each culture has many similarities as well as differences. Although we may look and dress differently, we are all the same. Hopefully this theme will remain with the students throughout the school year and will help them become tolerant and understanding of each other.

Think Spring,.. Think Music

The chorus, band and orchestra groups in our district's three schools have been busy preparing for their annual Spring Concerts. The music teachers report that the children are preparing some challenging music that is sure to please the audiences. The performance dates are as follows:

At Clear Stream Avenue School,
Monday, April 19

At Shaw Avenue School,
Wednesday, April 21

At Forest Road School,
Tuesday, April 27

All concerts are scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m.

Join us and enjoy an evening of music with the family.

DIST. 30 WEB SITE

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Budget Information and Dates

Voting on the Valley Stream Elementary and High School District budgets will take place on Tuesday, May 18, 1999, from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. To enable taxpayers to better understand the budget, a presentation of the proposed budget has been arranged for Wednesday, May 5, 1999 at Forest Road School. The Central High School District budget presentation will begin at 8:00 p.m., followed by a presentation of the District 30 budget. Any organization or individual from the district is invited and encouraged to ask questions.

Permanent Registration

In accordance with permanent registration law passed by the New York State Legislature, a policy of permanent personal registration of voters in District 30 was adopted by the Board of Education. Every person registered to vote in the May 1995-96 school election will remain registered for all future annual and special elections, UNLESS:

a. He/She fails to vote within four years prior to the preparation of future registers; or

b. He/She moves out of the district.

NOTE: In accordance with Chapter 629 of the laws of 1975, any person currently registered with the County Board of Elections is also entitled to vote in the school elections without future registration.

Petitions For Candidates

Election of candidates for the District 30 Board of Education will take place on Tuesday, May 18, 1999. Petitions for Board candidates are available at our Administrative Offices, 150 Washington Avenue, Valley Stream, and must be filed **before 5:00 p.m. on Monday, April 19, 1999.** Twenty-five resident signatures are required on this petition or 2% of those who voted in the previous annual election, whichever is greater, in accordance with Section 2018 of the State Education Law.

Please Note: Registration for voting on the budget and for Board of Education members will be at all three schools (Clear Stream Avenue, Forest Road and Shaw Avenue) on Tuesday, May 11, 1999 from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Those not registered must do so on this date.

A special budget issue of *The Friendly Schools* will be distributed in April. It will contain an in-depth review of the proposed budget.

Special Visitors

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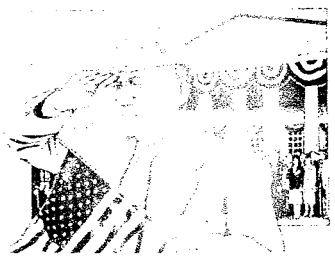
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A Message To Our Vets

Forest Road School second graders have been busy cutting, pasting, and writing. They created beautiful Valentine greeting cards and messages for the Veterans in the Veteran's Hospital, East Northport, NY.

The veterans look forward to receiving cards each year and reading the poems and stories the students create. Many of the students offered their thanks to the veterans for their bravery and patriotism. "The children remind the veterans they are not forgotten, but very much appreciated and remembered," commented Mary Ruschin, 2nd grade teacher.

We should never forget – Love makes the world go round!



Reading and Writing for Fun

Recreational reading and Writer's Workshop are becoming popular activities in the Shaw Avenue School first grade program, reports Sandy Rubin, Primary Grades Reading Teacher. After an initial exposure in Nancy Bart's and Dolly Ging's classes, many teachers are incorporating a conferred reading program along the guidelines of the Columbia Reading Program that the above teachers attended this summer.

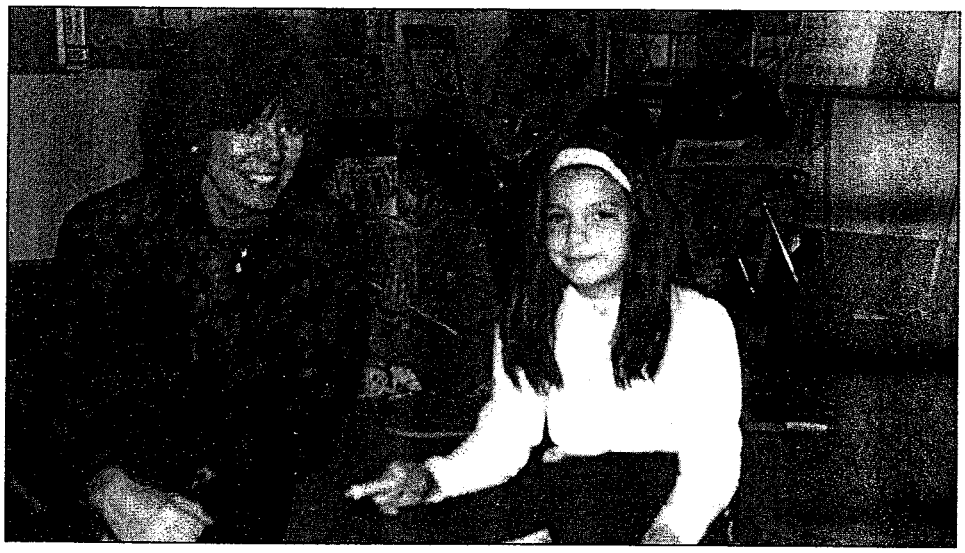
Each day students enjoy reading as a recreational activity. Once a week they have the opportunity to "shop" in the classroom for books from a variety of genres, interest, and reading levels. This activity assists children to independently choose books at their school or local libraries. The books are checked out and library cards are placed in personalized card pockets. Each child has a book packet in which his/her chosen books are stored for the week.

The students may read individually or with a pal anywhere within the classroom. A special treat is when their sixth grade buddies pop in to read with them. Sandra Rubin and the classroom teachers circulate throughout the groups and read, one on one, with a variety of students each day. The children are asked various questions pertaining to story elements, book format, phonetic factors, and comprehension as they enjoy the opportunity to read alone with an adult. Teachers often model appropriate reading behaviors and encourage participation of all readers through echo reading, shared reading, choral reading, or making predictions of what will happen next in order to nurture risk taking when interacting with their particular book. Sandra Rubin commented, "As the year progresses, the first grade teachers and I are delighted to see children casually discussing their books with one another or recommending a favorite character or author to the class."

After the reading period, several classes make a transition to Writer's Workshop. Students get ideas from their storybooks or include favorite characters in their writing. The children are not only encouraged to risk spelling unfamiliar words, but also reinforce their knowledge of the sounds that letters make as they use this information to try writing on their own. Mrs. Rubin and the classroom teacher circulate throughout the class conferring with the young writers as they complete their rough drafts. They assist the students in developing writing skills and in refining their spelling in the process of producing a final copy. The finished copy is accompanied by an illustration portraying its contents. How eagerly everyone looks forward to sitting in the Author's Chair to share his or her creations with the rest of the class!

The students have made great strides in building not only their enjoyment of reading, but also their sight word vocabulary and various reading strategies. The children are realizing

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Mrs. Rubin and Mrs. Bart also read one on one with students.

VSTC Mini Grants Awarded

The Valley Stream Teacher Center (VSTC) has awarded two of our teachers mini-grants for teacher developed projects. The VSTC Mini Grant Program was created as a way of eliminating the obstacle of cost for teachers who wished to engage in a project that would extend and enrich the usual curriculum. These awards have led to some outstanding projects that have enriched the educational experience of students. The recipients were both from Clear Stream Avenue School:

Colette Araujo for "Porcelain Tile Mosaic." This will enable the sixth grade class to design and create a permanent 48" x 48" tile mosaic on the second floor. It is a group class project that will become a part of the school and remain long after the class has graduated.

Carmela Lopez for "Improving Second Grade Listening, Reading, Writing and Speaking Skills Through Big Books and Aural Development." The use of Big Books will provide the concrete support, through the use of the pictures and the abbreviated text to promote the understanding of the non-fiction topics introduced.

Hands-On Science

Fifth graders under the direction of their teachers, Tamara Rollins, Julie McCain, Karen Catalanotto, and Science Teacher, Ralph Laudano, conducted an aquatic field study at Caumsett State Park as part of the JASON project curriculum. The purpose of the study was to collect data that can be included in TEAM JASON online for comparison with data collected by other students around the world. The data will also be used by the classes to compare with the JASON X information on temperate and tropical rainforests.

At Caumsett, the classes were divided into small groups to measure biotic and abiotic properties of an aquatic field site. With the assistance of the Nassau BOCES naturalists at Caumsett, the students measured the pH levels of the water, used a hydrometer to measure the water's density and salinity, and determined the amount of dissolved oxygen in the water. They also collected invertebrate population from both the fresh and salt-water areas.

This year's JASON Project, "Wet and Wild Adventure," is concerned with the study of the worlds temperate and tropical rainforests. Ralph Laudano, Science Teacher, reported that the fifth grade students at Clear Stream Avenue School would follow up their field study by participating in several experiments and activities involving the calculating of worldwide rainforest temperatures, and identifying the adaptations of rainforest plants and animals. Ralph stated, "This years' JASON "expedition" will culminate with a field trip to an interactive "Telepresance" telecast where students can interact with scientists at an actual site in the Peruvian rainforest".

Student Council Update

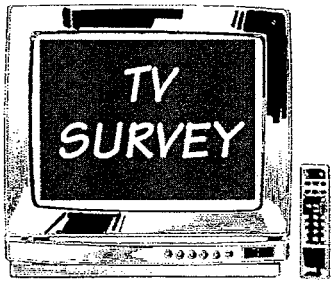
The Clear Stream Avenue School Student Council, under the direction of Linda Pratt, Music Teacher, and Julie McCain, fifth grade Teacher, began the new year with a couple of exciting projects. First of all, the children made and collected over 100 homemade valentines. The valentines were given to veterans in hospitals as part of the Nassau County's Valentines for Veterans Program. After cleaning up all the glue, glitter and construction paper, Student Council members sponsored a Book Swap. Students in grade 3-6 brought in favorite, gently used books. In return they received a ticket. All of the books were then displayed. The ticket holding students then chose a book to add to their personal libraries. Over 400 books were swapped. "It was so successful that requests have been made to hold another Book Swap this spring" commented Mrs. McCain.

In order to help spread the joy of reading to the younger students the Student Council planned a Read Aloud Week. With the assistance of Alice Dorb, Library/Media Specialist, the Student Council members chose a picture book to read aloud to the children in kindergarten through second grades. They looked forward to visiting those classrooms during the last week in February.

A big yellow truck pulled up to Shaw Avenue School for a very special reason. Through the thoughtfulness and generosity of the students and families of Shaw Avenue School the truck arrived to collect a HUGE wonderful collection of food. With the guidance of their advisors Amy Pernick (third grade Teacher) and Mike Buckley (sixth grade Teacher), the Student Council collected canned foods, cereals, pastas, rice, bottled water, etc. for a very special cause. "To help the very needy and sad people and children of the hurricane countries in Central America," stated members of the Student Council.



We're helping those in need!



The following survey was taken from an article written by Adam Cohen, a Quest Program participant. It was written for his school newspaper and concerned what students watch on television. "It turns out that the kids here (Forest Road School) really hate drama because only two kids liked it. A whopping 49 kids watched sitcoms and 40 kids like cartoons. Only 15 kids watched game shows, and last but not least, 32 liked to watch sporting events. From these surveys we found out that you should trust your kids and not restrict them from watching TV, but you should also find out what shows they are watching."

Not The Physical Education We Knew!

"Up and Down and One and Two." We all remember that from our gym classes. Boy, have they changed – and for the better! The gym class of today includes a variety of activities, that are not only beneficial to the body, but also to the mind, self-esteem, and they're educational, too! District 30's talented Physical Education Teachers have incorporated innovative ideas into their gym classes, and the results are enthusiasm and motivation from the students. Our teachers have taken a few moments from their planning of upcoming projects to tell us some of the activities our students have been involved in.

Physical Education is alive and well at Clear Stream Avenue School, reported Jonathan Greiss, Physical Education Teacher. The students are working diligently to improve their skills in a variety of activities. Furthermore, the children continue to show growth and maturity under all challenging circumstances. They are applauded for their effort and enthusiasm.

Grades K-2 have jumped off the train at a special place known as "Clear Stream Station." This is where the students have an individual opportunity to experience a vast assortment of fine/gross motor skill activities. With five or six stations during each class the children are consistently challenged with new and refreshing areas of focus. This model helps to clarify the short-term goals for student achievement. Through exploration, manipulation, dexterity and finesse the students are assured to take their fundamental skills to the next level.

Grades 3-6 are in the process of completing a basketball unit full of excitement. This is not your everyday game of hoops, for the students have explored everything from full court games to basketball on scooters. The children are encouraged to display cooperation, teamwork and an understanding of fundamental game principles.

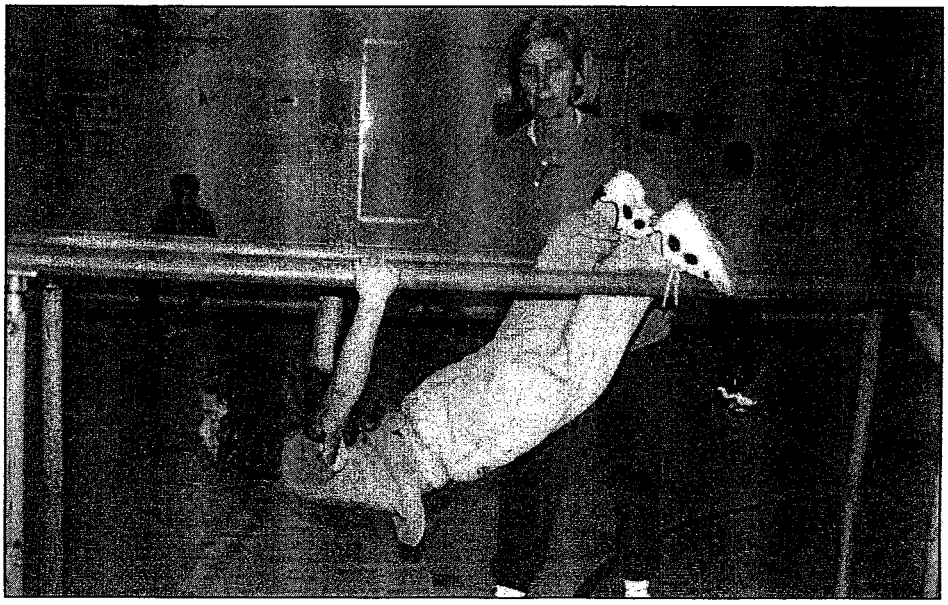
The secondary grades have embarked on Project Adventure, which is filled with challenges. The idea is to bring out the personality and leadership qualities of each and every student. From Nuclear Waste Transfer and the Human Ladder to Commodore's Retreat, the students will find out who they are. Furthermore the children will learn about safe risk taking as a stepping stone for growth, maturity and values clarification. This is always a favorite for the youngsters.

The After School Sports Program takes on its own meaning. If you love to play and sports is your passion then you are in the right place. The students take part in a variety of modified team games to assure maximum participation. This is extremely effective in teaching the children to deal with pressure situations within the competitive arena. Along with the serious athlete there is the social butterfly that attends the program for the simple reason that... "This is the place to be." The children are heavily enthusiastic with the program and the enrollment numbers speak for themselves.

Among the many special events at Clear Stream Avenue School is the Staff vs. Sixth Grade Basketball Game. With hard work and some off-season recruiting the staff team improved their squad and was victorious at the holiday event. At the time of printing, the second match up was in the near future and you can feel the electricity in the air. While the sixth graders are hungry for a victory, they are to be commended for their positive attitude and sportsmanship under the circumstances. When the smoke clears the fun and laughter puts a smile on all those involved.

Under the direction of Physical Education Teacher, Vincent Manzo, World Cup Soccer came to Forest Road School during their Physical Education Class.

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I think I can, I think I can, I CAN!

National Geographic Bee

For the eleventh year, the National Geographic society held the National Geography Bee for students in grades 4-8, with thousands of schools around the United States and in the five U.S. territories participating.

The National Geographic Society developed the National Geography Bee in response to a growing concern about the lack of geographic knowledge among young people in the United States.

District 30 student once again participated in this event. The teachers who coordinated the competitions in their school were: Sharon Schulman, Speech Teacher at Clear Stream Avenue School; Allison Needleman, 5th Grade Teacher at Forest Road School; and Susan Wasserman, 5th Grade Teacher at Shaw Avenue School.

The Bee at the school level consisted of three parts. The first part is the preliminary competition, which took place in the individual classrooms. All students were asked seven rounds of questions. When the rounds were completed, finalists advanced to the final competition. The finalists were:

At Clear Stream Avenue School:

From Grade 4: Sal Hirji, Stefania Cuffari and Nicholas Alvarez

From Grade 5: Mathew Preziotte, Fanta McLean, Tara Mendoza, Summaila Anwar and Steven Kaplan

From Grade 6: Nicholas Mazzarella and Maura McLonghlin

At Forest Road School:

From Grade 4: Michael Gallopini and Tal Zion

From Grade 5: Adam Cohen, Stella Kyung, Benjamin Popper and Zachary Steindam

From Grade 6: Tanya Goldman, David Spritzer and Kyle Watson

At Shaw Avenue School:

From Grade 4: Rashawn Haynes, Jacob Gorski Halpern, Robert Velsor, Phillip Tan and Zoe Freckleton

From Grade 5: Taylor Roach, Yiannis Lefkaditis and Ran Li

From Grade 6: Nicole Javal, Melissa Fassetta, Timmy Nolan and Sarah Fakier

The final school level competition reduced the number of students to two at each school. After various rounds of very difficult questions the results were as follows:

At Clear Stream Avenue School:

Winner: Mathew Preziotte

Runner-Up: Sal Hirji

At Forest Road School:

Winner: Zachary Steindam

Runner-Up: Kyle Watson

At Shaw Avenue School:

Winner: Phillip Tan

Runner-Up: Taylor Roach

Mathew, Zachary, and Phillip took a written test to enter the State, and possibly the national competition. They are awaiting the results.

The National Geographic Society and BANK ONE will provide an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., for state champions and their teacher-escorts to participate in the National Geography Bee National Championship on May [illegible]. The 1st-place national winner will receive a $25,000 college scholarship.

BELOW: Sue Wasserman with Shaw Avenue School winner Phillip Tan.



Not The Physical Education... (Continued from previous page.) Grades 3-6 competed in a World Cup Soccer League. Not only did the students learn to play soccer, but also much other valuable information was learned. Each team represented a country (24 countries in all). Members of that particular country had to make posters representing their team that included such information as the language, the regions, the capital, and the flag. Computers, World Books, maps and other resources were used to gather information. Susan Baron, Art Teacher, Lydia Rosen, Computer Lab Technician, and the classroom teachers all played a major part in making this unit a major success.

Webster's Dictionary describes gymnastics "as physical exercise designed to develop strength and coordination; a competitive sport in which an individual performs optional and prescribed acrobatic feats and body control." If you ask the students at Shaw Avenue School what it means they would say: "It's Fun! It's Great! and Me next!" Under the constant supervision of Physical Education Teacher, Joan Stein, students have experienced the agility, control, and grace of gymnastics. Each student has a chance to try the ropes, the vault, the rings, the bars, and the pyramid. Pictured is third grade student Shirley Montoya from Susan Lipski's class. Some children demonstrated their ability, but whether they mastered the feat or not, they all had fun!

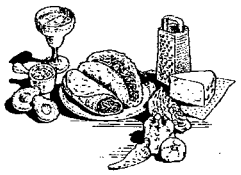
Menu For Learning

Our American culture states that a healthy diet consists of appropriate servings from the food groups of grains, fruits, vegetables, proteins, dairy and fats. This is called the food pyramid. Americans might choose bread, cereal, apples, salad and steak. Chinese might have rice, kumquats or bamboo shoots. Italians might enjoy polenta, risotto, eggplant or mozzarella. While our Mexican neighbors would savor tacos, tortillas, mangos or beans. Couscous, pita, dates, lamb would satisfy our Middle East friends. Although the selections might be different, the goal of everyone is to eat a healthy, balanced diet.

Carolina Bertalli, ESL (English as a Second Language) Teacher at Clear Stream Avenue School, stated "Students are as varied as the selections on the diverse food pyramid. However, they all have the same goals, which is to learn English and participate in the culture of the school as fully as possible. The students work together and learn about one another."

An activity such as labeling the kinds of food each family eats on a pyramid shows the variety that exists in the ESL program. When comparing the pyramids, the students discover that they already share many of the foods in their own diets. Who can pass up pizza or chicken nuggets? A gathering where everyone brings in a dish to eat brings to life the joys of sharing and being one community.

It is the goal of the ESL Program to bring our multicultural students into the American mainstream while respecting and enjoying their unique cultures and contributions.



Reading & Writing for Fun (Continued from page 4)

that ideas acquired from their readings and discussions with their peers can be formed into stories of their own. What proud readers and writers they are becoming!

The second graders in the Shaw Avenue School Reading Program are involved in a "take home a book program." The goal of the program is to read at least 20 books to adult family members by spring. The children select a book, read it to an adult, fills out a short book report form, return it to the Reading Room, and put a star on the chart. At the time of this printing, Nancy McInerney, Reading Teacher, reports that Joe Mace in Gail Starler's class has already read ten books.

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TEACHERS WORK TOGETHER

Jane Dody, Reading Teacher at Shaw Avenue, along with the fourth grade teachers, implemented a new approach to reading instruction. During developmental reading lessons, Ms. Dody used a "push-in" model. Weekly congruence meetings were held with the fourth grade teachers to discuss plans, strategies, and individual students. The meetings enhanced the classroom activities, which included using graphic organizers, writing strategies, and reading for comprehension. This collaborative, cooperative effort generated professional growth and increased student motivation.



Children enjoy reading aloud as demonstrated by Beth Slavet's 1st grade class, at Clear Stream Avenue School. Each child reads one page and passes it to the next child. This is part of the reading series called, Round Robin Reading.

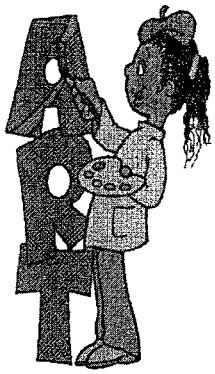
THE PARENT UNIVERSITY held on February 6 and sponsored by the Valley Stream Teacher Center (VSTC) offered twelve workshops for community members. Two of the workshops were instructed by our district teachers: "Parents As Math Partners" presented by Joanne Lufrano, third grade Teacher at Shaw Avenue School; and "How to Buy the Right Home Computer and Accessories to Suit Your Needs," presented by Gerald Camilleri, District 30 Coordinator of Computer Services.

Shaw Avenue Reporters

On January 31,1999, the "Kidsday" section of "Newsday" was produced by Jeanine DePace's class from Shaw Avenue School. Featured were interviews with Michelle Kwan, Olympic silver medalist figure skating champion, and Cythia Cooper, Houston Comets guard who last year was named sportswoman of the year by the Women's Sports foundation.

The young reporters also commented on a previous trip to Carnegie H a neighborhood ice cream parlor, best movie rentals, what's "in" and what's new. Also featured were articles on endangered species, view of Valentine's Day, recipes, and jokes.

MANY LESSONS IN...



Our Art classes have been involved in a wide variety of activities that incorporate numerous educational subjects.

Some of the Art Projects at Clear Stream Avenue School have consisted of mostly two-dimensional work. The self-portrait is a work done in charcoal by fourth grader, Allison Maxon. The other two are two point perspective drawings by sixth graders, Jaclyn Novello and Rey Llenes. Colette Araujo, Art Teacher, reports that currently the students are in the process of creating Native American masks, Long Island Indian pottery, winter landscapes on scratchboards, yarn weaving, and Egyptian clay relief carvings. They are also in the preparation stage of their sixth grade Class of '99 Project. This year the project will be in the form of a tile mosaic. The mosaic will be permanently installed on the second floor of the building. Many other projects completed are continuously on display throughout the school.

Susan Baron, Art Teacher at Forest Road School, reports that many projects integrate curriculum areas with our Art Programs, such as, the grade 6 creating Canopic Jars and Tomb Paintings coordinating with the study of ancient Egypt. Grade 5 created tessellations on the computer in conjunction with their math unit and grade 3 while studying Periquins made their own paper mache Antarctic birds.

The Art Enrichment Program has a new group of enthusiastic parent volunteers. These women visited the classrooms with their fine art prints.

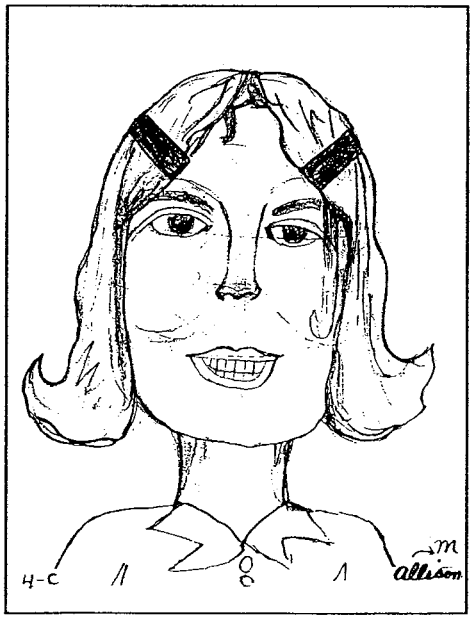
A group of sixth graders are painting the walls at Forest Road School. The design students are painting in the drinking fountain alcoves celebrate unity amidst cultural diversity. While all may look different on the outside, we are the same on the inside.

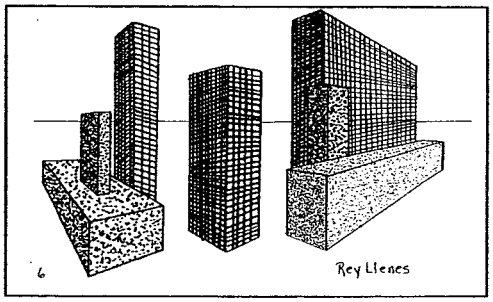
The Shaw Avenue School students have been busy getting ready for their Multicultural Week Activities. As a result the Art Department has been focusing some of the curriculum towards multicultural themes. Jill Slaymaker, one of the Art Teachers at Shaw Avenue School, was delighted to share some of the projects her classes have been involved in. The kindergartens looked at artists throughout history and created works of art in the styles of Mondrian, Monet, Kahlo and Pollock. They are also involved in preparing Guatemalan Worry Dolls and Chinese "Year of the Rabbit" puppets. First graders made Native American tepees, Inuit (Eskimo) murals, African storyteller hats, and giant Chinese dragons. Second graders have made Native American totem poles and bark design paintings, Caribbean-style Girufina dolls, and multicultural puppets. Rosemary Decker's class created paintings based on patterns found in nature, and a mural based on Martin Luther King's dream for the futures.

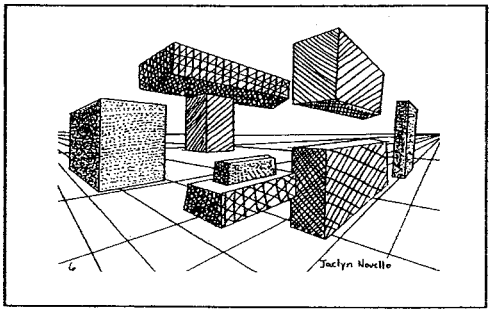
In addition, Paul Farinacci, also an Art Teacher at Shaw Avenue School, enthusiastically reported that his classes are involved in a variety of projects. Students in Rosemary Decker's class have also created a variety of African masks. Darumba Dolls from Japan and Native American Burden Bags were made by third graders, while. Austrian Tumbling Dolls and Native American Craddleboards and dolls were created by fourth graders. Tambourines and Guaros from Latin America were crafted by third and fourth graders. Sculptures such as, Mexican-Day of the Dead-Calacas (skeletons), were the project for fourth graders. Sixth graders artistically created Egyptian Canopic Jars, block statues, sphinx, sarcophagus with mummies, and portrait masks. Fifth graders designed Native American Clay Gorget Necklaces and Aborigine animal designs.

During the winter break a Weather Quilt created by third graders at Shaw Avenue School, was on display at the Stoneybrook Museum as part of their

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Work Like An Egyptian

Learning about Egyptians' contributions to civilization was an exciting experience for students in Rosemary Decker's class. Upon learning that Egyptians made their own material to write on, called papyrus, these Shaw Avenue School students decided to make their own papyrus scrolls. Papyrus was originally made from plants that grew along the Nile. The Egyptians glued the stems together and then soaked and dried them. In fact, our word "paper" comes from the word "papyrus." Since the Nile was too far for a class field trip, the class made their papyrus scrolls using turmeric (which can be found in your grocery's spice section), white glue and strips of white paper. The scrolls were later decorated using hieroglyphs and other stencils.



This is messy, but FUN

Holiday Events Update

• The Winter Concerts at each of our schools were once again gala events. The choruses, orchestras and bands demonstrated their expertise and love for music. The audiences were delighted to add these event to their holiday celebrations.

• The Shaw Avenue School PTA held their annual Breakfast With Santa. Over 100 people attended this fun event. All the children got a chance to sit on Santa's lap and have their picture taken. All children and adults had a good time.

• The Forest Road School Drama Club set the stage ablaze with excitement when they performed their version of "The Nutcracker." Under the direction of teachers, John Stump, Music Teacher, and Mary Ruschin, second Grade Teacher, forty five cast members, and eight "borrowed" first and second graders, took to the stage with song, dance, and drama as they stole the hearts of their large audience.

The cast practiced and rehearsed diligently and their efforts certainly paid off. Sixth grader, Ashley Tomasulo, narrated the story, and fifth grader, Cara Sternberg, played the role of Marie. Before everyone's wondering eyes, the Christmas tree did grow bigger, and bigger. The Mouse King (Kevin Bretscher) and his Army of Mice, took arms against the Nutcracker Prince (Peter Olson) and his Toy Soldier Brigade. As the tale unfolded, the audience was transported through the Snow Forest to the Land of Sweets where they were introduced to the Sugar Plum Fairy, Russian Bakers, an Arabian Sheik and his harem of dancers, Chinese Tea Cups, Ca uti- ful Walt us looking es, and yum ght the dull fe, thanks to Library A

At the fina st sang "Ha eir enthusiast ts, grandparent re bursting with pride. Rightly so! It was a special evening for the students and will remain in their memory for a long time to come. Kudos to all of you.



Is Broadway awaiting the members of the Drama Club?

Quest Reporters

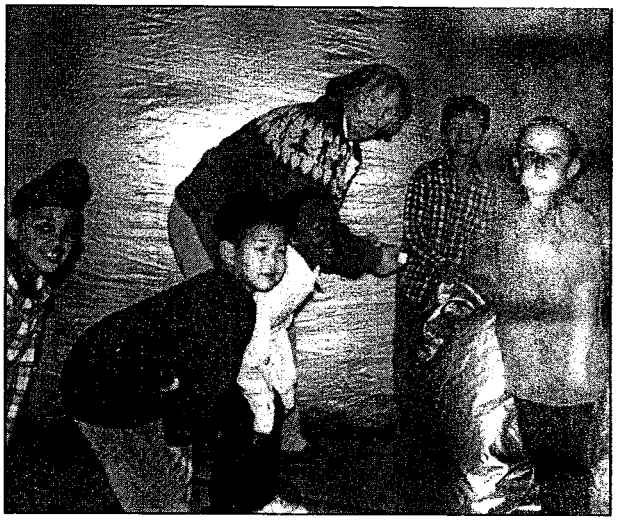
Students in grades 3-6 who participate in the Quest Program (Gifted and Talented) have written and published their own school newspapers. Ronni Horowitz, Quest Instructor, has informed us that the names of these newspapers are: "Creative Kids" at Clear Stream Avenue School; "Talking Shoes" at Forest Road School; and "The Shaw Files" at Shaw Avenue School. In every newspaper you open today, you can read comments concerning the President's impeachment hearings. Well, the students' newspapers were also filled with their comments. It might be interesting to hear what children have to say about today's headlines. The following are excerpts from their newspapers: "From my point of view impeachment is a bit harsh. He didn't mean to harm anyone, and if you ask me, he didn't, other than Monica Lewinsky. We should settle for a censure. A censure is a way of the court showing disapproval to the President and probably making him feel ashamed...." by Cara M. Sternberg. "Bill Clinton, everyone is talking about him. But, only the voices of congress are being heard. Now it's our turn... We asked the students from third through sixth grade: "Should Bill Clinton be impeached?" Results: 188 responded "yes" and 194 responded "no"..." by Nicole Javal and Brittany Starna. "I think President Clinton is suffering from political harassment. Even though he lied in court, the fact that he had an affair with a young woman in the White House is a private situation.... What Clinton did was wrong, but it is not public information...." by Ron Li. "In my opinion, I think that Bill Clinton did something terribly wrong. Not only did he cheat on his wife, he also lied under oath (committed perjury). I think he should be punished, but not impeached....I think he should be censured. Being censured is like a slap on the wrist by the Congress...." by Brittany Starna. "I think President Bill Clinton should face impeachment.... What he should be doing is setting an example for the American citizens and young children. Is his example of a good American citizen committing adultery and perjury? I THINK NOT!!!!...." by Jennie Cummings.

The Starlab Experience

STARLAB is an exciting teaching aid that brings to life the beauty and wonders of the night sky, as well as, important scientific and environmental concepts. It is a portable planetarium, consisting of an inflatable dome capable of seating a class of 25-30 students. ""This allows for student participation in the form of activities done with the STARLAB by BOCES naturalists," commented AnnMarie Homer, Science Teacher.

All the students at Shaw Avenue School were treated to the STARLAB experience. Teachers conducted STARLAB activities within their classroom to make the program more meaningful for the students. Some of the topics that STARLAB included were night and day, shapes in the sky, the seasons, the moon and its phases, using a star clock, the planets, Native American myths, Greek myths, the culturally different dipper, and using a star chart.

The STARLAB has made an unforgettable impact on the entire student body at Shaw Avenue School. Everyone will be looking into the night sky and seeing much more than they saw before.

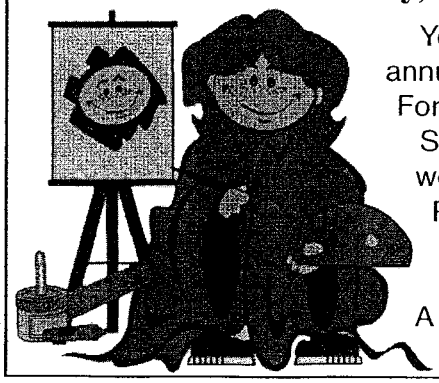


Wow, we are going amongst the stars!

IMPORTANT TAX NOTICE

New York State Income Tax forms for 1998 require the name of the public school district IN WHICH YOU LIVE. Our SCHOOL DISTRICT IS VALLEY STREAM UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT #30 and our CODE NUMBER IS 657.

ART EXHIBIT – Tuesday, May 18 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.



You are cordially invited to attend the annual District Art Exhibit at Clear Stream, Forest Road and Shaw Avenue Schools. Students from District 30 schools are working diligently on their art exhibits. Parents and other interested adults in the community are invited to visit the schools. A parent or guardian must accompany children attending the exhibit.

IN MEMORIAM

Word has just reached us that Frank De Marco, one of our long time friends, past away in January 1998. Frank joined our District in 1953. After teaching grades 5 and 6 for a total of 12 years, he became our Audi-Visual Aids Consultant and eventually earned the role of District Director of Educational Communications. He was a member of the Long Island Audio-Visual Council, the New York State Audio-Visual Council, the New York Teachers Association, the National Education Association, and a number of local educational organizations. Frank retired in 1986, but before retiring full time to Florida, he "couldn't cut his ties to District 30," and served our district as Educational Communications Consultant on a part-time basis. We extend our belated sympathy to Frank's family.

Breakfast with the Superintendent

These informal meetings offer you the opportunity to ask questions and voice any concerns you may have about the district. All residents are welcome to any and all meetings. Refreshments will be served. The next informal meetings with Lawrence McGoldrick is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. on March 26 at Clear Stream Avenue School.

Mark Your Calendar

March

15 - District 30 Board of Education Committee Meeting 8:00 p.m.
22 - District 30 Board of Education Meeting - 8:00 p.m
26 - Breakfast with the Superintendent 8:30 a.m. at Clear Stream Avenue School

April

1-9 - Spring Recess - **SCHOOLS CLOSED**
19 - District 30 Board of Education Committee Meeting - 8:00 p.m.
19-23 - Kindergarten and 1st Grade Registration See Front Page
28 - Lights On For Education 7:15 p.m. - 9:15 p.m. held at Memorial Junior High School

May

5 - Budget Hearing for District 30 - See page 3.
11 - School Budget Voters Registration - See page 3.
17 - District 30 Board of Education Committee Meeting - 8:00 p.m.
18 - School Budget Voting - See page 3.
18 - District Art Exhibit - See page 11.
24 - District 30 Board of Education Meeting -8:00 p.m.
31 - Memorial Day - **SCHOOLS CLOSED**

NOTE: District 30 Board of Education Committee Meetings are held at the Washington Avenue Administration Building. District Board of Education Meetings are held at Shaw Avenue School.

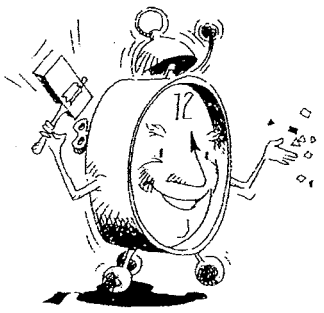
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Many Lessons In Art (Continued from page 9)

invitational winter wonderment exhibits. "This exhibit presented a wonderful opportunity to present children's artwork in a professional museum setting", stated Paul Farinacci. Korean artist, Jinnie Seo, visited Shaw Avenue School to present her slide show and workshop with Paul's Art Classes. Ms. Seo is an internationally known professional artist who has exhibited in Korea, Europe, and throughout the US. She was in New York on a fellowship with the Millay Colony. Ms. Seo received her BA in Biology and MFA from NYU, and met Paul while both were attending the Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture in Maine on full scholarships. Ms. Seo's work combines her Korean roots with a strong western (American) influence. Her biology background in very evident in her work. Ms. Seo's special presentation/workshop at Shaw Avenue took place in the Science Room. This location was the perfect place to present her work/talk because of her strong science and art background. The children were extremely enthusiastic and had so many questions for Ms. Seo about her work and life as a professional. Presently, Paul is working on having other visiting artists come to our school to expose the children to other professional artists and provide their very special insight to our students.

FACE PAINTING

was a fun filled day at Forest Road School. The sixth graders from Linda Kessler's, Bruce Lesser's and Dennis Terrell's classes were taught the techniques of Face Painting. They were then given the opportunity to create various masked looks on each other and on students from the lower grades.



PLAN AHEAD!

THE LAST DAY OF SCHOOL IS FRIDAY, JUNE 25.

The Friendly Schools

Valley Stream #30

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School Budget Vote On Tuesday, May 18th

Modest Budget Increase

The proposed budget calls for a spending increase of 3.4%. The cost increase to the average household is approximately $42 in school taxes for the year. (This includes a $10 cost for the approved bond issue which allowed for the addition of two new classrooms at Clear Stream Avenue.)

Since 1993/94, residents of Valley Stream Thirty Public Schools have experienced modest growth in school spending that has averaged 3.0% per year, and the district has consistently delivered on its goal to preserve its excellent educational program in a cost-effective manner. The proposed budget for 1999/00 continues this trend.

> **"We feel that this year's budget will once again provide the type of education that will allow each of our children to fulfill their individual potential."**
>
> Leanore Egan, *Board President*

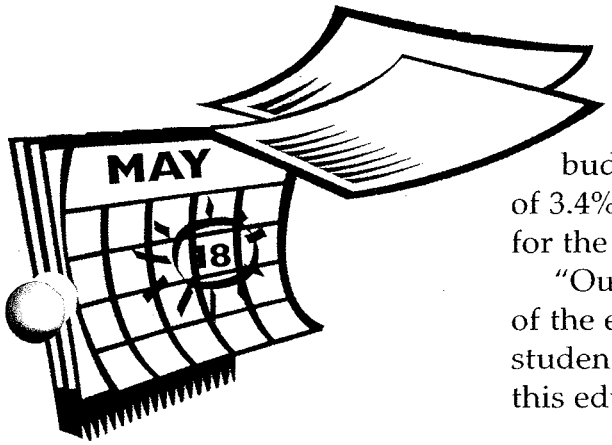
Voters in the district go to the polls on May 18 to cast their ballots for this budget, which calls for a budget expenditure increase of 3.4%, or approximately $42 for the average household.

"Our District is very proud of the education we provide our students. In order to provide this education, we look to you, as community members, for your support of our annual budget," said Board President Leanore Egan. "We feel that this year's budget will once again provide the type of education that will allow each of our children to fulfill their individual potential."

Voter information is contained on the back page of this publication. A special official budget hearing will be held at the Forest Road School on Wednesday, May 5 at 8:00 p.m.

Copies of the proposed budget are available in the office of the District Clerk.

If you have any questions on the budget, please call the Assistant to the Superintendent for Business, Helen DeSilva at 285-9880.



Proposition #1

The 1999-00 Budget

Explanation

The educational message of the proposed budget is straightforward: the quality of education that people in our community have come to expect will be preserved in this budget.

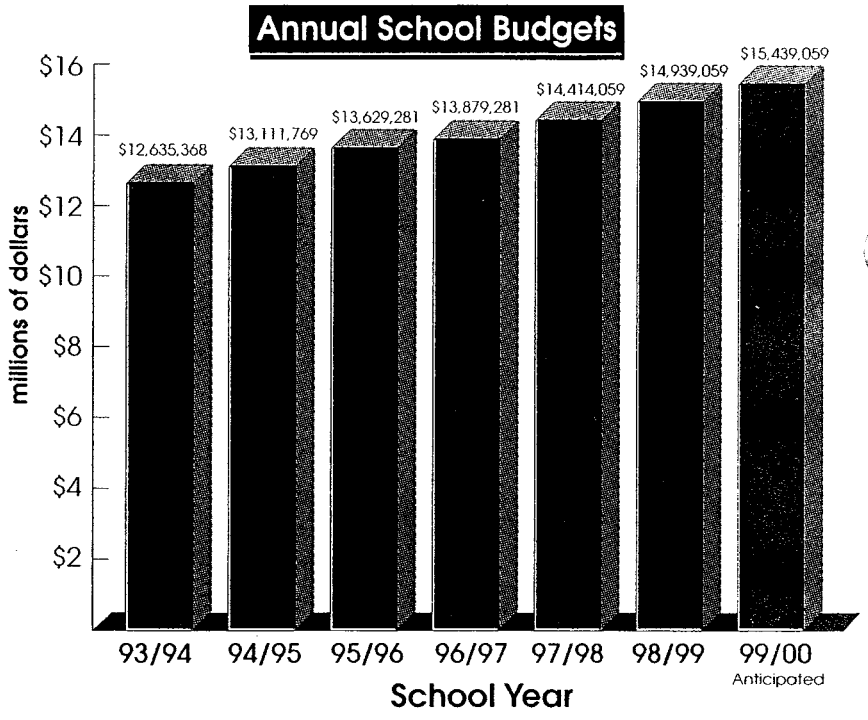
If there is one significant educational challenge that exists (in addition to preserving the quality of our system), it is the effect of increased enrollment in our district. We have attempted to address this need in order to cost-effectively resolve the negative educational impact of enrollment increases.

This proposed budget includes the addition of two additional classroom teachers, an assistant principal for the Shaw Avenue school, and a special education administrator for the district. Another educational investment that will be made under this budget is the provision for additional academic clubs for students, which we believe are an important way for children to continue their academic inquiry outside the classroom.

The financial message, too, is straightforward: increases in spending are restricted to a couple of key areas. The largest area of increase is in contractual expenditures for the people who educate our children: our teachers and support staff. There are also increased investments that must be made to account for new mandates, along with projected contractual increases for equipment, increased utilities costs, increased transportation costs, and increased health screening and psychological services.

What Will It Cost?

Cost of the budget will be approximately 68 cents on the tax rate next year, or a $42 increase for the average household.



District Budgets Demonstrate Pattern of Modest Growth

Our district's focus on the bottom line has always been an important consideration. The total spending increase in our district in the last seven years has averaged a modest 3.0% per year.

Budget Breakdown

Statement of Estimated Expenditures

Description	1998/99 Approved Budget	1999/00 Proposed Budget	Change
Board of Education	8,250	8,250	0
District Clerk	7,575	7,850	275
District Meetings	9,100	9,100	0
Central Administration	181,145	182,745	1600
Business Administration	299,451	290,043	(9,408)
District Treasurer	16,700	18,550	1850
Legal Services	33,700	33,700	0
Negotiations	6,000	6,000	0
Public Information	21,710	21,710	0
Operation & Maintenance	1,110,541	1,122,674	12,133
Liability Insurance	110,500	110,500	0
School Association Dues	8,000	8,000	0
BOCES Administration Charge	61,000	61,000	0
School Administration & Curriculum	637,047	708,104	71,057
Instructional Program	7,100,806	7,442,737	341,931
Special Education Program	1,446,621	1,481,421	34,800
Library and Media Services	367,182	382,369	15,187
Computer Education Program	229,744	244,882	15,138
Health & Psychological Services	306,596	322,033	15,437
Extra Services	40,125	45,125	5,000
Transportation	313,085	308,085	(5,000)
Community Lectures and Census	9,100	9,100	0
Employees' Benefits	2,350,431	2,361,026	10,595
Interfund Transfers	0	0	0
Debt Service	264,650	254,055	(10,595)
TOTAL BUDGET	**14,939,059**	**15,439,059**	**500,000**

1998/99	1999/00
Spending Increase	
$14,939,059	→ $15,439,059
Tax Rate Increase	
$23.48	→ $24.16
Your Total School Taxes*	
$1,408	→ $1,450

* Based on a home with an assessed value of $6,000

The proposed budget represents a spending increase of 3.4% and a tax rate increase of 2.91%. But what does this mean in real dollars? The average home in our community has an assessed value of $6,000. **This translates to a bottom line increase in school taxes of $42 for the year.**

Proposed Budget

School Libraries and Media Services **382,369**

Includes the salaries for librarians, library monitors, clerical staff, library and media equipment, library books, periodicals, materials and supplies for the three schools. Also include are the costs for the maintenance and technical support for the district's participation in the automated Nassau Schools Library System program.

Computer Education **244,882**

Includes the salary for the Teacher of Computer Education and the salaries of five computer aides. The appropriation for computer equipment reflects the continued expansion of our program into the district's learning centers.

Health Screening and Psychological Services **322,033**

Includes the salaries of the school psychologists, the salaries of three registered nurses, medical supplies and equipment, and contracted services provided by other districts and BOCES for mandated services to the Blessed Sacrament School.

Extra Services **45,125**

Includes extra pay for extra services and supervision and reflects the districts commitment to provide a broad range of activities for our children both before and after school.

Transportation **308,085**

In accordance with state law, transportation is provided for children to private and parochial schools located at least two miles and no farther than fifteen miles from the pupils' homes and for children attending special education classes in our schools, other public schools, BOCES, and private schools. Transportation is also provided for the district's instrumental, special enrichment, and field trip programs. The changes in this code are a direct result of a balance in the contract costs of these services and the number of children currently being transported out-of-district. Fluctuations in the number of children transported to non-public and special schools also have budgetary impact. A percentage of the cost of basic transportation is returned as state aid to the district in the following year.

COMMUNITY LECTURES AND CENSUS **9,100**

Includes funds for the district sponsored Peer Pressure Program and other lectures and for the state mandated census.

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS **2,361,026**

Includes the cost of the district's contributions to the two retirement funds that our personnel participate in, Social Security contributions, Worker's Compensation premium, and health and dental insurance. All rates are determined by Federal and State law and by negotiated contract. Increases and decreases reflect a combination of higher or lower rates, larger bases, and increased premiums.

INTERFUND TRANSFERS **0**

In the past, the Interfund Transfers appropriation provided funding for improvements to your district's facilities. Although there are no capital projects scheduled for 1998-99, the Board remains committed to this program and has included provisions for safety improvement renovations and mandated ecological replacements in the Operations and Maintenance area of this budget.

Debt Service **254,055**

Includes interest payments on short-term borrowings which the district requires prior to the receipt of school tax payments and state aid. This expense reflects a stabilization in interest rates and is partially offset by the interest income generated through the investment of idle funds. Also included are the interest and principal costs for the Clear Stream Avenue School project.

What happens if the budget fails?

It has been a very long time since the district has lost a budget vote, but the effects of an austerity budget should not be underestimated. If our district was forced to operate on a contingent budget, the following could occur:

- No new equipment
- No transportation under 2 miles
- No lunch subsidy
- No capital improvements
- Essential consulting services only
- No use of school facilities by community groups

How do I figure my tax increase?

The tax increase for the average home is $42. This assumes that your home has an assessed value (not the appraised value of your home, but the number that the county uses to ascertain your taxes) of $6,000. To figure out how much more in school taxes this budget will cost you, do the following:

Your assessed value x .01 x .68 = TAX INCREASE

(You can find your assessed value on your tax bill.)

Proposed Budget

Board of Education 8,250
Includes expenditures for attendance at educational conferences by Board of Education members.

District Clerk 7,850
Includes salaries, supplies, materials, and legal advertising for the part-time District Clerk.

District Meetings 9,100
Includes salaries, supplies, materials, and legal advertising for the budget vote and special meetings.

Central Administration 182,745
Includes the salaries of the Superintendent of Schools and Central Office personnel. Also includes supplies and materials for the Central Office.

Business Administration 290,043
Includes the salaries of the Assistant to the Superintendent for Business and Business Office personnel. Also included are supplies, materials, equipment, the cost of the annual audit, and computerized accounting system costs.

District Treasurer 18,550
Includes the salary of the part-time District Treasurer, supplies, materials, and costs of banking services.

Legal Services 33,700
Includes the salary of the part-time School Attorney and litigation fees.

Negotiations 6,000
Includes the shared cost of special legal counsel for negotiation services. Additional provisions for participation in BOCES negotiation information service and litigation fees are not included.

Public Information Services 21,710
Includes the cost of preparation, printing, and mailing of the Friendly Schools and other public information services such as the school calendar and bulletins.

Operation & Maintenance of Buildings and Grounds 1,122,674
The change in expenditures covers salary increases in accordance with negotiated agreements, higher rates for water, light, power and telephone, and extensive building maintenance and repairs in the areas of fire safety, asbestos abatement and compliance with other state and local governmental mandates. The change in the provision for utilities is carried in the new budget based on current industry trends.

Liability Insurance 110,500
A continued stabilization in this budget appropriation is proposed for 1999/00. Increases are limited as a result of the district's participation in the NY Schools Insurance Reciprocal.

School Association Dues 8,000
Includes membership fees in local, state, and national educational organizations.

BOCES Administrative Charge 61,000
Each school district in Nassau County is charged a fee according to the number of children attending public school within the district. A portion of this fee is returned to us as BOCES aid.

School Administration and Curriculum Improvement 708,104
Includes salaries for the Assistant to the Superintendent of Schools, building principals, assistant principal, school secretaries, equipment for school offices, materials and supplies. Also included are provisions for educational conference expenses of supervisory personnel, curriculum library maintenance, curriculum development, in-service training, and mini-grants for special instructional projects.

Instructional Programs 7,442,737
Salaries include teachers, specialists, substitutes for teachers and assistants, teacher aides, and noon aides. Teacher assistants, when authorized, are included in this area. No changes in the areas of furniture and equipment continue to allow for the replacement of items that cannot be repaired cost-effectively. Contractual services include the substitute registry, approved teacher conference expenses, postage, repair of music and science equipment, and the copier lease. The changes in consumable materials and textbooks for all instructional areas are reflective of the current economic condition and industry wide adjustments. Approximately 26% of the textbook expense is returned as state aid. Our students' participation in the BOCES Cultural Arts and Science Field Experience Programs reflect changes determined by BOCES. The portion of the science program for student living expense is reimbursable. Approximately 60% of these programs is returned as state aid.

Special Education Program 1,481,421
The increase in salaries reflects adjustments made in accordance with current negotiated settlements. Also included is the salary of a districtwide administrator. The district, in addition to operating five special education classes, provides specialists for students who are mainstreamed into regular classes. Changes in the area of out-of-district tuition is a direct result of shift in enrollment and an upswing in the cost of special education pupils in other public school district classes, BOCES classes, and in private residential and nonresidential schools.

VOTER information

School Budget Vote May 18

Time and Place

Voting will take place on Tuesday, May 18, 1999 between the hours o 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. in the elementary school within your school election district: Shaw Avenue, Clear Stream Avenue, and Forest Road.

Absentee ballots must be in the hands of the District Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. on the day of the vote.

Electors will be voting on the budgets of the Valley Stream Union Free School District #30 and the Valley Stream Central High School District and for the election of one (1) trustee to the Valley Stream #30 Board of Education.

Voter Registration

The day of registration for the May 18, 1999 election is Tuesday, May 11. You may register at any of the school offices from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Although you will be eligible to vote on May 18 if your name appears in the general election lists of Nassau County, the process of voting on May 18 will be much easier if your name appears in the school district registration books. You must be registered in order to vote.

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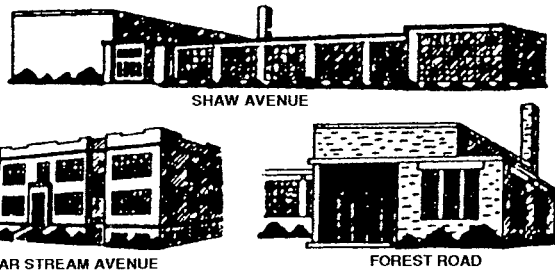
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FUTURE SCIENTISTS OF AMERICA

Our 6th grade students hosted Science Fairs at Clear Stream Avenue, Forest Road and Shaw Avenue Schools. The Science Fairs were the culmination of four months of research, preparation and discovery for these young scientists. The process began when students elected their area of interest and then posed a question that they wanted to know more about. Research was conducted via resource materials and the computer. "A hypothesis was formed and the students then set out to prove, through investigation, whether or not it was valid. Students would agree that this was the exciting and fun part of their project," commented AnnMarie Homer, Science Teacher. Our young scientists discovered either they were correct in their hypothesis or that things were not always how they seemed. Their results were then beautifully presented on colorful science boards filled with information, results, charts, pictures and graphs. The teachers judged and awarded first, second, third and honorable mention prizes. Everyone received a ribbon for a job well done! "While awards were presented, the main purpose of these fairs were to stimulate the student's curiosity and help them gain a new appreciation for the world around them," commented Ralph Laudano, Science Teacher. The recipients of the awards were:

At Clear Stream Avenue School:

1st Place Winners:
Jonathan Baxter and Ronald Pierre for "Which Type of Baseball Bat is More Efficient: Wood or Aluminum?" and Jaclyn Novello and Lauren Mirando for "How Does Heat Affect Video Tapes?"

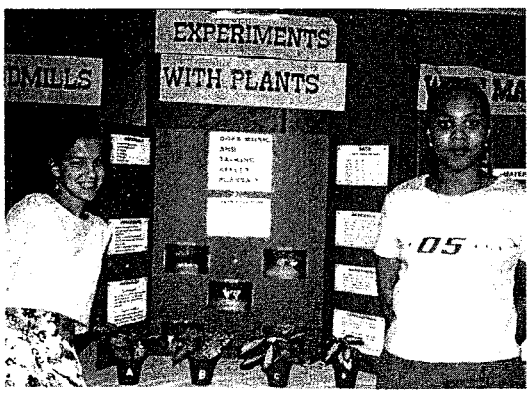
2nd Place Winners:
Krisel Cabrera, Christopher Rivera, and Lis Michelle Qureshi for "Does Vision Affect How Food Tastes?", Melissa Lozano for "Which Type of Kite Tail Works Best?", Rey Llenes and Eber Yanes for "The Affects of Magnetism on Video Tapes" and Randy Faber for "How Does Fire Affect Various Building Materials."

3rd Place Winners:
Tiffany Williams and Autumn O'Reilly for "Who are More Flexible, Girls or Boys?", Nicholas Mazzarella for "Which Building Design Withstands Earthquakes Best?", Josephine Yeh for "What Are the Effects of Personal Contact and Affection on Hamsters?" and Sara Palazzolo and Vanessa Martinez for "Which Material Makes the Best String Telephone?"

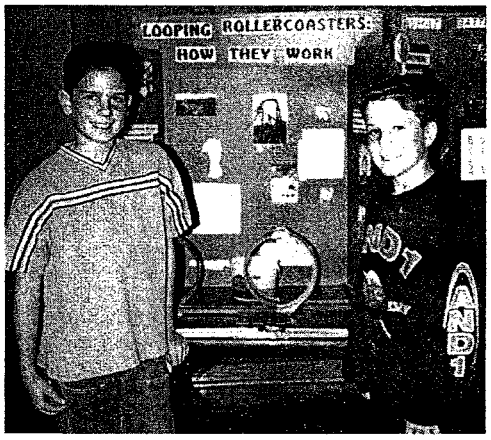
Honorable Mention:
Richard Vergara and Michael Mundy for "Does Playing Violent Video Games Affect Attitudes Toward Violence?" and Benjamin Lockspeiser and Joseph McLaughlin for "The Importance and Potential of Solar Power."

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Pictured are some of the displays at our Science Fairs.







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PLEASE NOTE
ALL VISITORS TO OUR SCHOOLS MUST USE THE MAIN ENTRANCE AND OBTAIN A VISITORS PASS FROM THE MAIN OFFICE.

From Our President of the Board of Education ....

At the beginning of the year, our seeds of education were planted. As the school year ends, now is the time when our seeds have bloomed. Our District is very proud of the education we provide. We feel that this year, once again, we have provided the type of education that has allowed each of our children to fulfill their individual potential. The success of the education of our children is due to the wonderful input of our Administrators, staff, PTA and community.

Thank you for taking pride in the education of our children. Have a wonderful summer.

Leanore Egan

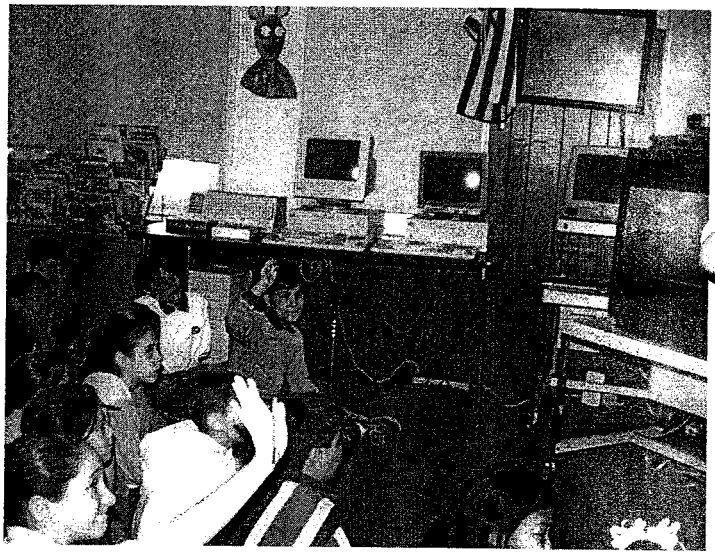
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TOURING A MUSEUM

Through the use of videoconferencing technology, 6th grade students at Forest Road School had an exciting opportunity to explore images of the Middle Ages at the Philadelphia Museum of Art. This new technology allows people in two or more locations to see and hear each other simultaneously. Being able to make this kind of connection outside of the classroom is an enriching learning experience.

The students experienced a virtual tour while interacting with a museum educator. They looked at a tomb sculpture, saw how gold leaf was applied to an illuminated manuscript, and interpreted a wooden panel painting.

Susan Baron, District 30 Art Teacher, arranged this program to integrate the arts with the 6th grade social studies unit on Middle Ages. Gerard Camilleri, Computer Coordinator, and Carol Biscardi, Computer Program Assistant, handled the District 30 technical end of this videoconferencing.



What an experience!



SPECIAL BREAKFAST

Twenty-three students, twenty-two moms, and eight special guests squeezed into Room 205 at Forest Road School on Friday, May 7th. They were all there to celebrate at a Mother's Day Breakfast. Stacy Steiner welcomed the parents and guests, and other class members recited poems and information they learned about Mother's Day. Dylan Ferguson ended the program by asking everyone to enjoy the Mother's Day stories the class had written and to remember, "You are ALL very special persons in our lives." Their teacher, Mary Ruschin took photographs of all the students and their moms. Everyone had a big smile on their face, as evidenced by Jake Ciorciari, seen here hugging his mom, Wendy. They all learned that "Your Mom is your best, forever friend!"

FUTURE SCIENTISTS OF AMERICA (continued from page 1)

At Forest Road School:

1st Place Winners: Suzanne Sher and Andrea Faye Estacio for "Does Background Music Affect Test Taking?" and Benjamin Blum and Benjamin Mandel for "Who Listens Better, Men or Women?"

2nd Place Winners:
Amanda Gorozdi and Susan Chan for "Why Do Metal Ships Float?" and Mark Silverman and Michael Raphael for "The Strength of Various Bridge Designs."

3rd Place Winners:
Kevin Bretscher and Pablo Lituma for "Which Brand of Battery Lasts the Longest?" and Kyle Watson and Charles Doctor "Which Brand of Popcorn Pops the Best?"

Honorable Mention:
Tanya Goldman for "Does the Human Voice or Music Affect Plant Growth?", Mallory Stoller "Does Vision Affect How Food Tastes?" and Sean Parlia and John Viggiano for "Which Type of Cleaner Works Best on Carpet Stains?"

At Shaw Avenue School:

First Place Winners:
Michael Arana and Nick DelVecchio for "How Colored Paper Affects Memory," and Amanda Ricotta and Justine Dwyer "Which Detergent Works Best To Cut Grease?"

2nd Place Winner:
Jesse DeMarco and George Bernal for "House of Mirrors," and Justin Maltenfort for "Who Has a Steadier Hand, Boys or Girls?"

3rd Place Winners: Angela Russo and Umar Ashfaq for "Which Brand of Popcorn Pops the Most Kernels?" and Charisse Holder and Andrew DeMarsico for "What is the Effect of Warm-Ups on Shooting Baskets?"

Honorable Mention:
Rachel Rosenzweig and John Hernandez for "Does Distance Affect the Strength of Magnets?" and Jonathan Vecchione and Chris Alexandre for "Can Dirty Water be Filtered into Drinking Water?"

SCIENCE FAIR COMPETITION AT NASSAU

District 30 grade 6 students participated in the Nassau Community College's first Annual Science Fair Competition entitled, "Sustaining the Earth in the Twenty-First Century." This event took place on Saturday, March 13. Each of our schools submitted one Science Fair project.

From Clear Stream Avenue School: "Your Heart Rate and Music," prepared by Jessica Lusenskas and Dana Doromal.

From Forest Road School: "Who Listens Better, Men or Women?" prepared by Benjamin Blum and Benjamin Mandel,

From Shaw Avenue School: "Does a Roof Overhang Cut Cooling Costs?" prepared by Jessica Engle and Michelle Zheng

The students, their families and friends were invited to view the projects at the Nassau Community College Center Building. Refreshments were served and an awards ceremony followed at which the first, second and third place winners for each grade were announced. "The students worked hard to complete their projects for the competition and we at District 30 are proud of their efforts," stated AnnMarie Homer, Science teacher.

In Memoriam

Luke Basile, a member of our district maintenance staff, passed away in April 1999. It is a loss that was felt district wide. Luke started working in the district in September of 1976 as the Groundskeeper. In April 1981, the position was abolished and Luke was appointed as a Cleaner at Forest Road School. After passing the Civil Service exam for Custodian, he was appointed in September of 1981 to that position. Luke was later appointed to the position of Maintainer in December of 1987. In his position as Maintainer, Luke exhibited his many talented skills in woodworking, plumbing and electrical expertise. We extend our deepest sympathy to the Basile family.



We are all the same inside!

Have you noticed the paintings in the drinking fountain alcoves at Forest Road School? They were painted by a group of 6th graders to celebrate unity amidst cultural diversity. The message is that we all may look different on the outside, but we are the same inside. Pictured are Jenna Hutchinson and Mallory Stoller standing proudly next to one of the paintings.

MOTIVATING READING

BOOK IT! is a reading incentive program sponsored by Pizza Hut. The program helps develop a positive, enthusiastic attitude toward reading. It motivates students to read more by rewarding them for their reading accomplishments.

The Forest Road School reading students participated in the BOOK IT! Program, which began in October and ended in April. Every month a calendar was sent home to record each student's reading for that month. At the end of the month, the calendar was returned with an illustrated book report. Each student was given a pizza award certificate, redeemable at any Pizza Hut Restaurant for a free Personal Pan Pizza. They also received a BOOK IT! button and sticker. When the student meets his/her reading goals he/she receives an All-Star medallion. At the end of April, Pizza Hut sponsored a free pizza party for all the students who met their goals. Rene Herman, Reading Teacher, hosted the party in the school cafeteria and then the students had a special recess as an added treat.

LIBRARY NEWS

National Library Week was a special event in the libraries of our three schools. Alice Dorb, Library/Media Specialists at Clear Stream Avenue School, reported that this year's theme was "A Ride On The Readasaurus." Robert Cohen, Principal, was among the special visitors who read to several classes, during their ReadALoud. This is the 8th year our libraries held a ReadALoud. "This is a wonderful way to share with children how pleasurable reading is and how important it is," stated Mary Mathews, Library/Media Specialist at Shaw Avenue School. Relatives and special friends of all the students were invited to read a story during their Library class. Once again the response was enthusiastic. Each day they had grandmothers, grandfathers, aunts, uncles, cousins, godmothers, a great grandmother, sisters, and special family friends read to the youngsters. "This year, 80 volunteers participated at Shaw Avenue School, and it was a pleasure to see so many familiar faces," added Mary.

The program always brings some new people into the school, and all the participants brought the joy of reading to classes full of eager listeners. It was touching to watch the faces of readers and students as stories were shared. Pictured is kindergartner, Richard Gotti, from Mary Reinhard's class, with his special visitor, Aunt Danielle. Children were proud to have their special person visiting and a couple of grandmothers brought treats that were enjoyed by all. Mary Matthew's final comment was, "This program will definitely be repeated next year. It is a wonderful way to celebrate reading and so many people look forward to it, especially the children."

Our District 30 guests certainly gave a lot to the children; their time and interest deserve a special "Thank You."



Sharing the love of reading.

VOICES OF SPRING

The Clear Stream Chorus presented the annual June Musicale on Wednesday evening, June 2, at 7:30 p.m. in the school auditorium. The chorus repeated "Foggy Birthday Shuffle," an audience favorite at the Spring Melodies Concert, and added a second number, "Chocolate." Sixth graders, Elizabeth Defantis and Diana Alejandria sang "Just Around the Riverbend" from Pocahontas; Dana Doromal, Jaclyn Novello and Lauren Mirando sang "It's a Hard Knock Life" from Annie; Marianna Cuffari, Jane Yu and Cassandra Smith sang "Reflections" from Mulan; and Tiffany Kataria sang "Somewhere Out There." The 5th graders created a Hawaiian atmosphere with the "Hukilau," and several different groups sang solos, including "Once Upon a December." Linda Pratt, Music Teacher, stated, "The children spent their lunch recess time everyday in May practicing for this musical event." Congratulations to the students on a wonderful concert.

EARTH DAY CELEBRATIONS

The Computer Lab at Clear Stream Avenue School held special activities to celebrate Earth Day, reported, Noeleen Douglas, Computer Technician. Second graders used First Connections, an electronic encyclopedia, to research our planet. They read articles and took notes on all the wonders of our Big Blue Marble, which as everyone knows is the Earth. Third graders incorporated Earth Day with their work on Spring Fling, which is a special project they were involved in during their Computer Lab class. The children read about their favorite spring activity and how the earth changes in spring.

Students in Forest Road School were also involved in a special Earth Day project. Fourth graders in Susan Stiefel's class publicized Earth Day by distributing brown paper shopping bags from the Green Acres Waldbaums to all the classes in the school. These grocery bags were decorated with Earth Day pictures, slogans, and sayings by all grade levels under the direction of Art Teacher, Susan Baron. The decorated bags were then returned to Waldbaums and given out to customers on Earth Day. The students were excited that their Earth Day messages were passed along from them to the Milbrook community.



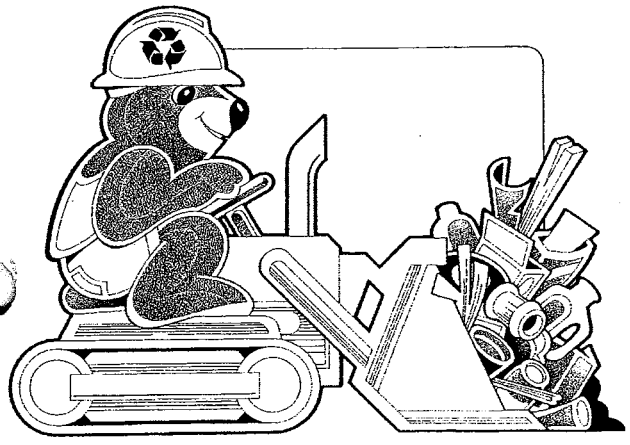
Let's replace our trees!



Passing on our message!

Forest Road School, by participating in this activity, joined about 500 other schools and supermarkets coast to coast. This nationwide Earth Day project is an international educational effort coordinated on the Internet. A report from the Forest Road School will be added to the website at: http.//www.eartlidaybags.com. This 4th grade class would like to remind everyone, "If we don't take care of earth, who will?"

The students in Kara Milano's kindergarten class, Dolly Ging Dowling's 1st grade class, MaryKay Ficarrotta's 2rd grade class, and Amy Pernick's 3rd grade class, at the Shaw Avenue School, planted trees for Earth Day. Each child received a Blue Spruce seedling which they brought home and planted with their families. The children learned the importance of replacing trees for the preservation of our environment.



RECYCLING CONTEST

Nancy Blankshine's 3rd grade class and the entire 6th grade participated in the "Ninth Annual Recycling Poster Contest." The contest was sponsored by American Ref-Fuel. All of these Forest Road School students created posters depicting a recycling theme. The contest emphasized the importance of preserving our environment.

Samantha DiLuccio in Miss Blankshine's class and Jaclyn Mitgang in Bruce Lesser's class were selected from more than 2,000 entries, as their school winners. They attended an award ceremony, where they received a certificate and a prize. Congratulations to Samantha and Jaclyn.

SCIENCE OLYMPIAD

Students at Shaw Avenue School participated in the National Science Olympiad which is a competition with other students on the same course level from schools all over the United States. There was no limit to the number of students who were allowed to participate. The Olympiad consists of 35-40 multiple choice questions that are based on factual knowledge as well as students' understanding of scientific processes. The time limit for the contest was 35 minutes. Under the direction of AnnMarie Homer, Science Teacher, and their classroom teachers, 5th and 6th grade students worked independently on the questions. The top ten individuals' names and their scores were sent to the National Science Olympiad where results are collated. The sum of the top ten scores is the school's team score. Each school team will receive a medal and ten certificates.

The contest enabled students to become more involved and interested in many fields of science and provided recognition and awards at both the local and national levels. The following students were awarde medals or certificates for achieving top ten scores fo grades 5 and 6:

Grade 5 Top Ten Scores: Ran Li 33/40; Joe Kramer-Miller 30/40; Adam Philippi 30/40; Danny Conway 29/40; Brittany Starna 28/40; Jordan Meikle 27/40; Anna-Carina Sporri 27/40; Jessica Ricotta 26/40; Davny Noel 26/40; Wilson Lau 26/40. Team Score = 282

Grade 6 Top Ten Scores: Melissa Fassetta 33/40; Jessica Engle 32/40; Timothy Nolan 31/40; Jesse DeMarco 30/40; Alex Boccio 30/40; Michael Frittola 30/40; Angela Russo 30/40; Sara Fakier 30/40; Emily VonHarten 29/40; Justin Maltenfort 28/40. Team Score = 303

Roni Li and Melisa Fassetta received medals for highest scores, 33/40, and everyone receive award certificates. Congratulations to all the participants.

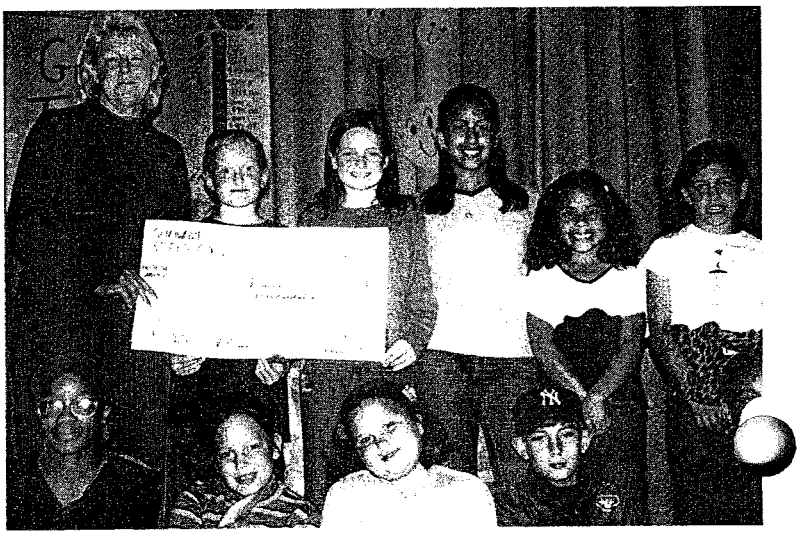
STUDENT COUNCIL UPDATE

The Student Council at Clear Stream Avenue School, under the direction of Linda Pratt (Music Teacher) and Julie McCain (5th Grade Teacher) raised enough money to purchase 45 children's books which were donat to Toys for Tots. They also made homemade dog biscuits and cat toys to decorated a small tree. This tree wa part of the Festival of Trees and sold for $35. The money was donated to United Cerebral Palsy. In April they encouraged all the classes to participate in "Clean-up Clear Stream Month." Each class went out armed with gloves and trash bags to clean up the playground. A Dance-a-thon was planned in May to raise money for the New York Aquarium. Last year they raised over $1,500.00 for a cause. The results of this years' Dance-a-thon is not in, but they are confident that it will be even more successful.

The Forest Road School Student Council conducted a Mathathon to raise money for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. The entire Student Council participated in collecting 200 problems for each participant. Mallory Stoller and Jenna Hutchinson served as the student coordinators of this project. More then $1,800 was raised and is being donated in memory of Anderson Yeh, a Forest Road School 4th grader. Linda Kessler, 6th grade teacher and Student Council Advisor, stated, "We are all very proud of each and every student who participated in this important event."

Shaw Avenue School Student Council sponsored a "Penny Harvest" between March 15-26. Buckets were placed in each classroom and the entire Shaw Avenue School community generously donated pennies. A grand total of 62,000 pennies were collected. The Student Council proudly presented a check for $310 to the Jonathan Wieder Playroom at South Nassau Hospital, and another $310 check was presented to LIAAC (Long Island Association for AIDS Care). The Student Council would like to thank everyone for their overwhelming support.

Congratulations to all our Student Councils on a terrific year.



Donating their "Penny Harvest" to help others.

SHARING THEIR HERITAGE

The Heritage Committee at Forest Road School planned activities to celebrate the diversity and heritage of the families in their school. The committee included both parents and staff. The Forest Road School lobby showcase was used to display artifacts from the children's family heritage. The display is surrounded by information about the heritage of everyone in their building. During the year each grade prepared their own display. At the time this photograph was taken, 6th graders, under the supervision of their teachers, Bruce Lesser and Linda Kessler, created Heritage Books as part of the schoolwide heritage project. Each student researched and prepared a family tree, wrote stories about their ancestors and more recent family relatives. In addition to their past heritage they also included an autobiography, special stories, moments, and traditions in their own lives to pass down to their own children in years to come.



Learning about themselves and others.



After learning that young patients at LeBonheur Children's Hospital in Memphis, TN needed a tricycle for rehabilitation after surgery, all twenty-three students voted to donate three dollars each. However, the students had to earn the money themselves and not ask their parents for it; they wrote their deeds on cards, and parents signed them. The lists of good deeds were very impressive. Children "broomed" the kitchen, made their beds, walked and fed their dogs, cats, and fish, washed the family car, and much more. After the three weeks they earned their allowances and they donated $69. (Their teacher, Mary Ruschin, added some of her allowance, too, rounding the class donation to $75.) These Forest Road School students learned that helping others less fortunate than themselves was very satisfying. Hopefully, it is something they'll remember and continue to do for the rest of their lives.

APPLAUSE TO ALL

District 30 music students presented a delightful evening of music on May 17, at Shaw Avenue School. The annual district Music Festival featured almost 100 instrumentalists performing in a select band and a select orchestra of students from 5th and 6th grade, under the direction of T.J. Adams, Band Director, and Barbara Wieder, Orchestra Director. Also performing was a 100-voice chorus of 4th graders from all three schools, led by Vocal Music Teachers, Linda Pratt, Barbara Kreeger, and John Stump. This is the third year the Board of Education has invited the children from the three schools to perform together, and the third year that a capacity crowd has enjoyed the presentation.

A Lasting Memory from the Class of '99

This year the entire 6th grade at Clear Stream Avenue School has created and constructed a beautiful tile mosaic. The 42-inch by 42-inch forever-lasting impression is located on the second floor of the Clear Stream Avenue School. The showing of this monumental work of art was scheduled for May 18, 1999 at the Art Exhibit. Many were there to share in this exciting moment. Throughout this entire process there was a feeling of anticipation and excitement as each 6th grade student worked diligently to design and then place each tiny tile one by one. "Their cooperation, dedication and hard work on this mosaic portray a positive symbol to all that share its beauty," commented Colette Araujo, Art Teacher. This project became a reality when Colette was awarded a mini-grant from the Valley Stream Teacher Center (VSTC). The Clear Stream Avenue School PTA also provided additional funding.



THINKING GLOBALLY, ACTING LOCALLY Melissa Nigro's 2nd grade class at Forest Road School did just that after learning about the rain forest. They were dismayed to learn about the destruction of our world's rain forest when they are so important to us for raw materials and animal life. They held a rain forest bake sale in which all of the proceeds went to the Nature Conservancy. The Nature Conservancy oversees the purchase of rain forest acres so they cannot be destroyed. The class raised $140, which allowed them to purchase four acres of rain forest in Brazil.

Mark Your Calendar

June

21 - District 30 Board of Education Committee Meeting -8:00 p.m.
23 - 6th Grade Graduation Closing Exercises, held in each school at 8:15 p.m.
24 - Kindergarten Graduation held in each school at 9:00 a.m.
25 - LAST DAY OF SCHOOL - 8:30-9:30 a.m.
28 - District 30 Board of Education Meeting -8:00 p.m.

NOTE: District 30 Board of Education Committee Meetings are held at the Washington Avenue Administration Building. District Board of Education Meetings are held at Shaw Avenue School.

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SCHNEIDER CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL has chosen several of our students to exhibit their artwork in the hospital. Congratulations to Rachael Tomasulo and Kyle LaPorte, from Forest Road School, and Sean Pillay, Eileen Walsh and Timothy Tu, from Shaw Avenue School.

LONG ISLAND ART TEACHERS ASSOCIATION sponsored their first Portfolio Project. Susan Baron, Art Teacher, assisted five Forest Road Sch[illegible] students in entering their art portfolios: 4th grade Jessica Vuong and Christopher Lowery, 5th grader Christina Crauciuc, and 6th graders Tanyo Goldman and Amanda Gorozdi.

THE PEOPLE TO PEOPLE STUDENT AMBASSADOR PROGRAM has selected Sean Parlia, 5th grader at Forest Road School, to be a Student Ambassador. Sean will join other Student Ambassadors traveling to the United Kingdom this summer. His selection required letters of recommendation, an interview questionnaire, and a personal interview before a committee of local professionals, business, and educational leaders. Congratulations, Sean, and good luck!

THE PICASSO PEOPLE delighted the students of Shaw Avenue School. These extraordinary performers featured the life of Pablo Picasso through mime, dance, puppetry, mask making, music and narration. The children had the opportunity to experience the creative genius of a renowned artist in relations to activities taking place in their art classes. Paul Farinacci and Judy Post coordinated this event.

P.A.R.P. (Parents As Reading, Partners), which promotes reading and family participation, was sponsored once again by our school's PTAs. This year's theme was "Let's Go On A Reading Safari."



PLAN AHEAD: THE FIRST DAY OF THE 1999-2000 SCHOOL YEAR WILL BEGIN ON SEPTEMBER 8th

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The PTA held a special gathering at Shaw Avenue School in honor of the District 30 Board of Education to say thank you for all of their hard work. The school's gymnasium was adorned with colorful balloons and friendly faces, whose appreciation for the school board's dedication to the students and schools of District 30 was expressed in many kind words. "We thank the board for their dedication and for the great job that they are doing," said Superintendent of Schools Lawrence McGoldrick. "Their recent accomplishments, such as improving the library to support reading and enhancing the district's computer program will endure the test of time and prove to benefit students in the years to come."



(L-R) are board trustees Richard Eisenberg, William Gauger, Superintendent Lawrence McGoldrick, Board President Leanore Egan, board trustees Andrew Walters, Thomas Galgano, PTA members Patricia Raykowski (Clear Stream School), Andrea Bretscher (Forest Road School), Elly Haber (Forest Road School), Marissa Makram (Clear Stream School), and Kathy Vagnone (Shaw Avenue School).

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WGSM AM 720 — WHLI AM 1100
WINS AM 1010 — WALK FM 97.5
WALK AM 1370

A Fond Farewell



Retired board trustee Thomas Galgano is pictured receiving a plaque from Board President Leanore Egan for 16 years of service to the students and schools of District 30.

After 16 years of faithfully serving the students and schools of District 30, Mr. Thomas Galgano submitted his resignation as a board trustee at the September 27 meeting of the Board of Education. His resignation is effective as of November 1, 1999.

During his tenure as a board trustee, Mr. Galgano demonstrated his capacity for leadership and affirmed his dedication to students by serving not only on the District 30 school board, but also as a Central High School board trustee for a total of ten years. In fact, Mr. Galgano's desire to make a difference in the lives of students compelled him to aspire to the board presidency of District 30, which he held for two consecutive two-year terms, as well as the board presidency of the Central High School board for one term.

"Mr. Galgano is a man committed to providing quality educational services to our students and effective school management," said Superintendent of Schools Lawrence R. McGoldrick. "He is a friend who will be dearly missed."

District 30 Welcomes NEW ADMINISTRATORS

TERRY RYAN → New Shaw Avenue School Assistant Principal

When the doors of Shaw Avenue reopened on the first day of school, students were welcomed by a new face in the hallway. Since then, they have come to know that face as Terry Ryan, who was appointed assistant principal by the Board of Education.

Mr. Ryan, who brings enthusiasm and valuable educational experience to the table, is a welcome addition to the Shaw Avenue School. Prior to accepting the position of assistant principal in District 30, he served as a lead teacher at the Gardiners Avenue Elementary School in the Levittown School District. Mr. Ryan began his tenure in Levittown as a middle school teacher and also gained teaching experience during his first assignment at the St. Aloysius School in Ridgewood, New York.

"I am delighted to serve as an assistant principal in District 30," said Mr. Ryan. "I look forward to getting to know all of the students and serving their educational needs to the best ofmy ability."



Assistant Principal Terry Ryan.

HARRIET RABINOWITZ → New Special Education Administrator

The Board of Education has appointed Mrs. Harriet Rabinowitz to the post of Special Education Administrator in District 30.

Mrs. Rabinowitz previously served as the chairperson of the Committee on Special Education in District 27 in Queens. As District 30's new special education administrator, Mrs. Rabinowitz will serve as the chairperson of the Committee on Special Education and the Committee on Pre-School Special Education. Her responsibilities will include overseeing the district's special education programs and program development.

Mrs. Rabinowitz will occupy an office at 150 Washington Avenue and can be reached at 285-9820 during school hours.

"I am pleased to be a member of the District 30 administrative team," said Mrs. Rabinowitz. "I am eager to work with administrators and faculty members and to meet with parents and PTA members in the weeks to come."



Special Education Administrator Harriet Rabinowitz

In Memory of Jack DiPiazza

It is with profound sadness that we share news of the loss of Clear Stream's longtime custodian, Jack DiPiazza. Mr. DiPiazza died in September after a brief illness. The students, faculty, and staff whose lives he touched in his unique and inimitable fashion will fondly remember him. Mr. DiPiazza spared nothing to make Clear Stream School clean and pleasant, and had a fierce pride in both the building and its occupants. We will miss his quick smile when an extra chocolate ice cream from a class party would come his way, and the jingle of his keys and his brisk walk as he went about his routines. We are all richer for having known him. We extend our sincerest sympathy to his wife and family.

Winter Concert Schedule

The District 30 Music Department is pleased to announce upcoming winter concerts in our schools. Under the direction of Mr. Timothy Adams, each school will present its band for the listening enjoyment of parents, students, and residents. The orchestra will perform under the direction of Mrs. Barbara Wieder. Mrs. Linda Pratt will lead the chorus at Clear Stream, Mrs. Barbara Kreeger at Shaw, and Mr. John Stump at Forest Road. Please bring the entire family to enjoy an evening of music and entertainment, courtesy of our talented students.

WINTER CONCERT DATES:

Forest Road School *Please note time below
Tuesday, December 14, at 6:00 p.m.
Shaw Avenue School
Wednesday, December 15, at 7:30 p.m.
Clear Stream Avenue School
Friday, December 17, at 7:30 p.m.

New Staff Members Join District 30

After bidding farewell to retiring teachers at the end of the 1998-1999 school year, District 30 welcomed new staff members to its ranks.

"Once again, we have new staff members coming into the district, who have graduated from some of the finest colleges and universities in the country," said Superintendent of Schools Lawrence R. McGoldrick. "This combination of fresh perspectives coupled with the vigilant guidance of seasoned staff members will contribute to the fine education students receive in District 30."

The new staff members were selected after an extensive interviewing process was conducted by district administrators. Some of those who were hired have previous experience and others are pleased to be starting their first assignment in District 30.

The following is a compilation of new staff members who have joined the district's work force at all three schools and in central administration:

DISTRICT OFFICE

Harriet Rabinowitz	*Special Education Administrator, CSE/CPSE Chair*
Annette Rosa-McDonald	*Administrative Assistant (for Assistant Superintendent)*
Susan Schwartz	*CPSE Clerical Aide (Part-time)*
Eileen Ortiz	*CSE Clerical Aide (Part-time)*
Mary Ellen Franzese	*Senior Account Clerk – Payroll*

CLEAR STREAM SCHOOL

Elizabeth Grillo	*Grade 6 teacher (Leave Replacement)*
Carolyn Kaiser	*Library Media Specialist (Probationary)*
Carolyn Reser	*Reading Teacher (Probationary)*
Doris Jean Saraceno	*Reading Teacher (Replacement .6)*
Lisa Funkenberg	*Contractual Substitute*

FOREST ROAD SCHOOL

Alison Blodgett	*Kindergarten Teacher (Leave Replacement)*
Therese (Taya) Kelly	*Grade 1 Teacher (Probationary)*
Doris Jean Saraceno	*Reading Teacher (Replacement .4)*
Rae Sportelli	*Speech Teacher (.5 FTE)*
Nicole Napolitano	*Contractual Substitute*
Brandi Tedesco	*Contractual Substitute*
Ignacio Pimentel	*Part time Cleaner*

SHAW AVENUE SCHOOL

Terry Ryan	*Assistant Principal (Probationary)*
Nicholas Clark	*Physical Education Teacher (Probationary)*
Tina D'Ambrosio	*Music Teacher (.6 FTE)*
Consuelo Fusaro	*ESL Teacher (.6 FTE)*
Julie Babitz Levine	*Reading Teacher (Probationary)*
Joyce Smithok	*Grade 4 Teacher (Leave Replacement)*
Cynthia Butron	*Contractual Substitute (3 days)*
Michael Senneca, Jr.	*Maintainer*
Peter Schultz	*Cleaner*

Summer School Success Story

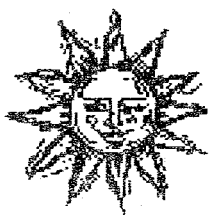
Resisting the allure of floating aimlessly around the pool this past summer, several students in District 30 benefited from four consecutive weeks of learning during the month of July by attending the district's summer school program at Forest Road School.

The goal of the summer school program is to prepare students for the challenges of the upcoming school year by reinforcing and strengthening their math and reading skills. The English as a Second Language (ESL) segment of the program also assisted ESL students in developing language proficiency in the areas of listening, speaking, reading, and writing.

The total enrollment for the program's third consecutive year of operation was 123 students, with nine classes housing an average of 14 students, who attended the program five days a week from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

The classes featured various learning activities that prevailed in capturing students attention and interest, such as math games, creative literature activities, and hands-on projects. To encourage reading, each class visited the library three times a week to select books for small group reading. Technology was also incorporated into the daily routine by involving students in research projects as well as typing in the school's computer lab. Students were also regularly engaged in other activities that included measurements, author studies, problem-solving tasks, book making activities, and craft projects.

"Once again the summer school program was a success," said Superintendent of Schools Lawrence McGoldrick. "Students who participate in this program gain a valuable advantage by receiving instruction that will help them succeed in the upcoming school year."



SCHOOL NEWS BRIEFS

A Sight To See

The artwork of Forest Road students Chelsea Sun, Rochelle Slomin, and Andrew Paget was displayed at the New York State School Boards Convention, which was held in Syracuse. The exhibit was produced in collaboration with the New York State Art Teachers Association to showcase the achievements of talented young students throughout the state. "Only the best student artwork is selected to be displayed at the convention," said art teacher Susan Baron. "We are all proud."

Circle of Friends

At Forest Road School, students in the English as a Second Language (ESL) program meet each Tuesday afternoon to attend the school's ESL club. A total of six students in fourth, fifth, and sixth grade participate in the club to improve their English language skills in the areas of reading and writing. "The club will remain active throughout the school year to continue providing assistance to students who need to learn English in order to make the most of the education they receive here at Forest Road School," said ESL teacher Jodi Fine.

Breakfast & Books

Mary Dunn's sixth graders at Clear Stream School celebrated the innovative work of student novelists in their own classroom by hosting an authors' breakfast. Students and guests attended the breakfast to behold the work of students Bobby Breuer, Jamie Laurita, and Reggie Cayemitte, who developed stories during the month of October in preparation for this special occasion. "We were pleased to host this event to highlight the compositions of our very own students," said teacher Mary Dunn.

Authors Aboard!

First graders in Phyllis Amalfitano's class at Shaw Avenue jumped aboard the authors train by publishing their own book entitled *The Train Goes.* After reading the book *Freight Train* by Donald Crews, students were inspired to produce their own masterpiece by tapping in to their own creativity. With the assistance of K-1 reading teacher Mrs. Rubin, students fabricated an imaginary train and brainstormed fantasy destinations for their train to visit. After collecting their thoughts, students penned their ideas and, with their crayons, designed a book that is appealing to both the mind and the eye. Mrs. Shazar contributed to the effort by helping students type-set their book and illustrate the pages in the computer room. "We were all impressed by the efforts of these students," said Mrs. Amalfitano. "The book is a wonderful addition to our library."

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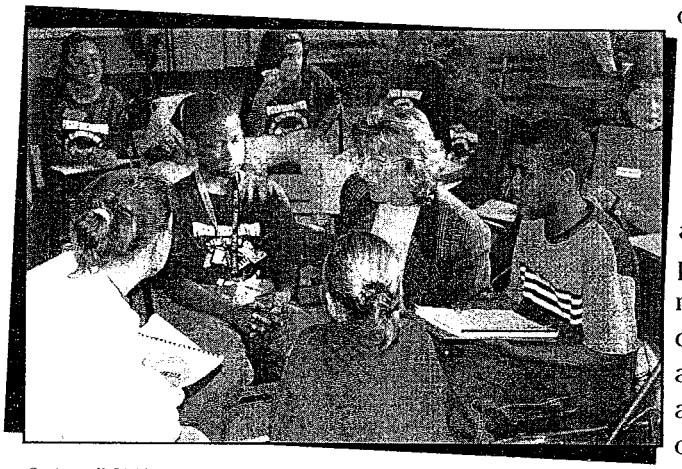
District 30 Initiates Peer Mediation Program

District 30 initiated a new peer mediation program this fall by training a group of youngsters on how to unravel problems that occur between peers and provide sound guidance in reaching solutions that work.

The conflict resolution program offers administrators and teachers alternative ways of mitigating student conflicts before disciplinary problems arise. Psychological Services Teacher Verna Milazzo spearheaded the development of the program and retained the assistance of Brenda G. McGuire, a consultant whose credentials include 16 years as an employee of the Northeast Regional Center for Safe & Drug Free Schools – a federally sponsored program.

Ten students from each school in grades 4, 5, and 6, as well as seven teachers, volunteered to participate in the program, which involved two days of intensive training in communication and problem solving skills. "Student mediators need to be mature, possess good listening and communication skills, and have a confidential nature," said Miss Milazzo. "It is a serious responsibility, which we are confident these students are prepared to handle."

When two students have a problem that qualifies for peer mediation, they can request the intervention of student mediators. Once a session of peer mediation is convened, the mediators will meet discretely with those involved, with the oversight of an adult advisor. The students will adhere to a standard mediation model to reach conflict resolution. In successful mediation scenarios, the students sign an agreement to avoid future problems and return after one week to determine if the solution is working.



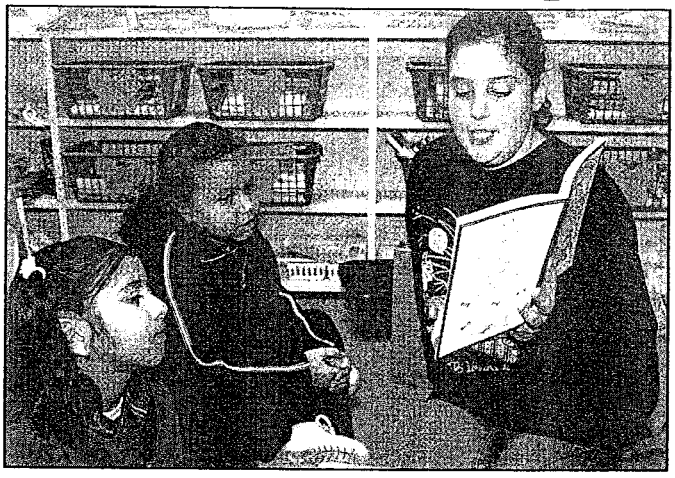
Students (L-R) Michelle Maci, Lamont Mincey, Melanie Walther, and Stanley Alexandre, along with teacher Joyce Smithok, trained for the peer mediation program.

"Our peer mediation program is structured to allow students to resolve problems on their own level, with the assistance of student mediators," said Superintendent Lawrence R. McGoldrick. "Mediation gives students a choice. When they choose to resolve their problems like mature adults, which of course we encourage, they build character, self esteem, and develop problem solving skills that are useful in many ways."

Peer mediation teacher-advisors are currently in the process of introducing the mediation process to all of the district's students to raise awareness about the program and to make it accessible to all of the schools. District 30 would like to thank the following organizations for sponsoring the peer mediation training sessions this past fall:

- District 30 PTA's
- McDonald's
- Waldbaums
- Key Food
- DaVinci's Pizza
- Eddie D's Pizza
- Central Deli
- Magic Bagels
- Everbest Bakery

Reading Pals



Fifth-grader Christine Sciara reads a story to her first grade reading pals Zaera Nazir and Amanda Rojas.

At Clear Stream Avenue, Diana Gunther's first-graders are reading with the big boys and girls from Karen Catalanotto's fifth grade class in harmony with a special reading activity called reading pals.

The initiative was set in motion to encourage both first and fifth-graders to read on a regular basis. Each week, the students come together and spend quality time reading stories and sharing literary experiences in a relaxed setting.

"The students really look forward to spending time each week reading together," said Ms. Gunther. "Fifth-graders are gaining a sense of mentoring and are learning what it means to serve as a role model. I have observed a positive effect on first-graders' self-esteem when they change roles and take the lead in reading to their older pals."

Getting To Know Me



Third-grader Samantha Anspake's is pictured with her All About Me board.

Third-graders at Shaw Avenue in Susan Lipski's class are learning everything they ever wanted to know about their peers through an activity called All About Me. Each week, the class spotlights a different student, who is asked to decorate an All About Me board with pictures and information about their home life. Students present the information they gathered to the class to sharpen their public speaking skills. At the end of the presentation, attendees are invited to ask questions and offer comments.

"The students have learned to think on their feet when fielding questions," said Ms. Lipski. "They are having a lot of fun, and I've noticed that the experience is building their confidence."

LIGHTS, **Camera,** *Action!*

Forest Road students enjoyed their 15 minutes of fame when Mobile Productions visited the school and assembled a working television studio, inviting youngsters to get into the act.

The production, entitled "Lights, Camera, Action", is designed to provide an introduction to the audio/visual arts in a hands-on way. Sponsored by the Forest Road PTA, the workshop covered the gamut of video production, including handling technical equipment and producing a live production with commercials, stories, and music videos.

Students from each grade level were invited to participate in this interactive workshop and were put to work as cue card holders, microphone operators, production editors, news anchors, meteorologists, and actors. They were also taught tricks of the trade, such as how special effects can be used to create mood. By the end of the workshop, the students were the stars of an edited video that Mobile Productions left behind for all to view.

"Students were fascinated by this educational workshop," said Principal Carol Kingsley. "I think some of our youngsters are considering a career behind the camera."

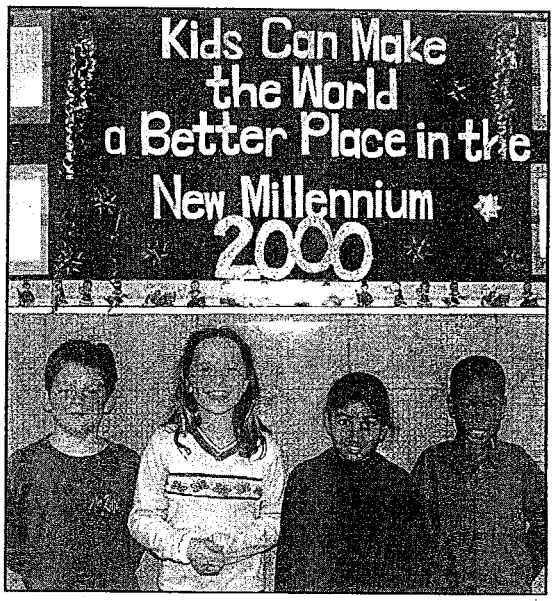
MILLENNIUM WISH: *Making The World A Better Place*

Before the New Year's Eve ball dropped in Times Square and the world ushered in the year 2000, Amy Pernick's and Susan Lipski's third-graders at Shaw Avenue brainstormed ways to make the world a better place to live in the third millennium.

Both Ms. Pernick and Ms. Lipski posed a question for students to muse: "What could you do to make the world a better place in the new millennium?" Students' answers proved to be innovative, sensitive, and humorous, ranging from improving the environment, helping various causes, and inventing new technologies to make a positive impact on the lives of ordinary people.

Students were asked to pen their ideas in the form of a millennium letter. Student Sal Gaglio echoed the Golden Rule when he wrote, "To make the world a better place in the new millennium, I think people should threat others the way they want to be treated."

The students' letters were displayed on a millennium board in the school's hallway for others to read. "We hope that other students and adults will be inspired to apply some of these wonderful suggestions in their own lives," said Ms. Pernick.

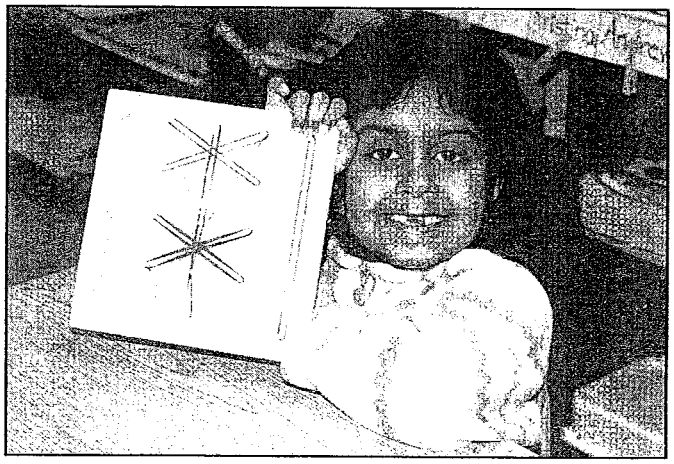


Third-graders Randy Aumuller, Erin Leahy, Mandy Prashad, and Tymel Stewart stand proudly before their millennium board.

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At Clear Stream Avenue, Beth Slavet's first-graders are building a solid foundation for learning by developing an understanding of basic shapes through the use of math exploration stations.

Students are involved in hands-on learning experiences at six exploration stations staged in the classroom, where they can see, touch, and explore new mathematical concepts. Each station is comprised of tasks involving geoboards, cuisenaire rods, cubes, flats, rods, and units. The learning tools at each station help students compare measurements and gain an understanding of units and numbers. In concert with the curriculum, the exploration stations will help each student acquire a basic understanding of algorithms by the end of the school year.



First-grader Payal Patal displays her completed math exploration task.

"The hands-on approach is appealing to students," said Ms. Slavet. "They really get excited about working at the exploration stations and feel highly motivated to learn."

SCHOOL NEWS BRIEFS

Show Me The Money!

Mary Ruschin's and Melissa Keane's second-graders at Forest Road are participating in a program entitled Junior Achievement, to learn about how business works.

Junior Achievement of New York is a not-for-profit organization whose mission is to educate and inspire young people to value free enterprise and understand business and economics. Diana Pearsall, who is employed by LIPA, volunteered time each week for a total of five weeks to administer the program at Forest Road. Under the program, students learn lessons about economics, finance, how to run a business, and how to save money.

"The Junior Achievement program provides youngsters a positive introduction to the world of business," said Principal Carol Kingsley. "We thank Ms. Pearsall for volunteering her time for this worthwhile endeavor."

Box Tops Bring Dollars

The Clear Stream Student Council is participating in the General Mills Box Top for Education program to raise funds for educational purposes. Each box top collected will yield 10 cents for the school. So far 2,020 box tops have been collected. The Student Council's goal is to continue collecting box tops until April 25, 2000. At that juncture the box top drive will conclude and the funds will be used to purchase books and/or magazines for student use.

Come Sing With Us

Members of the Clear Stream Chorus recently entertained neighbors and friends during the school's annual Wander-Sing. Students spent more than an hour walking through the streets of Valley Stream, singing to shut-ins and those they wandered upon. A group of students from the Tri-M Music Honor Society chapter from Central High School joined Clear Stream students in song and helped them serve hot chocolate and donuts at a party held after the Wander-Sing concluded. "The annual Wander-Sing strengthens students sense of community and neighborhood," said Chorus Director Linda Pratt. "We look forward to next year's event."

Wanted: Shaw Avenue Alumni

The Shaw Avenue PTA is arranging a 50th anniversary celebration and is extending an open invitation to all Shaw Avenue alumni. If you would like to attend, or if you have any ideas to contribute or perhaps memorabilia to supply for decorating purposes, please contact Patti Phillips at 872-4320. Alumni are also welcome to attend the next 50th anniversary meeting on Wednesday, January 26, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. in the Shaw Avenue School auditorium.

Students Say Goodbye

At Forest Road, fifth and sixth-graders participated in a memorial service for Anderson Yeh, a classmate who passed away last year. Current sixth-graders held a bake sale last year to raise money to purchase a memorial bench in Anderson's memory. With the help of the Forest Road PTA, the students realized their goal. At its past meeting, the Board of Education accepted a $500 donation from the Yeh family, slated for library enhancements.

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Stream Union Free School District 30 — Valley Stream NY 11582

With winter upon us, we would like to take this opportunity to remind you of some very important items:

ABSENCES: If your child is ill and unable to attend school, you should notify his/her school. When your child has been absent, State law requires that he/she bring a note from you explaining the absence and the date(s) of absence(s). The note should be presented to the nurse before he/she goes to the classroom. Please be specific. Just saying, "he/she was ill", is not enough. Indicate whether it was "virus", "fever", "cold", etc.

If your child contacts a contagious disease, such as mumps, measles, etc., please phone the School Nurse so that she can alert the parents in your child's class that their children have been exposed.



A note is required for an absence due to a religious holiday. A note is required for any tardiness, giving the reason.

MEDICATION: When it is necessary for the child to take internal medication during school hours, the nurse will cooperate with the family physician and the parents. The parent must submit a written request to the School Nurse with a written request from the family physician indicating the frequency and dosage of a prescribed medication. Then the school nurse will administer this medication during school hours. Under no circumstances will a child be permitted to carry or to take medication by himself or herself.

EMERGENCY CARD: It is very important that your school's main office and nurse be notified of any changes of home telephone numbers, parents' business numbers, and neighbors or relatives to be called in case of emergencies. Too often we have occasion to call a parent only to find that the information we have is obsolete.

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DATES TO REMEMBERS

February 8
District 30 Board of Education Committee Meeting 8:00 p.m. held at Washington Ave. Administration Building

February 10
PTA Founders' Day – 7:30 p.m. held at Clear Stream Avenue School

February 15 – 19
WINTER RECESS - SCHOOLS CLOSED

February 22
District 30 Board of Education Meeting – 8:00 p.m. held at Shaw Avenue School

Board of Education
Mrs. Leanore Egan, President
Mr. Richard Eisenberg, Vice President
Mr. Thomas M. Galgano Mr. William O. Gauger Mr. Andrew J. Walters
Mr. Lawrence McGoldrick, Superintendent of Schools
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SHAW AVENUE SCHOOL

"In the Spirit of human kindness, we can do great things"

Dear Parents:

During the course of the school year, I have had numerous discussions with teachers and parents regarding the success/achievement of pupils. Invariably, the discussion centers around responsibility and standards.

Last week I met with a parent and her child's teacher concerning her child's progress. There was no doubt about the strength and dedication of the teacher. In fact the parent was most complementary about the teacher and praised her for her high degree of professionalism as well as her high levels of expectation for her pupils. The parent, however, wanted more for her child. She wanted her child to achieve well above her potential. She wanted, as all of us do, more for her child. The need to succeed in a competitive world begins from day one in school and not when the child is in his/her senior year of high school. The discussion was gratifying as all of us recognized that success in school is dependent upon three essential elements-the child, the school, and the home.

Recently, I read an article written by Dr. Richard P. Mills, New York State commissioner of Education. In the article, Dr. Mills posed questions that he asks himself when he visits schools within New York State. Are students actively involved in learning, problem solving, reading and writing? Are students reading from the beginning? What do they read? How much reading does a school or a school system require? Do students get a lot of practice writing? When a child has trouble with the basics, and especially with reading, does that child get help before serious problems develop? In math do students master basic skills? Do they master problem-solving skills, and do they write and talk about mathematical ideas? Do teachers, principals and school leaders project high expectations for students? Do teachers and administrators work as a team? Are administrators focused on what's going on in the classroom? Does the school have a consistent discipline policy that works for students, teachers, and parents alike? Is the school a safe place? Are the windows clean? Do all students have the books and materials they need?

As we ponder these questions, we begin to realize that it is a true measure of a successful school system that answers positively. Shaw Avenue Elementary is a school that shares a vision of the study work ethic. Hard work in school leads to success. We shall not compromise our standards. With your support and cooperation we shall strive to meet the needs of all of our children.

Sincerely,

Henry B. Mazer
Principal

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday, February 10, 1999 at 7:30 p.m. - PTA Founder's Day - Clear Stream
Thursday, February 11, 1999 at 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. - Pre-School Meeting
Tuesday, March 2, 1999 at 8:00 p.m. - PTA General Meeting
Thursday, March 25, 1999 at 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. - Pre-School Meeting
Friday, March 26, 1999 at 8:30 a.m. - Breakfast With The Superintendent
Tuesday, April 13, 1999 at 8:00 p.m. - PTA General Meeting
Monday, April 19 through Friday, April 23, 1999 - Kindergarten Registration
Wednesday, April 21, 1999 at 7:30 p.m. - Spring Concert
Wednesday, April 28, 1999 at 7:30 p.m. - Lights On For Education at Memorial J.H.S.

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Founders Day

Valley Stream Celebrates PTA's 103 Birthday

Spirits ran high as parents and students shuffled into Shaw Avenue Elementary School to find an empty seat in the packed auditorium, where the stage was set for District 30's celebration of the 103 birthday of the National PTA.



Shaw Avenue Elementary School students Raphael Fabien-Rojas, Nikita Gayaram, and Caitlin Adams sport their bow ties, caps, and bright smiles in honor of Founders Day.

The celebration commenced with heartfelt expressions from Board of Education President Leanore Egan and Superintendent of Schools Lawrence R. McGoldrick, who both commended and thanked the PTA for making the well-being of the students of District 30 their highest priority.

"We thank the PTA for their tireless efforts in making this evening possible and for supporting so many special activities that strengthen the home-school connection and make the schools of District 30 very special places," said Superintendent McGoldrick. "The children always come first in the eyes of the PTA," said Board President Egan.

> *"The children always come first in the eyes of the PTA."*
>
> - Board of Education President Leanore Egan

After Shaw Avenue PTA President Kathy Vagnone led the lighting of the ceremonial birthday candles, the students took center stage by performing in an engaging variety show. Dressed in thematic costumes, the students sang and danced to the tune of thunderous applause from parents, who proudly waved and cheered them on from the audience.

"We wanted the students to perform during the celebration because the PTA is all about the children," said Mrs. Vagnone. "For a month they came to school early and stayed late to perfect their performances. We are all very proud of them."

Budget Information and Meetings

On Tuesday, May 16, residents of the Valley Stream Elementary and High School Districts will go to the polls to vote on the annual school budget. The polls will be opened from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

A budget presentation is scheduled for Tuesday, May 2 to provide detailed information about the proposed budget to assist voters in making an informed decision at the polls. The presentation will be held at Shaw Avenue Elementary School, beginning with an overview of the Central High School budget at 7:00 p.m. and then followed by an overview of the District 30 budget. Residents and community organizations are invited to attend and are welcome to ask questions at the conclusion of the presentation.

Permanent Registration

In accordance with the permanent registration law passed by the New York State Legislature, a policy of permanent personal registration of voters in District 30 was adopted by the Board of Education. Every person registered to vote in the May 2000-2001 school election will remain registered for all future annual and special elections, UNLESS:

- The individual fails to vote within four years prior to the preparation for future registers.
- The individual moves out of the district.

NOTE: In accordance with Chapter 629 of the laws of 1975, any person currently registered with the County Board of Elections is also entitled to vote in the school elections without future registration.

Petitions For Candidates

Election of candidates for the District 30 Board of Education will take place on Tuesday, May 16, 2000. Petitions for Board candidates are available at our Administrative Office: 150 Washington Avenue, Valley Stream, and must be filed before 5:00 p.m. on Monday, April 17, 2000. Twenty-five residents' signatures are required on this petition or 2% of those who voted in the previous election, whichever is greater. This is in accordance with Section 2018 of the State Education Law.

NOTE: Registration for voting on the annual budget and for the Board of Education election will be held at all three schools (Clear Stream Avenue, Forest Road, and Shaw Avenue) on Tuesday, May 9, 2000 from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Those not registered must do so on this date in order to be eligible to vote.

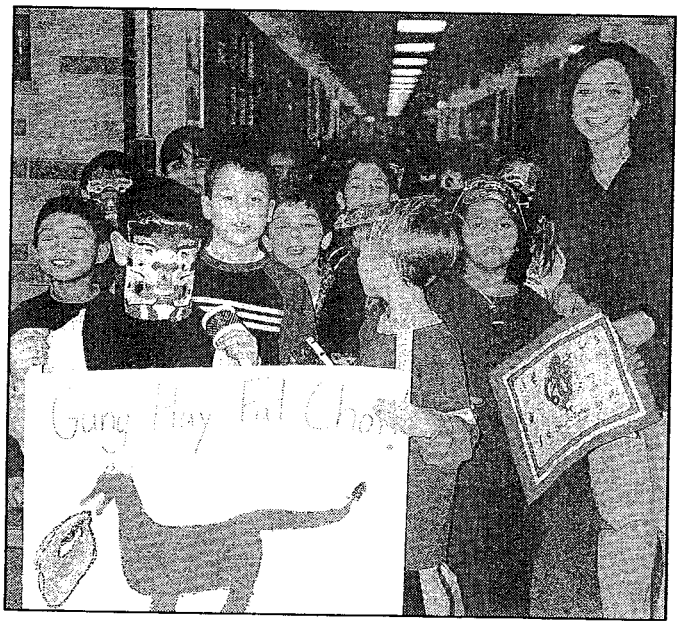
Building a Legacy

Sixth-graders at Clear Stream Avenue Elementary School have resolved to leave behind a legacy after they graduate that is reminiscent of their school days and that will mark their tenure in the school.

With a $500 check from the Valley Stream Teacher Center received by art teacher Colette Araujo, the students are realizing their goal by creating a copper relief mural that will become a permanent fixture in the school's hallway.

This year's sixth-graders will unfurl the American flag as their centerpiece for the mural, along with a year 2000 sign mounted overhead. Surrounding the flag, students will use copper foil to create such modern marvels of the 20th century as cell phones and computers, as well as words that describe pivotal moments in history.

"The mural project has become a tradition for each sixth grade class at Clear Stream," said Mrs. Araujo. "When students come back to visit the school, they will be greeted by something familiar that they helped create and that became a part of the school."



Embracing Culture

Is this Forest Road or Chinatown? The school may be called Forest Road Elementary, but it looked a lot more like Chinatown when second-graders under the direction of teachers Melissa Keane and [illegible] celebrated Chinese New Year upon completing a unit on China.

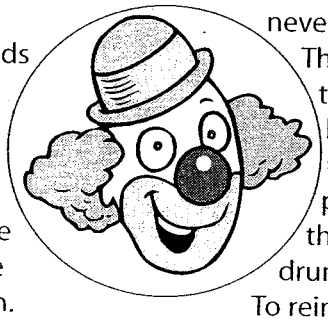
In the spirit of the celebration, students [illegible] about adorned with dragon masks scary enough to frighten away any evil spirit, while blowing loud noisemakers and reenacting various Chinese traditions.

After wrapping up a busy day of cultural exploration, they concluded their Chinese New Year in the proverbial Chinese way by feasting on morsels of fried rice, egg rolls, and fortune cookies.

We're Not Just Clowning Around

Second-graders at Forest Road Elementary School learned an important lesson with the help of a very special guest.

SKADD (School Kids Against Drunk Driving) the clown visited the school to speak with youngsters about the dangers of underage alcohol consumption. SKADD's goal is to foster responsible and constructive decision-making among young children.



In no uncertain terms, the students were instructed that children are never to drink alcohol and that adults should never drink and drive. They also discussed the differences between healthy and unhealthy drinks, peer pressure, and the consequences of drunk driving.

To reinforce the activity, students received materials about alcohol consumption to take home and discuss with their parents.

Shaw Is Where The Heart Is

The students of Shaw Avenue Elementary School decorated the hallways of their school with their figurative hearts to express meaningful thoughts about their school.

The activity was prompted by the student council, which encouraged all students to describe why they love Shaw Avenue. Students responded by writing about their favorite teachers and activities, as well as studies that they have enjoyed.

Their expressions were copied onto paper hearts, strung together in a chain, and hung in the school's hallways for all to read and enjoy.

SCRABBLE MANIA

Clear Stream Avenue Elementary School's fifth and sixth-graders are vying to compete in the *Newsday* Scrabble Tournament, which will be held this May.

Students are competing in preliminary playoffs during their library classes to qualify for the big game. Four students who prevail in the school playoffs will form two school teams, each consisting of two students. The two teams will compete against each other in a final school competition and the victorious team will represent their school in the *Newsday* Scrabble Tournament.

"This activity has been a positive learning experience for students," said Carolyn Kaiser, library media specialist. "Their efforts and hard work have sharpened their spelling and reasoning skills and the competition is building their character."

—Where is Wyoming?—

At Forest Road Elementary School, fourth, fifth, and sixth-graders participated in the National Geographic Geography Bee.

Coordinated by teacher Allison Needleman, the school level competition consisted of three parts. In the preliminary competition, which took place in individual classrooms, students were asked questions in seven rounds of competition. Fourth-graders John Cassino and Susie Jeong; fifth-graders Ryan Ahuja, Samantha Weinstock, and Zaid Hamarsha; and sixth-graders Andrew Paget and Benjamin Popper prevailed in that contest and advanced to the second level of competition.

Following intensive bouts between those students, John Cassino and Andrew Paget emerged as the top finalists. Both students competed against each other in the third level of competition, the school championship, where Andrew proved to be the victor. Upon completing a written test to enter the state and/or national competition, Andrew is now eagerly awaiting the results.

School Lunch Policy Update

The Central High School Board of Education has formed a committee to explore the issue of whether the district should adopt a closed lunch policy. Co-chaired by Deputy Superintendent Dr. Robert Greenberg and District #30 Board of Education President Leanore Egan, the committee comprised of parents, teachers, and school administrators has been hard at work gathering community input concerning the matter.

The Open/Closed Lunch Committee met with the Valley Stream Council of PTA's on December 13 to provide a brief status report and to listen to the opinions and concerns of parents representing all three elementary districts and the high school district. Additional meetings with each of the elementary districts have been scheduled.

The committee is expected to make a recommendation to the Board of Education in April. It has already determined, however, that no youngster who currently enjoys the open lunch privilege will lose it. Should the committee recommend having a closed lunch for one or more grades, it would not begin before September 2001. Accordingly, incoming sixth graders would not be impacted by this decision, though it could affect current fifth grade students.

Comments and thoughts are welcome and may be forwarded to Dr. Greenberg or Mrs. Egan at the Central High School District Office at One Kent Road, or by telephone at 872-5671. We look forward to meeting with you in the next few weeks.

Technology Update:

Hardwired 2000

Initiative Will Connect Our Students And Schools To Internet

Does the name Gutenberg ring a bell? Well if it doesn't, perhaps this hint will help: his ingenuity made this newsletter possible. Time is up! Did you remember? Were you able to recall this famous inventor who created the printing press and thrust his world out of the Dark Ages and into the Renaissance?

Gutenberg will always be remembered fondly for opening a door to a new age of discovery and learning. And now it's the year 2000, and once again through the advent of new technology the promise of discovery and learning on a higher level lies ahead – but this time it's the students of District 30 who are poised to embrace the future.

This summer, each building in the district will be wired to create a local area network (LAN). This exciting new initiative will also introduce wide area network (WAN) connectivity to the district, creating a bridge between each classroom, instructional area, and administrative room in the district to change the way the staff and students communicate and learn.

"LAN connections will tie all of our computers into an extremely sophisticated communications network," said Coordinator of Instructional Technology Gerard Camilleri. "The possibilities that this level of connectivity will bring to the table are innumerable."

Over high-speed telecommunication lines, students and teachers will communicate with each other without leaving their classrooms to share instructional programs and resources. They will also have the ability to connect to the Internet in a carefully controlled environment to conduct research online in support of their studies and to learn how to navigate their way through the World Wide Web.

"Internet technology is a reality that students must embrace in the new millennium because the world has embraced it," said Superintendent of Schools Lawrence McGoldrick. "When students enter the workforce, the ability to use technology will be a necessary advantage and a valuable asset. In District 30, our mission is to provide tools that will support technology learning and help students acquire the skills they will need to succeed in the new millennium."

Kindergarten & First Grade Registration Information

Registration for next year's kindergarten students and first graders entering school for the first time will be held during April 10-14, 2000 between 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. at Clear Stream Avenue, Forest Road, and Shaw Avenue Schools. Registration will only be accepted with **two proofs of residency** and an **original birth certificate** as proof of date of birth. A child must have been born on or before December 1, 1995 to be eligible for admission to kindergarten in September 2000.

NO EXCEPTIONS ARE EVER MADE TO THE ENTRANCE AGE REQUIREMENTS

Children entering school for the first time **must** present documentation indicating that they have received 2 doses of measles vaccine after the child's first birthday, as well as 1 dose of mumps and rubella vaccine, also after the first birthday. They must also have received **at least** 3 diphtheria and tetanus and 3 oral polio vaccines. In addition, children are required to have received 3 doses of hepatitis B vaccine. (Public Health Law 2164 requires that all children born on or after January 1, 1993 must provide proof of immunity to hepatitis B disease upon entrance to kindergarten.)

On With The Show

Upcoming Musical Events In District 30

District 30 is pleased to announce the following upcoming musical performances. Students who participate in band, orchestra, and chorus programs will be presenting their annual Spring Concerts on Tuesday, April 11 at Forest Road, on Thursday, April 13 at Shaw Avenue, and on Friday, April 14 at Clear Stream Avenue. All concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. Parents should plan ahead for the District Music Festival, which will be held on Monday, May 15 in the Shaw Avenue Auditorium. This program will feature the Honors Orchestra under the direction of Barbara Wieder, as well as the Honors Band directed by Timothy Adams. Both groups are made up of the best fifth and sixth grade instrumentalists. Also featured will be the one-hundred-voice Fourth Grade Chorus, under the direction of vocal music teachers Linda Pratt, Barbara Briker-Kreeger, and John Stump. Because of limited space, tickets will be available only for the families of the performers.

Special Transportation Request DUE BEFORE APRIL 1

It is the legal obligation of Valley Stream UFSD #30 to provide transportation for children who reside in the district who will be attending private and parochial schools in September 2000. This transportation is provided only when the following conditions are met:

- District 30 parents make a written request for transportation to and from a specific school no later than April 1, 2000.
- The child must live at least two miles from the private or parochial school, but no more than fifteen miles.
- The child must be five years old on or before December 1, 2000.
- New York State Education Law specifically states that applications must be made annually for each new year.

If your child meets the criteria for special transportation as defined above, please send in your request for the 2000-2001 school year no later than April 1, 2000. Send your request to Valley Stream School District 30, Administrative Office, 150 Washington Avenue, Valley Stream, New York, 11580.

Important Tax Notice

New York State Income Tax forms for 1999 require the name of the public school district in which you live. Our school district is Valley Stream Union Free School District #30 and our code is 657.

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Clear Stream Students Create a 'Legacy'

As their project for the 1999-2000 school year, over 70 sixth graders at Clear Stream Avenue School collaborated on a majestic copper foil relief with flags entitled "Legacy."

This work of art consists of four major parts: the first part is the American flag encased in a plexi-glass cover with lights built in to shine on it. The second part consists of smaller sized flags placed along the outer edges of the relief, like a frame.

"This part makes this project a true representation of the diversity of our school," said Principal Robert Cohen. "The flag of every nationality that is represented by Clear Stream students is in this project."

The third part of the project consists of copper foil decade plates molded to read the decades of the 20th Century. Finally, situated around the American flag and on the inside of the smaller flags and decade plates are copper foil plates designed to represent major events and inventions of the 20th Century. Representations include the television, the steamship, the automobile, the Academy Awards, and significant events in time such as World War II. The contours of these representations are convincing, a tribute to the students fine work.

Sixth grader Steven Kaplan introduced this glorious work of art to the community at the school's art exhibit held on May 16. The Legacy hangs above the entrance of the school and serves not only as an exhibit of the students artistic prowess and knowledge of our world's rich history, but also as a warm greeting for visitors that speaks to people of all cultures and nationalities and says "You are welcome at Clear Stream and District Thirty."



(l-r) Clear Stream Avenue Principal Robert Cohen with student Steven Kaplan and art teacher Colette Araujo display the 1999-2000 class project "Legacy" at the school's entrance.

"We are extremely proud of this accomplishment," said art teacher Colette Araujo, who supervised the project. "Our students are expressing their artistic talents, their knowledge of past events, and their pride in who they are, where they come from, and where they live."

The talents of all students throughout District Thirty were on display on May 16, as Shaw Avenue and Forest Road Schools held art exhibits of their own.

Sixth Grade Graduation JUNE 21st

SAFETY TOWN

Shaw Avenue School conducted Safety Town, a hands-on activity where children learned about a neighborhood community and safety on the road. Safety Town was set up in the school gymnasium. Students rode around on small scooters through the streets of Safety Town, which included all of the amenities of a real town, such as traffic lights, street signs, toll booths, a bakery, a bank, a car wash, a photo station, a post office, and yes, a court and jail where students had to appear when they broke the rules of the road at Safety Town. The children also learned about working, receiving money for their work, putting the money in the bank, and using it to purchase things in Safety Town. Safety Town was organized by teachers Regina Petty, Jeanine DePace, art teacher Paul Farinacci, and physical education teacher Nick Clark. Special thanks to custodian Jon Rudy and the sixth graders who helped create the scenery.



Students show they know the rules of the road in Shaw Avenue's Safety Town.

Young Scientists

All three schools in the district held their respective science fairs this past March, as parents were invited to the schools to view exhibits created by the children. At Forest Road (pictured here), each student created their project based on a hypothesis and followed the scientific method for a controlled study. Projects included: "How do dogs respond to music?," "Who listens better, men or women?," "Rocket Power," and "The Effects of Temperature on Photo Electric Cells."



One World

Artist Janine Bendicksen worked with each grade to create "One World." Students Safia Zouioueche and Zaid Hamarsha (pictured here) work on this unique multi-cultural design, which is displayed on the wall outside the Forest Road cafeteria. The PTA sponsored this activity.

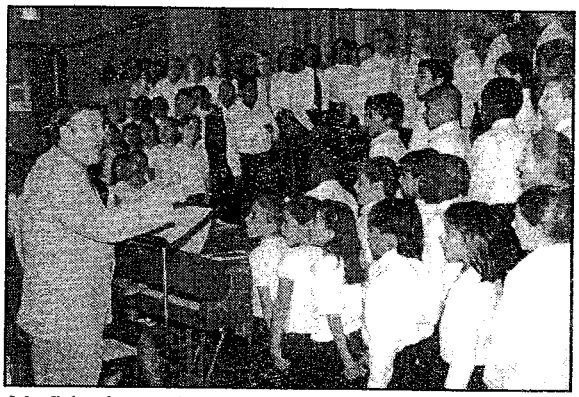


A Field Trip through Technology

Without leaving the school library, Forest Road fifth graders visited The Museum of Television and Radio in Beverly Hills, California. Using videoconferencing technology (video cameras and monitors set up at both the school and the museum) students learned about the civil rights movement through footage filmed during the 1960s. An educator from the museum then engaged in a discussion with students about the effects of prejudice and segregation and how they are portrayed in the media. This project was made possible through a mini-grant awarded by the Valley Stream Teachers Center. In the future, Forest Road students will participate in additional instructional activities via videoconferencing.

Sweet Music in the Air

The District Thirty community was treated to a concert in May when student musicians from Shaw Avenue, Clear Stream, and Forest Road collaborated to present an evening of sweet music to everyone's ears. The Honors Band, led by conductor Timothy Adams Jr., performed "Surprise Symphony Variations" and the "1812 Overture." The Fourth Grade Chorus, led by Mrs. Barbara Krieger, Mrs. Linda Pratt, and Mr. John Stump sang "The Workin' Partners Song" and "U-Skit-a-Rat-Trap-Si-Si-Do." The Honors Orchestra, conducted by Mrs. Barbara Wieder, closed out the evening's performance with "Swingin' Songs" and a masterful rendition of "God Bless America." Congratulations to all of the students who participated and their music teachers for making this an evening to remember.



Mr. John Stump leads the Fourth Grade Chorus during the districtwide concert.

Future Problem Solvers

District Thirty Quest students participated in ExploraVision, a competition sponsored by the National Science Teacher's Association and Toshiba. The competition asks students to look at current technology and forecast how they envision technology for the future. Students were required to explain the scientific principals behind their ideas. Of the 12,000 students who entered this competition nationwide, 2,000 received honorable mention, including Shaw Avenue 6th graders Lauren Brady and Brittany Starna along with Clear Stream Avenue 5th graders Max Marin, Marcus Howard, and Carlos Sanchez Jr. Lauren and Brittany collaborated on a project called "Epi Alert," a watch/alarm that senses the electrical impulses that an epileptic experiences prior to a seizure and warns them that a seizure is about to take place. Max, Marcus, and Carlos collaborated on a project called "Volcano Alert," a system for detecting the changes inside a volcano that warns people inside their homes via an alarm device.

Congratulations to all of the students and their Quest teacher Ronni Horowitz, on their innovative ideas.

The Friendly Schools Welcome Maria Fletcher to the Board of Education

Congratulations to Maria Fletcher, our newest member of the Board of Education. Mrs. Fletcher is a registered nurse and an assistant professor in the Department of Nursing at the Brooklyn campus of St. Joseph's College. Mrs. Fletcher and her husband, Gary, have a daughter and son who graduated from Valley Stream South High School and a son who is currently attending South. Mrs. Fletcher is President of the PTSA at South, the health chairwoman for the Nassau District PTA, and she was reccently appointed as environmental chairwoman for the New York State PTA.



Board Trustee Maria Fletcher

"I want to help the district provide the best possible education so that students can achieve the New York State standards," said Mrs. Fletcher. "The state has raised the bar, and it is important that districts provide opportunities to achieve the highest level that they can."

New Assistant Principal at Shaw Avenue

The Friendly Schools welcome Elizabeth Trencheny as the new Assistant Principal at Shaw Avenue School. Mrs. Trencheny is known affectionately as "Libby" to the staff and "Mrs. T" to the students. She began her teaching career in the East Williston School District. After four years, she went to the Hewlett-Woodmere School District where she taught Readiness Kindergarten, first, second, third and fourth grades over the course of ten years.



Elizabeth Trencheny

"It's a pleasure to be at the Friendly Schools, a name which is indicative of everything I have seen since joining the staff at Shaw," said Mrs. Trencheny. "I look forward to helping our children meet the challenges that lie ahead."

Mrs. Trencheny received her undergraduate degree, as well as her master's degree from Adelphi University. She received her certificate in Administration and Supervision from Hofstra University. Mrs. Trencheny is married and has three young boys.

SCRABBLE STUDENTS EXCEL

Clear Stream sixth graders Matthew Spano and Nicholas Pelaez represented the school at the Long Island Schools Scrabble Tournament, sponsored by *Newsday*. Eighty-eight teams ranging from fifth to eighth graders from schools throughout Nassau and Suffolk participated in the tournament. Matthew and Nicholas made District Thirty proud by placing higher than 70 other teams, placing 18th overall. They received several prizes, including a gift certificate for P.C. Richard. Congratulations to Matthew and Nicholas for their fine showing.

A TIME TRAVEL BACK TO THE RENAISSANCE

Ms. Pedi's sixth grade class at Shaw Avenue School traveled back to the time of the Renaissance. They drew pictures on the backs of their desks, lying on their backs in the way Michaelangelo painted the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel. Student Wilson Lau said, "It was fun and exciting but my desk was a little too small for me!"

BIOGRAPHY BUDDIES

Students in Mrs. Fitzgerald and Mrs. Stiefel's 4th grade classes at Forest Road School worked with a partner to write a biography. This project involved interviewing a partner, writing and editing a three-chapter biography, and typing the biography. These biographies were then bound into a book. This was the 4th grade's culminating activity for their unit on biographies. Students in Mrs. Stiefel's class later dressed up as the people in their biographies and were interviewed on "Mrs. Stiefel's Talk Show."

LIBRARY MEDIA CENTER READ-A-LOUD

This year, National Library Week (April 10-14) was celebrated with the 9th Annual Read-A-Loud at the Forest Road School Library Media Center. This activity serves as a wonderful way for children to experience the fun and importance of reading. Relatives and special friends of all the students were invited to read a story during their Library class. The school welcomed 78 grandmothers, grandfathers, aunts, uncles, cousins, brothers, sisters and special family friends to the school to read to the youngsters. All of the participants were welcomed by classrooms full of eager listeners. This made for a memorable and touching experience as staff observed the faces of readers and students as stories were shared. Children were proud to welcome their special visitors, and a couple of readers brought gifts that were enjoyed by all.

3-D PROJECTS FROM THE SEA

Ms. Gunther's first grade class at Clear Stream School are studying the ocean and becoming experts on life in the deep blue sea. The class studied whales, fish, and penguins. Students developed their own 3-D projects about ocean creatures such as dolphins, lobsters, sea horses, stingrays, and others. The students also joined other Clear Stream first graders on a trip to the New York Aquarium. Each child shared amazing facts about life on the sea with one another, such as "Did you know that a blue whale is the largest living mammal and can weigh more than 24 elephants?"

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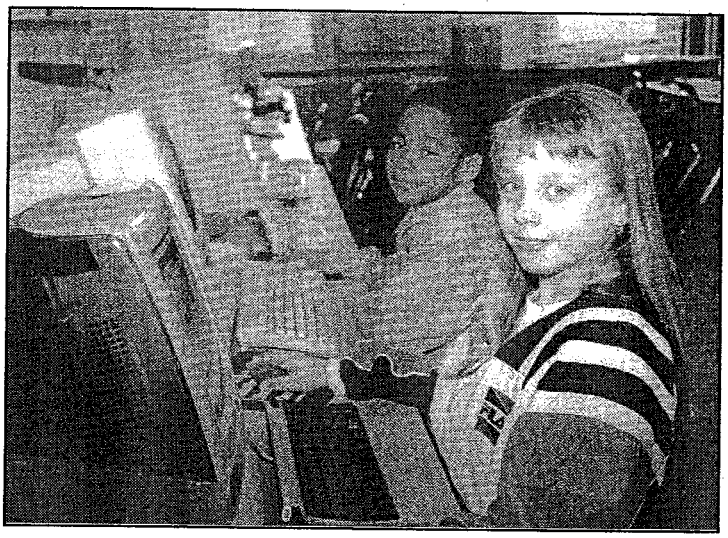
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School Budget Vote On Tuesday, May 16th

The proposed budget which is presented on the following pages is representative of our continued commitment to provide the quality of education our community has come to expect and deserve. The Board of Education consistently strives to provide this level of quality in the most cost-effective manner possible. This year's expenditure plan continues the district's goal of delivering sound educational programs within a safe, nurturing environment. In addition to maintaining program integrity, the district is focusing on many new initiatives for the continued success of all our children. To support these initiatives, this proposed budget calls for increases in the professional staff within key areas, staff development based on the needs of our students, and enhanced building security. The Board of Education believes that every child can learn. This belief is reflected in the mission statement that is the cornerstone of our evolving Comprehensive District Education Plan (CDEP). "The mission of VS District 30, through collaboration with parents and community partners, is to educate all students to their highest levels of performance in nurturing learning environments that are safe, inclusive, and student centered," said Board of Education President Leanore Egan. The Board of Education and Administration welcome your review and comments on the proposed budget for the 2000/01 school year.



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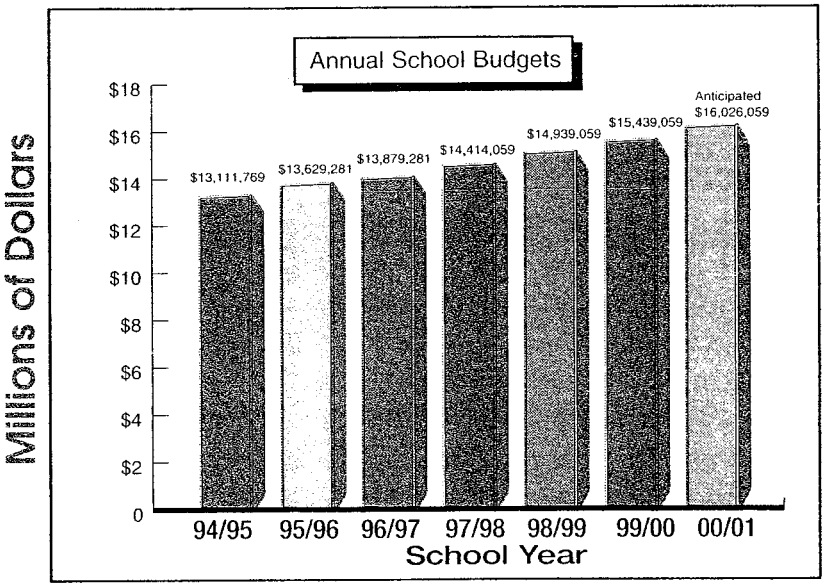
The 2000-01 Budget

Budget Highlights

- Increase in State Aid
- Applied Fund Balance Increased to $925,000
- Provision for 3 Full Time Teaching Positions (FTE-Full Time Equivalent)
  A. Reading-1.0 FTE
  B. ESL-1.0 FTE
  C. Special Education-1.0 FTE
- Provision for Additional Academic Clubs
- Enhanced Security
- Increase in Clerical Support
- Bond Payment of Principal & Interest Included

What Will It Cost?

Cost of the budget will be approximately 76 cents on the tax rate next year, or a $46 increase for the average household.



District Budgets Demonstrate Pattern of Modest Growth

Our district's focus on the bottom line has always been an important consideration. The total spending increase in our district in the last seven years has averaged a modest 3.5% per year.

Budget Breakdown

Statement of Estimated Expenditures

Description	1999/00 Approved Budget	2000/01 Proposed Budget	Change
Board of Education	8,250	8,250	0
District Clerk	7,850	8,000	150
District Meetings	9,100	8,950	(150)
Central Administration	182,745	191,745	9,000
Business Administration	290,043	296,043	6,000
District Treasurer	18,550	18,550	0
Legal Services	33,700	33,700	0
Negotiations	6,000	6,000	0
Public Information	21,710	21,260	(450)
Operations & Maintenance	1,122,674	1,167,624	44,950
Liability Insurance	110,500	108,500	(2,000)
School Association Dues	8,000	8,000	0
BOCES Administration Charge	61,000	63,500	2,500
School Administration & Curriculum	708,104	717,164	9,060
Instructional Program	7,442,737	7,832,976	390,239
Special Education Program	1,481,421	1,537,416	55,995
Library and Media Services	382,369	377,738	(4,631)
Computer Education Program	244,882	294,727	49,845
Health & Psychological Services	322,033	349,385	27,352
Extra Services	45,125	65,125	20,000
Transportation	308,085	308,085	0
Community Lectures and Census	9,100	9,100	0
Employees' Benefits	2,361,026	2,357,026	(4,000)
Interfund Transfers	0	0	0
Debt Service	254,055	237;195	(16,860)
TOTAL BUDGET	**15,439,059**	**16,026,059**	**587,000**

1999/00	2000/01
Spending Increase	
$15,439,059	→ $16,026,059
Tax Rate Increase	
$23.10	→ $23.86
Your Total School Taxes*	
$1,386	→ $1,432

* Based on a home with an assessed value of $6,000

The proposed budget represents a spending increase of 3.8% and a tax rate increase of 3.3%. But what does this mean in real dollars? The average home in our community has an assessed value of $6,000. This translates to a bottom line increase in school taxes of $46 for the year.

Proposed Budget

Board of Education 8,250
Includes expenditures for attendance at educational conferences by Board of Education members.

District Clerk 8,000
Includes salaries, supplies, materials, and legal advertising for the part-time District Clerk.

District Meetings 8,950
Includes salaries, supplies, materials, and legal advertising for the budget vote and special meetings.

Central Administration 191,745
Includes the salaries of the Superintendent of Schools and Central Office personnel. Also includes supplies and materials for the Central Office.

Business Administration 296,043
Includes the salaries of the Assistant Superintendent and Business Office personnel. Also included are supplies, materials, equipment, the cost of the annual audit, and computerized accounting system costs.

District Treasurer 18,550
Includes the salary of the part-time District Treasurer, supplies, materials, and costs of banking services.

Legal Services 33,700
Includes the salary of the part-time School Attorney and litigation fees.

Negotiations 6,000
Includes the shared cost of special legal counsel for negotiation services. Additional provisions for participation in BOCES negotiation information service and litigation fees are not included.

Public Information Services 21,260
Includes the cost of preparation, printing, and mailing of The Friendly Schools and other public information services such as the school calendar and bulletins.

Operation & Maintenance of Buildings and Grounds 1,167,624
Includes salaries of Director of Facilities and custodial and maintenance staff. Also included are costs for water, light, fuel oil, and telephone, and extensive building maintenance and repairs in the areas of fire safety, asbestos abatement and compliance with other state and local governmental mandates. Any changes in the provision of services are in the new budget based on current industry trends.

Liability Insurance 108,500
A slight decrease in this budget appropriation is proposed for 2000/01 as a result of the district's participation in the NY Schools Insurance Reciprocal.

School Association Dues 8,000
Includes membership fees in local, state, and national educational organizations.

BOCES Administrative Charge 63,500
Each school district in Nassau County is charged a fee according to the number of children attending public school within the district. A portion of this fee is returned to us as BOCES aid.

School Administration and Curriculum Improvement 717,164
Includes salaries for the Assistant Superintendent of Schools, building principals, assistant principal, school secretaries, equipment for school offices, materials and supplies. Also included are provisions for educational conference expenses of supervisory personnel, curriculum library maintenance, curriculum development, in-service training, and mini-grants for special instructional projects.

Instructional Programs 7,832,976
Salaries include teachers, specialists, substitutes for teachers and assistants, teacher aides, and noon aides. Teacher assistants, when authorized, are included in this area. Since there are no major purchases in the areas of furniture and equipment, the district can utilize funds from this portion of the budget for the replacement of items that cannot be repaired cost-effectively. Contractual services include the substitute registry, approved teacher conference expenses, postage, repair of music and science equipment, and the copier lease. The changes in consumable materials and textbooks for all instructional areas are reflective of the current economic condition and industry wide adjustments. A portion of the textbook expense is returned as state aid. Our students' participation in the BOCES Cultural Arts and Science Field Experience Programs reflect changes determined by BOCES. The portion of the science program for students' living expenses is reimbursable. Approximately 60% of the cost of these programs is returned as state aid.

Special Education Program 1,537,416
Included is the salary of a districtwide administrator, teachers, support staff, and a professional position for the Pilot inclusion program. The district, in addition to operating five special education classes, provides specialists for students who are mainstreamed into regular classes. Changes in the area of out-of-district tuition is a direct result of a shift in enrollment and an upswing in the cost of special education pupils in other public school district classes, BOCES classes, and in private residential and nonresidential schools.

Proposed Budget

School Libraries and Media Services **377,738**

Includes the salaries for librarians, library aides, library and media equipment, library books, periodicals, materials and supplies for the three schools. Also included are the costs for the maintenance and technical support for the district's participation in the automated Nassau Schools Library System program.

Computer Education **294,727**

Includes the salary for the Teacher of Computer Education and the salaries of five computer aides. The appropriation for computer equipment reflects the continued expansion of our program into the district's learning centers.

Health Screening and Psychological Services **349,385**

Includes the salaries of the school psychologists, the salaries of three registered nurses, medial supplies and equipment, and contracted services provided by other districts and BOCES for mandated services to the Blessed Sacrament School.

Extra Services **65,125**

Includes extra pay for extra services and supervision and reflects the district's commitment to provide a broad range of activities for our children both before and after school.

Transportation **308,085**

In accordance with state law, transportation is provided for children to private and parochial schools located at least two miles and no farther than fifteen miles from the pupils' homes and for children attending special education classes in our schools, other public schools, BOCES, and private schools. Transportation is also provided for the district's instrumental, special enrichment, and field trip programs. Any change in this code is a direct result of a balance in the contract costs of these services and the number of children currently being transported out-of-district. Fluctuations in the number of children transported to non-public and special schools may also have budgetary impact. A percentage of the cost of basic transportation is returned as state aid to the district in the following year.

Community Lectures and Census **9,100**

Includes funds for the district sponsored programs and lectures and for a districtwide census.

Employee Benefits **2,357,026**

Includes the cost of the district's contributions to the two retirement funds that our personnel participate in, Social Security contributions, Worker's Compensation premiums, and health and dental insurance. All rates are determined by Federal and State law and by negotiated contract. Increases and decreases reflect a combination of higher or lower rates, larger bases, and increased premiums.

Interfund Transfers **0**

In the past, the Interfund Transfers appropriation provided funding for improvements to our district's facilities. Although there are no capital projects scheduled for 2000-01 the Board remains committed to this program and has included provisions for safety improvement renovations and mandated ecological replacements in the Operations and Maintenance area of this budget.

Debt Service **237,195**

Includes interest payments on short-term borrowings which the district requires prior to the receipt of school tax payments and state aid. This expense reflects a stabilization in interest rates and is partially offset by the interest income generated through the investment of idle funds. Also included are the interest and principal costs for the Clear Stream Avenue School project.

What happens if the budget fails?

It has been a very long time since the district has lost a budget vote, but the effects of an austerity budget should not be underestimated. If our district was forced to operate on a contingent budget, the following could occur:

- No new equipment
- No lunch subsidy
- No capital improvements
- Essential consulting services only
- No use of school facilities by community groups

How do I figure my tax increase?

The tax increase for the average home is $46. This assumes that your home has an assessed value (not the appraised value of your home, but the number that the county uses to ascertain your taxes) of $6,000. To figure out how much more in school taxes this budget will cost you, do the following:

Your assessed value x .01 x .76 =
THE ESTIMATED TAX INCREASE

(You can find your assessed value on your tax bill.)

VOTER Information

School Budget Vote May 16

Time and Place

Voting will take place on Tuesday, May 16, 2000 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. in the elementary school within your school election district: Shaw Avenue, Clear Stream Avenue, and Forest Road.

Absentee ballots must be in the hands of the District Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. on the day of the vote.

Electors will be voting on the budgets of the Valley Stream Union Free School District #30 and the Valley Stream Central High School District and for the election of one (1) trustee to the Valley Stream #30 Board of Education.

Voter Registration

The day of registration for the May 16, 2000 election is Tuesday, May 9. You may register at any of the school offices from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Although you will be eligible to vote on May 16 if your name appears in the general election lists of Nassau County, the process of voting on May 16 will be much easier if your name appears in the school district registration books. You must be registered in order to vote.

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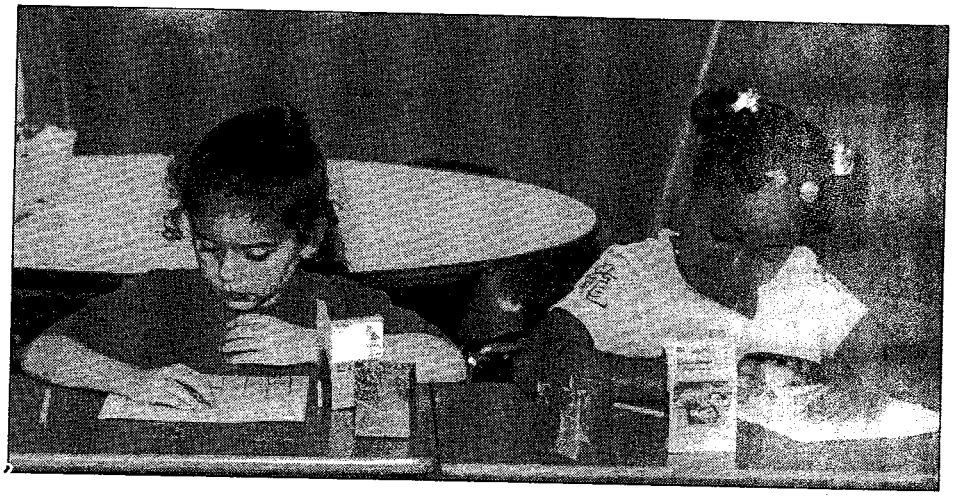
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Working for Your Children

During the 1999-2000 school year, the District #30 Comprehensive District Education Plan (CDEP) Committee collaborated to create vision, mission, and belief statements that represent the course our school district is ...ng and the ideals that reinforce this. The CDEP Committee is composed of parents, teachers, administrators, and educational consultants in the district.



VISION

Valley Stream School District #30 is dedicated to maximizing the potential of our children and helping them discover the joy of learning.

MISSION

The mission of Valley Stream School District #30, through collaboration with parents and community partners, is to educate all students to their highest levels ...performance in nurturing ...ing environments that are safe, inclusive, and student centered. We believe that:

- Every child can learn.
- A child who experiences success will develop greater self-esteem.
- Diversity should be embraced, appreciated, and respected.
- Children should be encouraged to think creatively and work cooperatively.
- Student needs determine instructional delivery.
- Individuals should be accountable for their performance and behavior.
- All community members are partners who share the responsibility of educating our children.

BELIEFS

We believe that we must:

- Create safe, caring and challenging learning environments.
- Prepare each child to meet the challenges of the 21st Century.
- Promote life-long learning.
- Encourage active family and community involvement.
- Provide appropriate resources and utilize innovative technology to assure success for each student.
- Implement an integrated curriculum that is developmentally sequential from grade to grade.
- Encourage and model honesty, integrity, and respect.

Best wishes to all of our students, parents, and community members. Have a wonderful year!



Shaw Ave. at 50

Shaw Avenue School recently celebrated its 50th anniversary. Students gathered on the school lawn as Principal Henry Mazer accepted proclamations from State Senator Dean Skelos, Mayor Edward Cahill, Assemblyman James Darcy and County Executive Tom Gulotta's Office. The school also dedicated a new plaque at the main entrance. Students wrote and sang songs (pictured left) that highlighted many of the wonderful experiences they have had at Shaw Avenue.

District *Welcomes* New Staff Members

After saying goodbye to our retiring staff members at the end of the 1999-2000 school year, District #30 welcomed new teachers and staff members. Following an extensive interviewing process conducted by district administrators, District #30 is proud to present the newest members of our educational family.

"This new group of staff members consists of a fine mix of experienced educators along with young, enthusiastic individuals who have graduated from the finest colleges and universities in the country and are starting their first teaching assignments," said Superintendent of Schools Lawrence R. McGoldrick. "These fresh faces bring bright, new perspectives that will nicely compliment the work ethic, savvy, and professionalism of our seasoned staff members. Our veteran staff will be there to provide guidance for their new co-workers for the greater benefit of the children of District #30."

CLEAR STREAM AVENUE SCHOOL

Katharine Green
School Psychologist

Karin Lise-Witt
Grade 6 Teacher
Leave Replacement

Amy Flood
Grade 2 Teacher
Leave Replacement

Doris Jean Saraceno
Grade 4 Teacher

Donna Mastronardi
Reading Teacher

Pat Serio
Resource Room Teacher

Valerie Taliercio
Contractual Substitute (3 days)

Cindy Tobia
Contractual Substitute (2 days)

Pat Catalfomo
Clerk Typist

Lisa DelCampo
Computer Technician

Lorraine Peragine
Kindergarten Aide

FOREST ROAD SCHOOL

Kristen Venezia
ESL Teacher

Melissa McNally
Grade 2 Teacher

Madeline Stephan
Grade 5 Teacher
Leave Replacement

Cathy Itri
Reading Teacher

Lisa Geraci
Speech Teacher (.5 FTE)

Deborah Scheel
Special Education Teacher

Felicia Solomon
Contractual Substitute (3 days)

Jennifer Kemper
Contractual Substitute (2 days)

Gail Kramer
Clerk Typist (.5 FTE)

Cathryn Mule
Inclusion Aide (Part-time)

SHAW AVENUE SCHOOL

Cynthia Butron
Science Teacher (Leave Replacement)

Christina Caravella
Contractual Substitute (2 days)

Jessica Mitchell
Contractual Substitute (3 days)

Christina Bell
Clerk Typist

Vincent Cusumano, Jr.
Cleaner

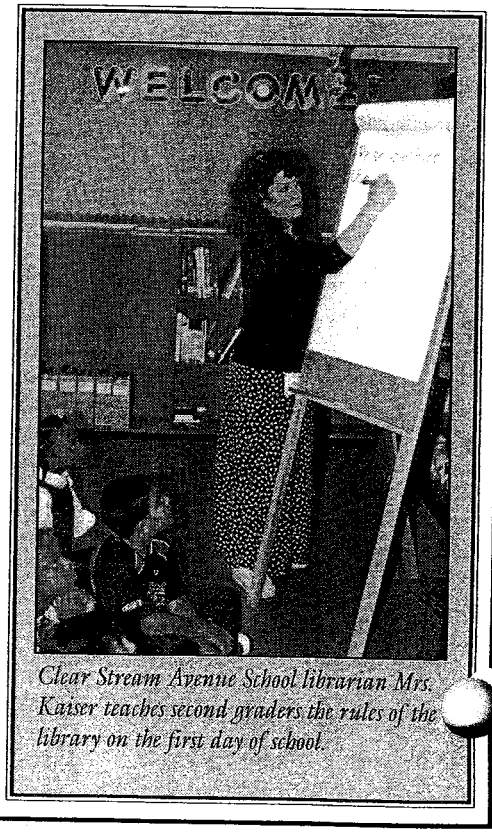
Oscar Hernandez
Cleaner (Part-time)

DISTRICTWIDE

June Innella
Inclusion Teacher

Judith Taliercio
Inclusion Aide

Congratulations to: Jodi Fine, Allison Needleman, Amy Flood, Regina Tyler, Joyce Miller, and Arlene Cannon!



Clear Stream Avenue School librarian Mrs. Kaiser teaches second graders the rules of the library on the first day of school.

BOARD OF EDUCATION
RECOGNIZED

In honor of their volunteerism and dedication to the children of District #30, the Forest Road, Shaw Avenue, and Clear Stream PTA organizations honored the Board of Education with a brief ceremony prior to the October Board meeting. Board members were presented with gift baskets by the PTA presidents. The event was hosted by the Forest Road PTA and held at Shaw Avenue School.

"Everything that we accomplish here in District #30 starts with the Board of Education," said Superintendent of Schools Lawrence R. McGoldrick. "We are blessed to have five individuals who always work hard for the children of Valley Stream."

Board President Richard Eisenberg thanked everyone for the ceremony and paid a special tribute to the spouses and children of the Board members for their understanding of the Board's pledge to the community. He also acknowledged Board Trustee Leanore Egan, who is still recuperating from an automobile accident and could not be present.



(L-R) Board of Education members Maria Fletcher, Andrew Walters, Vice President William Gauger, and President Richard Eisenberg received gift baskets as a thanks from the PTA for their service. Missing from the photo is member Leanore Egan.

Governor George Pataki designated the week of October 23-27 as Board of Education Recognition Week throughout New York State. Board of Education members are elected trustees who are not paid for their service.

Getting Ahead with Phys Ed

Clear Stream Avenue School's After-School Sports Program is flourishing, with 102 students currently participating (an all-time high). The program is available to all fifth and sixth graders. There is an assortment of activities and games designed to promote teamwork, citizenship, good sportsmanship, fair play and cooperation.

"The popularity of this program spans the spectrum of the competitive athlete to the mild mannered social butterfly," said Mr. Greiss, Clear Stream's physical education teacher. "The program is a fun and exciting meeting place for all, whether your dream is to win an Olympic gold medal or just to have a few laughs with your friends."

Proud to be Polite

Forest Road School is celebrating their year-long theme of "Proud to be Polite" with a host of fun, educational activities. The theme kicked-off with a PTA sponsored show called "Manners to Go" which taught students about respecting one another. This year, each class will select a student to represent them in the Honor Guard for the American Flag, which will be held prior to every school assembly. In addition, physical education teacher Mr. Manzo is putting together a Wall of Fame to honor children who exercise good sportsmanship. Every month, each class will honor a student who exemplifies good citizenship and good manners. Every student will also create a poster that will convey messages of respect and honesty and address conflicts such as handling bullies, name-calling, and teasing in a civilized, polite manner.



Forest Road School Principal Carol Kingsley reads along with students on the first day of class.

MATERIALS HUNT

Students in Ms. Murphy's 2nd grade class at Clear Stream Avenue School can tell you the differences between metal, paper, and plastic. Under the direction of science teacher Ms. Butron, these students carried out scientific exploration as they went on a "Materials Hunt" in class. Using magnifying glasses, they thoroughly investigated the classroom until they found pieces of metal, wood, string, plastic, wax, cotton, and paper.

Learning how materials are different from one another is an important step in learning science. Another is recording observations, which the students did. "This button is made of plastic because it is slippery," wrote Samantha Knightly. "This pen is made of metal because it is hard and shiny," wrote David Rodriguez.



Clear Stream students search for materials.

"The students have been learning the differences between the materials by texture," explained Ms. Butron. "Sorting, identifying, and classifying basic materials helps students form observation skills and promotes scientific inquiry."

"Once the students ask questions about the world around them and identify things that they can touch and smell, we can build new lessons from the skills that they have learned in class," added Ms. Murphy.

Students will use these lessons when they study the differences between solids, liquids, and gases later this year.

Key & Pen Pals

Students in Mrs. Flood's 2nd grade class at Clear Stream Avenue School have been participating in a key pal/pen pal program with second graders at the Forest Brook Elementary School in Hauppauge. The classes have been e-mailing one another since September. The program has two major goals: to teach students how to use technology to communicate; and to teach them the components of a friendly letter.

GROWING UP DRUG-FREE

Red Ribbon week, a national campaign of drug free awareness for students across America, was observed at Shaw Avenue School for the first time. Students kicked off the week on October 23 by assembling outside the school to form a giant circle. They then held each other's hands and recited a pledge to grow up drug-free. Students were asked to memorize the pledge as their homework assignment.



Mrs. Miller does the wave with her fourth grade class at Shaw Avenue School on the first day of class.

A Community of Readers

Students in Ms. Slavet's first grade class at Clear Stream Avenue School are enjoying some fun and interesting reading activities. Each day, a 10-minute mini-lesson is conducted wherein Ms. Slavet reads out loud to the children and covers strategies to make reading more interesting and effective. Students then read independently, or with a buddy, using strategies they have learned, such as looking for picture cues within the context of the story. Each student can also find a "book nook" to call their own. During the reading, Ms. Slavet conferences with each student to gauge their progress and address each student's specific needs. The class also gathers as a community of readers to share how they use different strategies.



Ms. Slavet conferences with her first grade readers.

Summer Readers

Over 2,660 books were read by 261 Clear Stream students who participated in the school's Summer Reading Program. Mrs. Aragona's fourth grade class and Mrs. McCain's fifth grade class had 100% participation. Congratulations to all of the students who participated.

Art for Peace

Awareness and concern for world peace are depicted in the artwork of fourth graders at Forest Road School. These students are creating Peace Pictures as part of the "Art for Peace" program, conducted under the supervision of art teacher Mrs. Baron and fourth grade teachers Mrs. Fitzgerald and Mrs. Stiefel.

A classroom discussion was held on the importance of international peace and friendship. The children talked about the necessity to replace verbal and physical aggression with attitudes of peace, understanding, and brotherhood. They agreed that art is a special language that is universal, and can be used to communicate what is in the mind and heart.

Following their discussion, students began creating Peace Pictures. These pictures will be sent to Japan for children overseas to enjoy. The hope is that Forest Road students can convey their desire for peace to the children of Japan. The Japanese children will, in turn, send the Forest Road students pictures they created, depicting their ideas of world peace and friendship.

"Our children are learning that they can have an impact on world peace," said Principal Carol Kingsley. "Especially since someday, they will be our leaders."

Hispanic Heritage

Mrs. Decker-Lawson's class celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month by reading about Hispanic culture, history, and tradition, including the many Hispanic people who have left a great impact on our world today.

The class also received a complimentary publication of *Newsday*. This special edition, the latest in *Newsday's* "Education Living" textbook series, contains a sample of stories, graphics, and photographs reprinted from *Newsday*, that recognize Hispanic heritage. Many of the students in the class are Hispanic Americans whose families are originally from Peru, El Salvador, Colombia, and Puerto Rico.

Baked Apples, Popcorn & Math

Students in Ms. Ehrenreich's 3rd grade class at Clear Stream Avenue School baked apples and popcorn in celebration of the fall season. The children compared different kinds of apples using Venn diagrams. They also wrote their recipe using sequential steps. Later this year, the class will create a book of their favorite apple recipes and evaluate each recipe.

WINTER CONCERTS

The District #30 Music Department is proud to announce the schedule of winter concerts in all three buildings. The concerts will feature the school band, orchestra and chorus of each building. The dates for these concerts are:

- Forest Road-Tuesday, December 12 in the school gymnasium, 7:30 p.m.
- Shaw Avenue-Wednesday, December 13 in the school auditorium, 7:30 p.m.
- Clear Stream Avenue-Friday, December 15 in the school gymnasium, 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Stump will lead the Forest Road chorus, Mrs. Kreeger will direct the Shaw Avenue chorus, and Mrs. Pratt will direct the Clear Stream Avenue chorus. Mr. Adams will direct the band for all three schools. Mrs. Wieder will direct the orchestra for all three schools. The public is invited to attend. The District #30 Music Department would also like to remind everyone that "life means more with music."

We Need Help!

Valley Stream District #30 is looking for noon-hour aides to work 2 hours daily in our schools. District 30 is also looking for noon-time cleaners to work 3.5 hours per day in our schools. For both positions, candidates must enjoy working in an environment with children. Interested candidates must also complete the Civil Service process, including fingerprinting. Please call Mrs. Marilyn Berkowitz at (516) 285-9880 for an application and to arrange an interview.

SCHOOL CLOSINGS

Inclement weather and other emergencies may warrant school closings or delayed openings. In the case of a delayed opening students are expected to arrive at school at 10:00 a.m.

PTA class parents will initiate telephone calls to inform all parents that school has been delayed. News 12 will broadcast information on school closings and the following radio stations will also announce school closings or delayed opening information:

WNBC AM 88
WGBB AM 1210
WGSM AM 720
WHLI AM 1100
WINS AM 1010
WALK FM 97.5
WALK AM 1370

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50 YEARS OF MUSIC

Students at Shaw Avenue Elementary School celebrated the school's 50th year in existence with a music assembly chronicling the songs that have influenced multiple generations over the last five decades. Parents filled Valley Stream Central High School's Keller Auditorium as students from all grade levels performed.

The second and third grade Sign Language Club kicked things off with their performance of *Let Me Sing*, under the direction of Mrs. Phillips. The kindergarten classes of Ms. Milano, Mrs. Neary, Mrs. Reinhard, and Mrs. Schweigert sang happy birthday to Shaw Avenue with their version of the Beatles hit *Happy Birthday*. The 1950s were covered by sixth graders, as students in Mr. Buckley's, Mrs. Badaracco's, Mrs. Pedi's and Ms. Tsigako's classes performed a 50s Medley, wherein students sang and danced to songs including *Rock Around the Clock*, while the 1960s were covered by first graders in Mrs. Amalfitano's class who performed a dance medley which included songs like *Chantilly Lace*. Fifth graders in Mr. Beyer's, Mrs. Cannon's, Mrs. Decker-Lawson's, Mrs. Mitchell's, Mr. Riccobono's, and Mrs. Wasserman's classes performed *Do Wah Diddy Diddy*, and the fifth grade Lunchtime Club performed *Aquarius/Let the Sunshine In*, which brought students to dance through the isles among members of the audience.

The 1970s were covered through Mrs. Haydock's class' performance of *Surfin Safari*, Mrs. Bart's class' performance of *ABC* and Mrs. Ficarrotta's class' performance of *Shake Your Grove Thing*. The 1980s were celebrated by the third grade classes of Mrs. Ferranti, Mrs. Granger, Mrs. Lipski, and Mrs., Lufrano with their version of *We are the World*. The 1990s were covered by Ms. Post's class' version of *La Macarena* and *My Favorite Toys*, Mrs. Ging's class' rendition of *Mambo #5*, and Mrs. Geffner's and Ms. Starler's class' version of the theme of the television show *Friends* called *I'll be There for You*.

Finally, it was time to acknowledge the year 2000 with a Millennium medley by the fourth grade classes of Ms. DePace, Ms. Garvey, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Pernick and Mrs. Tyler. The fourth, fifth, and sixth grade Sign Language Club closed things out with their version of Louis Armstrong's classic *What a Wonderful World*.



Shaw Avenue School's second and third grade Sign Language Club perform during the school's "50 Years of Music" celebration.

"The children looked fantastic in their costumes, which depicted the era they were celebrating," said Shaw Principal Henry Mazer. "They sounded great and danced wonderfully. Our teachers should also be applauded for their hard work in preparing the children for this joyous event. I hope 50 years from now, Shaw students can continue to exhibit the same kind of talents they do today."

Special thanks also go out to pianist Mrs. Briker-Kreeger and Ms. D'Ambrosio from the music department for their assistance.

YOUNG ARTISTS SHINE
AT STATE EXHIBIT

The artwork of three students at Clear Stream Avenue School was displayed at the New York State School Boards Association Exhibit held in Albany this past October. Art teacher Mrs. Araujo submitted the works of Matt Caputo, Elizabeth Swahn, and Andrew Laurita. The exhibit is sponsored by NYSATA, the New York State Art Teachers Association. Pictured here (l-r) are Principal Robert Cohen, Matt, Elizabeth, Andrew, and Mrs. Araujo.



ALL-COUNTY MUSICIANS

Congratulations to those District #30 students who were selected to participate in the All-County Music Festival held this month at the Tilles Center at Long Island University's C.W. Post campus. They are:

CLEAR STREAM
ALL-COUNTY CHORUS
Ben Palazzolo
Lorraine Kataria
Shirmela Rambally
Christine Sciara
ALL-COUNTY BAND
Soteria Kaimis (trumpet)
ORCHESTRA
Stephanie Serrano (violin)

SHAW AVENUE
ALL-COUNTY CHORUS
Christina Simona
Jo-Quan Greene
Sarina Meikle
Alyssa Puccio
ALL-COUNTY BAND
Melina Jagnandan (flute)
ORCHESTRA
Erin Coen (violin)

FOREST ROAD
ALL-COUNTY CHORUS
Andrea Chong
Crystal Costello
ALL-COUNTY BAND
Ryan Ahuja (percussion)
ORCHESTRA
Jessica Vuong (violin)
Alexis Lear (cello)

Congratulations are also in order for District #30 music instructors Linda Pratt, Barbara Kreeger, Barbara Weider, John Stump, and Timothy Adams for all of their hard work working with the children.

VIRTUAL VISITS

Students at Forest Road Elementary School will be visiting the Philadelphia Museum and Albany Institute, without ever leaving the school library. These "virtual visits" are live, person to person communications that will take place through distance-learning video visits. The children will be able to take a tour of the museum and see what's happening there, and at the the institute and communicate with the representatives at each location. In turn, the representatives will be able to see the students and communicate with them, all in "real time."

The third grade classes are learning to appreciate and interpret art at the museum. The sixth graders are visiting the Albany Institute to learn about mummies and ancient Egypt. The visits will take place in the school library. The program is the result of a collaboration between art teacher Susan Baron, librarian Carol Kislin, and technology coordinators Carol Biscardi and Jerry Camilleri.

A SIGN OF THE TIMES



Pictured here are proud members of the Forest Road School family displaying the sign that was installed on the school lawn earlier this year. The sign serves not only to tell people that they are entering Forest Road School, it also keeps the community informed of school happenings. Shaw Avenue and Clear Stream Elementary Schools have also received new signs in recent years.

STUDENTS 'BUDDY-UP' TO READ

First and sixth graders at both Clear Stream and Shaw Avenue schools have been getting together to promote literacy and foster new friendships through their respective "Reading & Book Buddies" initiatives.

Ms. Slavet's first grade class and Mrs. Dunn's sixth grade class at Clear Stream Avenue School have been meeting weekly. The students have been reading and responding to books across the subject areas. They have been studying characters, detail, and setting of books.

The sixth graders use posted notes to document areas of interest in the books as they read along. The first graders have been asking questions about the books and gaining an understanding of the way language can be used in literature.

"This interaction, or 'book talk' has generated a love for reading in both classes that we hope will motivate the children to become lifelong readers," said Mrs. Dunn.

Mrs. Bart's first grade class and Ms. Pedi's sixth grade class at Shaw Avenue School have also been meeting weekly to read and write together. The activity enables the students to develop and enhance their literacy skills, be creative, and experience cooperative learning as well.

These first graders are also being introduced to major elements of a story while the sixth graders are reinforcing and strengthening their skills. Some of the skills include mapping a story, cause, and effect, story webs, Venn diagrams, and timelines.

"This analysis of books really enhances the reading experience," said Mrs. Bart, "and the cooperative learning experience has fostered many new friendships!"

These "book buddies" kicked off the year by creating a poster complete with sentences and illustrations of things that come in pairs and triples. Some of the illustrations for pairs included a girl with two ponytails, the twin towers and earrings. Some of the pictures for triples were holes in a bowling ball and wheels on a tricycle. They also glued photos of themselves onto the posters.

Each child will be given the opportunity to complete an activity/project based on the story in the book they read. As a result, by the end of the year, each child will have a booklet of projects as a remembrance of their year together.

SIXTH GRADERS CREATE A LEGACY OF THEIR OWN

Sixth graders at Clear Stream Avenue School are out to leave a legacy behind. The entire sixth grade has been working on an exciting new project to beautify the halls of the school. The project is a calendar mural that will illustrate events in the lives of these sixth grade students. Each month of this school year will be chronicled in this calendar mural. This will include current world events. As with every sixth grade project, at the end of the school year, the students will present their work.

The project was made possible thanks to a grant secured by art teacher Mrs. Araujo, who will oversee the project. Last year, also under the direction of Mrs. Araujo, sixth graders at Clear Stream created a legacy of their own: a copper foil relief that chronicled the decades of the 20th century.

Art Enrichment

Forest Road Elementary School's Art Enrichment program is flourishing. Parent volunteers have been working with art teacher Susan Baron and bringing artwork into the classrooms for children of all grade levels to enjoy. The parents research the artist and facilitate conversations with the students about their works.

"Mrs. Baron has done a wonderful job of creating excitement around the program, and the parents have been valuable teachers," said Forest Road Principal Carol Kingsley. "We thank them for all of their hard work and support of art throughout the curriculum."

Keeping Up To Date In 2001

Second graders in Ms. Starler's and Mrs. Geffner's classes have been busy working on monthly calendars for 2001. After completing research on each month's special holidays, important dates, etc., they compiled this information on the computer. With Mrs. Shazar's assistance, they drew calendars and incorporated the information into the appropriate day/month. Once the calendars were assembled, the children wrapped them and presented them to their parents for the holidays.

New Music Teacher

District #30 welcomes Brian Kalinowski, the newest member of the music department. Mr. Kalinowski will be teaching the fourth grade band students in all three schools of the district. He brings a wealth of experience, having last served as a music instructor in the Mineola School District.

Visiting Readers

Each month, Ms. Gunther's first grade class at Clear Stream Avenue School has been inviting a family member of a classmate into the classroom to read a story. The visiting readers, who included moms, dads, aunts, uncles, grandmothers, grandfathers, and even family friends, brought their favorite books in to read to the children.

"Listening is an extremely important component of a balanced literacy program," said Ms. Gunther. "It's nice for the children to be read to by someone other than their teachers, and it gives them the chance to learn about someone else's favorite book."

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Founder's Day Celebration

Song & Dance at Forest Road



The Forest Road School PTA celebrated the 104th birthday of the PTA at its Founder's Day celebration. Co-presidents Andrea Bretscher and Julie Olson welcomed over 300 guests and spoke about the history of the PTA. School Board President Richard Eisenberg and Superintendent Lawrence McGoldrick encouraged all present to continue to contribute toward making District 30 a school-centered community.

Under the musical direction of John Stump, Forest Road students performed "A Tribute to Rodgers and Hammerstein," the pair that created some of the 20th century's most lovable and recognizable melodies. The audience enjoyed selections from *South Pacific, The King and I,* and *The Sound of Music.*

A group of sixth grade students performed selected scenes from each musical. Second grade students sang a selection of songs from each musical, dressed in grass skirts, sailor's hats, martial arts uniforms, and pajamas." Other fifth and sixth grade students assisted with scenery, and a number of students contributed toward painting and set design.

Forest Road Principal Carol Kingsley culminated the evening with an original poem that thanked everyone who contributed toward making school a special place in District 30.

Budget Information and Meetings

On Tuesday, May 15, residents of the Valley Stream Elementary and High School Districts will go to the polls to vote on the annual school budget. The polls will be opened from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

A budget presentation is scheduled for Tuesday, May 1 to provide detailed information about the proposed budget to assist voters in making an informed decision at the polls. The presentation will be held at Clear Stream Avenue Elementary School, beginning with an overview of the Central High School budget at 8:00 p.m., followed by an overview of the District 30 budget. Residents and community organizations are invited to attend and are welcome to ask any questions that they have at the conclusion of the presentation.

Permanent Registration

Every person registered to vote in the 2001-2002 school election on May 15 will remain registered for all future annual and special elections, UNLESS:

- The individual fails to vote within four years prior to the preparation for future registers.
- The individual moves out of the district.

NOTE: In accordance with Chapter 629 of the laws of 1975, any person currently registered with the County Board of Elections is also entitled to vote in the school elections without future registration.

Petitions For Candidates

Election of candidates for the District 30 Board of Education will take place on Tuesday, May 15, 2001. Petitions for Board candidates are available at our Administrative Office; 150 Washington Avenue, Valley Stream, and must be filed before 5:00 p.m. on Monday, April 16, 2001. In accordance with Section 2018 of the State Education Law, twenty-five residents' signatures are required on this petition, or 2% of those who voted in the previous election, whichever is greater.

NOTE: THE LAST DAY to register to vote on the annual budget and for the Board of Education election is Tuesday, May 8, 2001 from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Registration will be held at all three schools (Clear Stream Avenue, Forest Road, and Shaw Avenue.)

A CREATIVE Quest

Clear Stream Avenue students Jennifer Porti and Christine Mulé worked together on an AppleWorks slide presentation as a part of the district's Quest Program. Their collaboration involved several steps. First they worked on a rough draft of a creative story and drew illustrations for the story. After they completed their final copy using the AppleWorks 6 word processor, they still had some more work to do. "We divided our story up, so that each part could be a different page on the slide presentation," Christine explained. "We learned how to scan in our artwork, and we recorded our voices to read what was on each page," Jennifer added. When they were done, they had an attractive project to share with their classmates and families.

"Programs like AppleWorks add dimension to the students' creativity," said Ronni Horowitz, the district's Quest program director. "Not only have Jennifer and Christine been creative with their storytelling, but they've been learning how to use computer software to add some really beautiful style to their imagination."

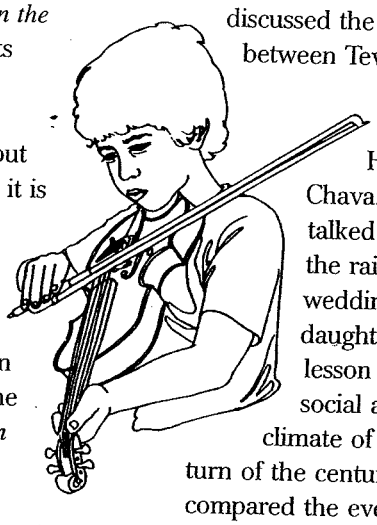
The Quest Program is an enrichment program for highly motivated students in grades 3-6. The program is celebrating its eighth year in 2000-2001.



Christine Mulé and Jennifer Porti are creating a slide presentation using AppleWorks 6 and an iMac computer.

Lessons from FIDDLER ON THE ROOF

Mrs. Levine's sixth grade reading group at Shaw Avenue recently studied the musical *Fiddler on the Roof*. The students learned the importance of tradition throughout the ages and how it is sometimes necessary for traditions to change. Set in a small Russian town near the turn of the century, *Fiddler on the Roof* was adopted from a Yiddish short story called "Tevye and His Daughters" by Sholom Aleichem. It was among the first American musicals to deal seriously with issues of discrimination, prejudice, and stereotyping.



Mrs. Levine's students discussed the relationship between Tevye and his daughters Tzeitel, Hodel, and Chava. They also talked about how the raid on the wedding of Tevye's daughter teaches a lesson about the social and political climate of Russia at the turn of the century. Students compared the events in the story to current events and to their own experiences. As a culminating activity, students performed excerpts from the musical for their classmates.

PEER MEDIATORS RESOLVE CONFLICTS

Valley Stream District 30's Peer Mediation program is once again in full swing. Peer Mediation is a program where children help their peers talk through and solve problems. The goal is to teach children to listen to one another and to better understand how their actions can affect others.

Fifth and sixth grade mediators already have at least one year of experience, which they used to train the new fourth grade mediators. After a two-day workshop guided by Mrs. Brenda McGuire, fourth grade students went back to their respective schools to share this alternative way to solve conflicts with their peers.

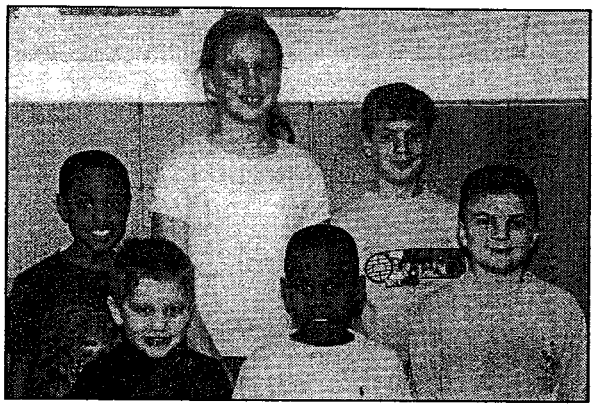
"The response has been outstanding," program director Regina Pedi reported. "The student mediators are putting great effort into meeting with their peers and resolving conflicts."

As part of the program, mediators check back with the "disputants" one week after the mediation. They are finding that most of the problems have been resolved and the students are friends once again. With the help of administration, faculty, parents, students, and participants in the program, the Peer Mediation program is helping to make our schools positive places to learn.

SHAW AVENUE
FIFTY YEARS FROM NOW

Shaw Avenue PTA's 50th Anniversary Committee celebrated the school's half-century mark with a student essay contest entitled "Shaw Avenue School: 50 Years from Now." Committee members Kathy Vagnone and Rosann Colucci read the winning essay from each grade and handed out awards to all participants in two student assemblies. The author of each winning essay received a $25.00 Waldenbooks gift certificate.

The winning essay writers made some interesting predictions. First grade student Daniel Napolionello noted that there would probably be all new classroom furniture. Second grade student Jason Boyd predicted that the blackboard would be replaced by computers or laptops. Third grade student Nicholas Russo predicted that all students would be transported to class by automated robots and delivery pods. Fourth grade student Jessica Petrauskas thinks that trips to places like Disney World would be easier, because the whole world will be connected by monorail. Fifth grade student Patrick Austin hopes the cold water from the water fountains at Shaw Avenue stay the same. Sixth grade student Hal Berman predicts that zero-gravity games will become a regular part of gym class.



Shaw Avenue essay contest winners (l to r): Patrick Austin, Daniel Napolionello, Jessica Petrauskas, Jason Boyd, Hal Berman, and Nicholas Russo.

During the assembly, Shaw Avenue Principal Henry Mazer encouraged students to continue writing. "There may a couple of famous writers in the making right here in this room," Mr. Mazer said. "Keep up the good work!"

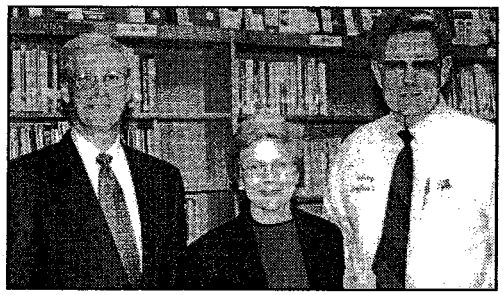
DINNER FOR SENIORS
at CLEAR STREAM

Classrooms are beginning to buzz in preparation for a special dinner concert that will be given on May 3, 2001 at the Clear Stream School. The dinner will we given for 100 senior citizens from the Charles Monica Village apartments. The Clear Stream Chorus, under the direction of Mrs. Linda Pratt, regularly performs for the residents at Monica Village. Now the senior citizens will have the opportunity to visit the school.

The dinner concert will be made possible by a FutureCorps Grant from *Newsday*, which will not only pay for the dinner, but provide bus transportation for the seniors to and from their apartments. Mrs. Pratt, who applied for the grant, has enlisted the help of Mr. Vincent Libertini, kindergarten teacher, to cook the dinner. Every grade level will help with the dinner, either by making table decorations or program covers, helping with food preparation, setting up tables in the gym, or serving food. A special souvenir is planned for the guests, made by third grade students. The chorus will provide the evening's entertainment. Parents and friends will have a chance to preview the concert at the annual Spring Melodies concert at 7:30 p.m. on March 30, 2001.

Forest Road ....Thanks Mobil

At the January Board of Education meeting, Mr. Anthony Hoeffner presented a check for $500 to the Forest Road School on behalf of Mobil. This money will contribute toward purchasing a video camcorder to create and edit video presentations.



School Board Vice-President William Gauger and Forest Road Principal Carol Kingsley accept a generous donation from Mr. Anthony Hoeffner on behalf of Mobil.

These presentations will integrate what students are learning in class with video technology. For example, students can document each stage of a lab experiment on film, learn how to create an advertisement, or recreate different chapters from a book in dramatic skits. After taping, students will learn how to edit the digital footage using a program called iMovie, which comes standard with the district's iMac computers.

Prior grants from Mobil have been used to purchase tape recorders and VCRs for classroom instruction. "This kind of community support is very much appreciated," said Forest Road Principal Carol Kingsley. "Thanks to Mr. Hoeffner and to Mobil, we are able to acquire new resources that help make classroom learning a true adventure for our students."

◆ IMPORTANT INFORMATION ◆

Kindergarten & First Grade Registration Information

Registration for next year's kindergarten students and first graders entering school for the first time will be held from April 23-27, 2001 between 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. at Clear Stream Avenue, Forest Road, and Shaw Avenue Schools. Registration will only be accepted with two proofs of residency and an original birth certificate as proof of date of birth. A child must have been born on or before December 1, 1996 to be eligible for admission to kindergarten in September 2001. NO EXCEPTIONS ARE EVER MADE TO THE ENTRANCE AGE REQUIREMENTS. Children entering school for the first time must present documentation indicating that they have received 2 doses of measles vaccine after the child's first birthday, as well as 1 dose of mumps and rubella vaccine, also after the first birthday. They must also have received at least 3 diphtheria and tetanus and 3 oral polio vaccines. In addition, children are required to have received 3 doses of hepatitis B vaccine. (Public Health Law 2164 requires that all children born on or after January 1, 1993 must provide proof of immunity to hepatitis B disease upon entrance to kindergarten.)

Transportation Requests

DUE BEFORE APRIL 1

Valley Stream UFSD #30 will provide transportation for children who reside in the district who will be attending private and parochial schools in September 2001. This transportation is provided only when the following conditions are met:

- District 30 parents must make a written request for transportation to and from a specific school no later than April 1, 2001.
- The child must live at least two miles from the private or parochial school, but no more than fifteen miles.
- The child must be five years old on or before December 1, 2001.
- New York State Education Law specifically states that applications must be submitted annually for each new year.

If your child meets the criteria for transportation as defined above, please send in your request for the 2001-2002 school year no later than April 1, 2001. Send your request to:

Valley Stream School District 30
Administrative Office
150 Washington Avenue
Valley Stream, NY 11580

Important Tax Notice

New York State Income Tax forms for 2000 require the name of the public school district in which you live. Our school district is Valley Stream Union Free School District #30 and our code is 657.

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A JOURNEY BACK IN TIME

Did you know that one third of the battles of the American Revolution were fought on New York soil, and that New York suffered more destruction than any other state? With the assistance of the New York State Lottery Bus, fourth and fifth graders at Clear Stream Avenue School learned just that as they journeyed back in time to the Revolutionary War. The theme, "The Birth of the United States: New York and the Revolutionary War," taught students about the Revolutionary War, one of the most important chapters in American history. Students read documents and learned about key figures of the conflict.

The New York State Lottery Bus changes their educational theme yearly to coincide with the curriculum.



AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL

After the September 11 tragedy, Mrs. Aragona's fifth-grade class decided to write thank-you letters to the World Trade Center rescue workers. The class also wrote letters of support to Mayor Giuliani. Student Lydia Linea Williams composed the following heartfelt poem expressing her feelings about the tragedy:

"America The Beautiful"

My land is America, the land where freedom rings.
That's why our heavenly father created us human beings.
There are many sorrows throughout this land,
but we can make it oh, yes we can!
America's like a person. A person who has a heart.
Really America is hurting, because she, her land, just got shot!
The heart it was aimed for, but it went through to the soul,
but we can make it
because our land cannot be controlled.
My heart stopped hurting a little, but I'm still wounded inside.
It's a feeling that I can't try to hide.
Every time I think about our land,
I say Why? Why me? Why us? Why now?
Now your sorrows, I promise, they won't end tomorrow.
But the point I'm trying to get out is,

AMERICA IS STRONG, WE CAN SURVIVE
THE THINGS DONE WRONG!

KINDNESS IS CONTAGIOUS

Ms. Kelly's, Mrs. Remhild's, and Mrs. Suarez's second-grade classes at Forest Road School have been discussing how Random Acts of Kindness help make our school community and our world a better place. In light of the September 11 tragedy, the students discovered the many ways they could make a difference. They began by acknowledging the hard work and sacrifice of the World Trade Center Recovery and Rescue Teams. Feeling it was important to applaud the rescuers' amazing contributions, the students used their handprints to create the stripes on their own version of the American flag.

The second graders also raised money for the American Red Cross by having a bake sale. The teachers and students diligently planned, organized, advertised, and baked for this worthwhile event. Their hard work paid off as $295.36 was raised.

Still, these second-grade teachers and their students felt this wasn't enough. Wanting the Valley Stream Fire Department to know how much they were appreciated, the students wrote letters thanking them for volunteering their time. In response to the overwhelming support they received, the firefighters visited the three classrooms, gave a tour of a fire truck, answered questions, and even baked cupcakes!

The second graders at Forest Road School have learned a valuable lesson in giving, and that kindness is contagious.

BOARD OF EDUCATION RECOGNIZED



The Board of Education was honored for their unwavering commitment to the children of District #30 with a brief reception prior to the October Board meeting. Hosted by the Clear Stream PTA and held at Shaw Avenue School, the Clear Stream, Forest Road, and Shaw Avenue PTAs presented each member with a gift basket.

Board of Education President Richard Eisenberg thanked the PTA for the fabulous reception and once again paid a special tribute to the spouses and children of the Board members for their understanding of the Board's pledge to the community.

RED RIBBON WEEK

Red Ribbon Week, which symbolizes the commitment to a healthy and drug-free lifestyle, was celebrated at Shaw Avenue Elementary School the week of October 22. To commence the week, the entire school community, wearing red, assembled on the playground and recited the Red Ribbon Pledge. Students and staff joined hands to form one gigantic circle. Numerous activities including poster making, wearing slippers to school to illustrate the message "Don't Let Drugs Slip into Your Life," and special assemblies reinforced the importance of growing up drug free.

WORKS OF ART

Works of art by Clear Stream Avenue School students Sean Breuer, Kristina London, and Manjula Koroma were selected for an exhibit at the annual conference of the New York State School Boards Association (NYSSBA).

This exhibit, organized annually by the New York State Art Teachers Association, showcases the artistic achievement of students at the elementary through high school levels. An opening reception honoring the young artists was held at the Buffalo Convention Center, the site of this year's exhibit.

The New York State Art Teachers Association's primary purpose is the statewide promotion of excellence in art education.

WELCOME ABOARD!

District #30 extends a warm welcome to the newest members of their family:

CLEAR STREAM AVENUE SCHOOL

Darlene Diehl – Grade 2 Teacher
Erica Heumann – Grade 3 Teacher
(Per Diem Substitute)
Richard Mansfield – Grade 5 Teacher
(Leave Replacement)
Dina Parrotta – Grade 1 Teacher
Brian Pierce – PE Teacher (.5 FTE)
Valerie Taliercio – Grade 1 Teacher
(Leave Replacement)
Mary Hevia – ESL Teacher (.9) Clear Stream Avenue and Shaw Avenue
Brian Kalinowski – Music (.5)
Diana Haanraadts – Assistant Principal
Susan Galgano – Contract Substitute
Jennifer Bennett – Contract Substitute

FOREST ROAD SCHOOL

Jennifer Kemper – Grade K Teacher
(Leave Replacement)
Linda McKeever-Alonso – ESL Teacher
Rae Sportelli – Speech Teacher
Teresa Deeks – Clerk Typist (.5)
Romeo Cunanan – Custodian
Colleen Dash – Contract Substitute

SHAW AVENUE SCHOOL

Thomas Carrenard – Social Worker
Sarra Cooper – Art Teacher (Leave Replacement)
Gina Crescenzo – Special Education
Roni Kunstler – ESL Teacher (Per Diem Substitute)
Melissa Pascuma – Grade 4 Teacher
Ellissa Fazio – Art Teacher (.5)
Oscar Summers – Custodian

DISTRICTWIDE

Dominic Savino – Treasurer
Kathleen Denaro – Clerk Typist (Central Office)

MAKING SAFETY **A PRIORITY**

Shaw Elementary School is excited about the new School Safety Patrol Program! The program, under the supervision of Mrs. Pernick and Mr. Clark, consists of fifth and sixth graders who are positioned at hallways, doorways, and exits at the beginning of each school day and at dismissal. As leaders in safety, patrol officers become peer educators to other students in the school.

Selected students had participated in a thorough training session, which covered school safety rules and procedures. Upon completion of the program, each patrol officer received a badge and an official orange School Safety Patrol belt to help other students identify them.

Safety Patrol Officers are valuable members of a team and learn how to become good citizens. By developing a sense of responsibility and leadership, officers promote a positive self-image and therefore serve as role models for their classmates. Membership in a patrol develops attention to duty, alertness, dependability, and a sense of social obligation.

It is the goal of the Shaw Avenue Elementary School Safety Patrol to provide a safe and healthy environment to reinforce the learning process and enhance education.

SUMMER READING STARS

Congratulations to Jason Boyd, Jennifer Calvo, Christopher Coen, Kristal Fasano, Kamara Reynolds, Joshua Rosenweig, Amanda Vagnone, Jennifer VanVynck, and Ashley Varghese for participating in the Henry Waldinger Public Library's Summer Reading Program. Each student received an "Awesome Reader" pencil by Librarian Mary Mathews. Their certificates and pictures are on display in the Media Library Center.

LEARNING ABOUT **IMMIGRATION**

Students in Mrs. Aragona's fifth-grade class at the Clear Stream Avenue School have been working on a unit about immigration. With the help of student teacher Marisa Lembo, the class has adopted families from various countries. Using the Information Lab, the Library, and the Internet, the students are discovering why citizens of Ireland, Italy, Puerto Rico, Japan, Mexico, and Cuba immigrated to the United States.

LOOKING BACK . . . PRINCIPAL ROBERT A. COHEN **HONORED**

On Flag Day this past June, students, faculty, staff, and parents of Clear Stream Avenue School celebrated Principal Appreciation Day, surprising Principal Robert A. Cohen. The Assistant Mayor of Valley Stream Guido Cirenza presented a Proclamation on behalf of Mayor Edward Cahill and the Village of Valley Stream proclaiming the day as Robert A. Cohen Day.

Complying with the theme "Hats Off for the Principal," students created and decorated nearly 500 hats, each containing a message of appreciation for Mr. Cohen. The students also presented him with a medal, which was inscribed "World's Best Principal." Clear Stream Avenue PTA President Mrs. Raykowski gave Mr. Cohen a framed letter of appreciation from the parents, while the faculty and staff, represented by Mr. Cooper and Mrs. Imbriani, presented him with a plaque.

Special guests at the ceremony included Superintendent of Schools Lawrence R. McGoldrick, Assistant Superintendent



Gene Nyitray, Assistant Superintendent for Business Helen DeSilva, Board of Education Vice President William Gauger, Board member Leanore Egan, and former Board member Mr. Galgano. The ceremony concluded with everyone singing, "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow."



WINTER CONCERTS

The District #30 Music Department is proud to announce the schedule of the winter concerts for all three buildings. The concerts will feature the school band, orchestra, and chorus from each building.

The dates for these concerts are:

- Shaw Avenue – Tuesday, December 12th in the school gymnasium, 7:30 p.m.
- Forest Road – Wednesday, December 13th in the school auditorium, 7:30 p.m.
- Clear Stream Avenue – Friday, December 14th in the school gymnasium, 7:30 p.m.

WE NEED HELP!

Valley Stream District #30 is looking for noon-hour aides to work two (2) hours daily in our schools. Candidates must enjoy working in an environment with children. Interested candidates must also complete the Civil Service process and New York State fingerprinting requirement. Please call Marilyn Berkowitz at (516) 285-9880 for an application and to arrange an interview.

SCHOOL CLOSINGS

Inclement weather and other emergencies may warrant school closings or delayed openings. In the case of a delayed opening, students are expected to arrive at school at 10:00 a.m.

PTA class parents will initiate telephone calls to inform all parents that school has been delayed. News 12 will broadcast information on school closings and the following radio stations will also announce school closings or delayed opening information:

WNBC AM 88
WGBB AM 1210
WGSM AM 720
WHLI AM 1100
WINS AM 1010
WALK FM 97.5
WALK AM 1370

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SPECIAL EDITION

A LETTER FROM YOUR BOARD OF EDUCATION

Dear Resident,

On behalf of the staff, administration, and Board of Education here at Valley Stream District 30, we would like to extend a fond farewell to long time Board member Leanore Egan. Although Ms. Egan has recently announced her retirement from the Board, she leaves behind years of dedicated service to our students and an unprecedented commitment to excellence that will not be forgotten.

Mrs. Egan began her Board service on May 2, 1984 and remained an active member until her retirement on December 31, 2001. Her leadership positions include serving as Vice President from 1986 to1988, and again from 1996 to 1998. She also served as President from 1988 to 1990 and from 1998 to 2000. In addition to her service on the District 30 Board of Education, Ms. Egan served a total of 15 years as a member of the Central High School Board of Education, where she held the position of Vice President from 1991 to 1992 and President from 1992 to 1993.

Through her tireless efforts to improve our school community Ms. Egan has proven herself an invaluable member of our district. We would like to recognize the contributions she has made to our schools, and wish her the best of luck and happiness in all of her future endeavors.

MOVING FORWARD

The Valley Stream District 30 Board of Education is interested in recruiting an enthusiastic and energetic new board member to fill the seat vacated by Ms. Egan. With a focus on improving the school environment and helping our students achieve academic excellence, the Board of Education is seeking residents of our community who are passionate about the issues facing our schools, who care about our students, and who are interested in making a difference. Board of Education members are unpaid officials who serve as the community's representatives in all manners concerning the district. Members are required to attend scheduled monthly meetings to conduct the regular business of the school district. In addition, special meetings and work sessions are called on an as needed basis to address specific topics and concerns.

WE NEED YOU!

Residents who would like to apply for the vacant seat on the Board of Education are asked to send a letter of interest to the Clerk of the Board of Education, Madelaine Furst, at the following address:

Madelaine Furst
c/o Board of Education
150 Washington Avenue
Valley Stream, NY 11580

All letters of interest must be received by the district no later than February 15, 2002. Please include your name and phone number so we may call you to arrange an interview.

Sincerely,

The Valley Stream 30 Board of Education
Richard Eisenberg, President
William O. Gauger, Vice President
Maria A. Fletcher, Member
Andrew J. Walters, Member

ATTENTION RESIDENTS

The Valley Stream District 30 Board of Education is interested in recruiting an enthusiastic and dedicated new board member to fill the seat vacated by Leanore Egan. With a focus on improving the school environment and helping our students achieve academic excellence, the Board of Education is seeking a responsible community member who is interested in volunteering their time and service to help our students succeed.

All interested parties are asked to send a letter of interest to the Clerk of the Board of Education, Madeline Furst, at the following address:

Madelaine Furst
c/o Board of Education
150 Washington Avenue
Valley Stream, NY 11580

Please be sure to include a phone number so we may call you to arrange an interview. Letters of interest must be received by the school district no later than February 15, 2002.

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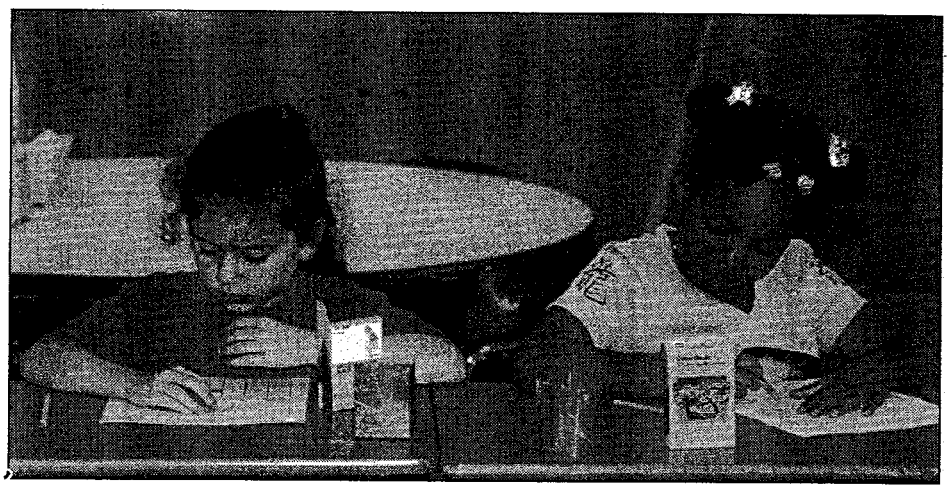
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Working for Your Children

During the 1999-2000 school year, the District #30 Comprehensive District Education Plan (CDEP) Committee collaborated to create vision, mission, and belief statements that represent the course our school district is taking and the ideals that reinforce this. The CDEP Committee is composed of parents, teachers, administrators, and educational consultants in the district.



VISION

Valley Stream School District #30 is dedicated to maximizing the potential of our children and helping them discover the joy of learning.

MISSION

The mission of Valley Stream School District #30, through collaboration with parents and community partners, is to educate all students to their highest levels of performance in nurturing learning environments that are safe, inclusive, and student centered. We believe that:

- Every child can learn.
- A child who experiences success will develop greater self-esteem.
- Diversity should be embraced, appreciated, and respected.
- Children should be encouraged to think creatively and work cooperatively.
- Student needs determine instructional delivery.
- Individuals should be accountable for their performance and behavior.
- All community members are partners who share the responsibility of educating our children.

BELIEFS

We believe that we must:

- Create safe, caring and challenging learning environments.
- Prepare each child to meet the challenges of the 21st Century.
- Promote life-long learning.
- Encourage active family and community involvement.
- Provide appropriate resources and utilize innovative technology to assure success for each student.
- Implement an integrated curriculum that is developmentally sequential from grade to grade.
- Encourage and model honesty, integrity, and respect.

Best wishes to all of our students, parents, and community members. Have a wonderful year!



Shaw Ave. at 50

Shaw Avenue School recently celebrated its 50th anniversary. Students gathered on the school lawn as Principal Henry Mazer accepted proclamations from State Senator Dean Skelos, Mayor Edward Cahill, Assemblyman James Darcy and County Executive Tom Gulotta's Office. The school also dedicated a new plaque at the main entrance. Students wrote and sang songs (pictured left) that highlighted many of the wonderful experiences they have had at Shaw Avenue.

District *Welcomes* New Staff Members

After saying goodbye to our retiring staff members at the end of the 1999-2000 school year, District #30 welcomed new teachers and staff members. Following an extensive interviewing process conducted by district administrators, District #30 is proud to present the newest members of our educational family.

"This new group of staff members consists of a fine mix of experienced educators along with young, enthusiastic individuals who have graduated from the finest colleges and universities in the country and are starting their first teaching assignments," said Superintendent of Schools Lawrence R. McGoldrick. "These fresh faces bring bright, new perspectives that will nicely compliment the work ethic, savvy, and professionalism of our seasoned staff members. Our veteran staff will be there to provide guidanc for their new co-workers for the greater benefit of the children of District #30."

CLEAR STREAM AVENUE SCHOOL

Katharine Green
School Psychologist

Karin Lise-Witt
Grade 6 Teacher
Leave Replacement

Amy Flood
Grade 2 Teacher
Leave Replacement

Doris Jean Saraceno
Grade 4 Teacher

Donna Mastronardi
Reading Teacher

Pat Serio
Resource Room Teacher

Valerie Taliercio
Contractual Substitute (3 days)

Cindy Tobia
Contractual Substitute (2 days)

Pat Catalfomo
Clerk Typist

Lisa DelCampo
Computer Technician

Lorraine Peragine
Kindergarten Aide

FOREST ROAD SCHOOL

Kristen Venezia
ESL Teacher

Melissa McNally
Grade 2 Teacher

Madeline Stephan
Grade 5 Teacher
Leave Replacement

Cathy Itri
Reading Teacher

Lisa Geraci
Speech Teacher (.5 FTE)

Deborah Scheel
Special Education Teacher

Felicia Solomon
Contractual Substitute (3 days)

Jennifer Kemper
Contractual Substitute (2 days)

Gail Kramer
Clerk Typist (.5 FTE)

Cathryn Mule
Inclusion Aide (Part-time)

SHAW AVENUE SCHOOL

Cynthia Butron
Science Teacher (Leave Replacement)

Christina Caravella
Contractual Substitute (2 days)

Jessica Mitchell
Contractual Substitute (3 days)

Christina Bell
Clerk Typist

Vincent Cusumano, Jr.
Cleaner

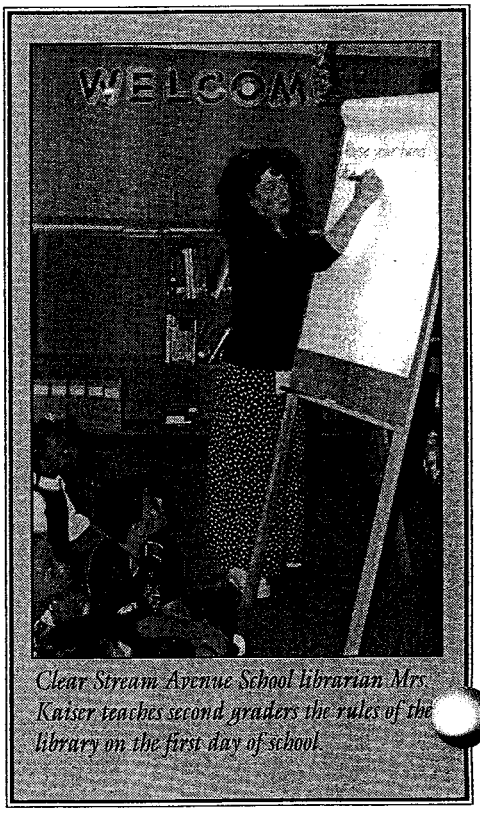
Oscar Hernandez
Cleaner (Part-time)

DISTRICTWIDE

June Innella
Inclusion Teacher

Judith Taliercio
Inclusion Aide

Congratulations to: Jodi Fine, Allison Needleman, Amy Flood, Regina Tyler, Joyce Miller, and Arlene Cannon!



Clear Stream Avenue School librarian Mrs. Kaiser teaches second graders the rules of the library on the first day of school.

BOARD OF EDUCATION
RECOGNIZED

In honor of their volunteerism and dedication to the children of District #30, the Forest Road, Shaw Avenue, and Clear Stream PTA organizations honored the Board of Education with a brief ceremony prior to the October Board meeting. Board members were presented with gift baskets by the PTA presidents. The event was hosted by the Forest Road PTA and held at Shaw Avenue School.

"Everything that we accomplish here in District #30 starts with the Board of Education," said Superintendent of Schools Lawrence R. McGoldrick. "We are blessed to have five individuals who always work hard for the children of Valley Stream."

Board President Richard Eisenberg thanked everyone for the ceremony and paid a special tribute to the spouses and children of the Board members for their understanding of the Board's pledge to the community. He also acknowledged Board Trustee Leanore Egan, who is still recuperating from an automobile accident and could not be present.



(L-R) Board of Education members Maria Fletcher, Andrew Walters, Vice President William Gauger, and President Richard Eisenberg received gift baskets as a thanks from the PTA for their service. Missing from the photo is member Leanore Egan.

Governor George Pataki designated the week of October 23-27 as Board of Education Recognition Week throughout New York State. Board of Education members are elected trustees who are not paid for their service.

Getting Ahead with Phys Ed

Clear Stream Avenue School's After-School Sports Program is flourishing, with 102 students currently participating (an all-time high). The program is available to all fifth and sixth graders. There is an assortment of activities and games designed to promote teamwork, citizenship, good sportsmanship, fair play and cooperation.

"The popularity of this program spans the spectrum of the competitive athlete to the mild mannered social butterfly," said Mr. Greiss, Clear Stream's physical education teacher. "The program is a fun and exciting meeting place for all, whether your dream is to win an Olympic gold medal or just to have a few laughs with your friends."

Proud to be Polite

Forest Road School is celebrating their year-long theme of "Proud to be Polite" with a host of fun, educational activities. The theme kicked-off with a PTA sponsored show called "Manners to Go" which taught students about respecting one another. This year, each class will select a student to represent them in the Honor Guard for the American Flag, which will be held prior to every school assembly. In addition, physical education teacher Mr. Manzo is putting together a Wall of Fame to honor children who exercise good sportsmanship. Every month, each class will honor a student who exemplifies good citizenship and good manners. Every student will also create a poster that will convey messages of respect and honesty and address conflicts such as handling bullies, name-calling, and teasing in a civilized, polite manner.



Forest Road School Principal Carol Kingsley reads along with students on the first day of class.

MATERIALS HUNT

Students in Ms. Murphy's 2nd grade class at Clear Stream Avenue School can tell you the differences between metal, paper, and plastic. Under the direction of science teacher Ms. Butron, these students carried out scientific exploration as they went on a "Materials Hunt" in class. Using magnifying glasses, they thoroughly investigated the classroom until they found pieces of metal, wood, string, plastic, wax, cotton, and paper.

Learning how materials are different from one another is an important step in learning science. Another is recording observations, which the students did. "This button is made of plastic because it is slippery," wrote Samantha Knightly. "This pen is made of metal because it is hard and shiny," wrote David Rodriguez.



Clear Stream students search for materials.

"The students have been learning the differences between the materials by texture," explained Ms. Butron. "Sorting, identifying, and classifying basic materials helps students form observation skills and promotes scientific inquiry."

"Once the students ask questions about the world around them and identify things that they can touch and smell, we can build new lessons from the skills that they have learned in class," added Ms. Murphy.

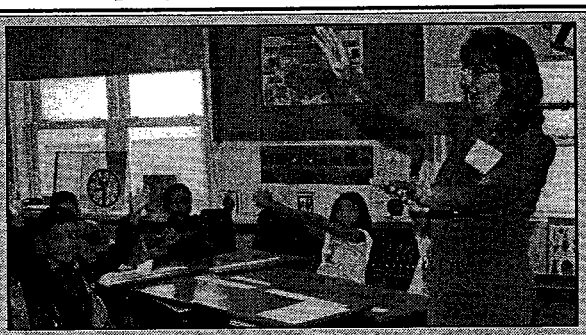
Students will use these lessons when they study the differences between solids, liquids, and gases later this year.

Key & Pen Pals

Students in Mrs. Flood's 2nd grade class at Clear Stream Avenue School have been participating in a key pal/pen pal program with second graders at the Forest Brook Elementary School in Hauppauge. The classes have been e-mailing one another since September. The program has two major goals: to teach students how to use technology to communicate; and to teach them the components of a friendly letter.

GROWING UP DRUG-FREE

Red Ribbon week, a national campaign of drug free awareness for students across America, was observed at Shaw Avenue School for the first time. Students kicked off the week on October 23 by assembling outside the school to form a giant circle. They then held each other's hands and recited a pledge to grow up drug-free. Students were asked to memorize the pledge as their homework assignment.



Mrs. Miller does the wave with her fourth grade class at Shaw Avenue School on the first day of class.

A Community of Readers

Students in Ms. Slavet's first grade class at Clear Stream Avenue School are enjoying some fun and interesting reading activities. Each day, a 10-minute mini-lesson is conducted wherein Ms. Slavet reads out loud to the children and covers strategies to make reading more interesting and effective. Students then read independently, or with a buddy, using strategies they have learned, such as looking for picture cues within the context of the story. Each student can also find a "book nook" to call their own. During the reading, Ms. Slavet conferences with each student to gauge their progress and address each student's specific needs. The class also gathers as a community of readers to share how they use different strategies.



Ms. Slavet conferences with her first grade readers.

Summer Readers

Over 2,660 books were read by 261 Clear Stream students who participated in the school's Summer Reading Program. Mrs. Aragona's fourth grade class and Mrs. McCain's fifth grade class had 100% participation. Congratulations to all of the students who participated.

Art for Peace

Awareness and concern for world peace are depicted in the artwork of fourth graders at Forest Road School. These students are creating Peace Pictures as part of the "Art for Peace" program, conducted under the supervision of art teacher Mrs. Baron and fourth grade teachers Mrs. Fitzgerald and Mrs. Stiefel.

A classroom discussion was held on the importance of international peace and friendship. The children talked about the necessity to replace verbal and physical aggression with attitudes of peace, understanding, and brotherhood. They agreed that art is a special language that is universal, and can be used to communicate what is in the mind and heart.

Following their discussion, students began creating Peace Pictures. These pictures will be sent to Japan for children overseas to enjoy. The hope is that Forest Road students can convey their desire for peace to the children of Japan. The Japanese children will, in turn, send the Forest Road students pictures they created, depicting their ideas of world peace and friendship.

"Our children are learning that they can have an impact on world peace," said Principal Carol Kingsley. "Especially since someday, they will be our leaders."

Hispanic Heritage

Mrs. Decker-Lawson's class celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month by reading about Hispanic culture, history, and tradition, including the many Hispanic people who have left a great impact on our world today.

The class also received a complimentary publication of *Newsday*. This special edition, the latest in *Newsday's* "Education Living" textbook series, contains a sample of stories, graphics, and photographs reprinted from *Newsday*, that recognize Hispanic heritage. Many of the students in the class are Hispanic Americans whose families are originally from Peru, El Salvador, Colombia, and Puerto Rico.

Baked Apples, Popcorn & Math

Students in Ms. Ehrenreich's 3rd grade class at Clear Stream Avenue School baked apples and popcorn in celebration of the fall season. The children compared different kinds of apples using Venn diagrams. They also wrote their recipe using sequential steps. Later this year, the class will create a book of their favorite apple recipes and evaluate each recipe.

WINTER CONCERTS

The District #30 Music Department is proud to announce the schedule of winter concerts in all three buildings. The concerts will feature the school band, orchestra and chorus of each building. The dates for these concerts are:

- Forest Road-Tuesday, December 12 in the school gymnasium, 7:30 p.m.
- Shaw Avenue-Wednesday, December 13 in the school auditorium, 7:30 p.m.
- Clear Stream Avenue-Friday, December 15 in the school gymnasium, 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Stump will lead the Forest Road chorus, Mrs. Kreeger will direct the Shaw Avenue chorus, and Mrs. Pratt will direct the Clear Stream Avenue chorus. Mr. Adams will direct the band for all three schools. Mrs. Wieder will direct the orchestra for all three schools. The public is invited to attend. The District #30 Music Department would also like to remind everyone that "life means more with music."

We Need Help!

Valley Stream District #30 is looking for noon-hour aides to work 2 hours daily in our schools. District 30 is also looking for noon-time cleaners to work 3.5 hours per day in our schools. For both positions, candidates must enjoy working in an environment with children. Interested candidates must also complete the Civil Service process, including fingerprinting. Please call Mrs. Marilyn Berkowitz at (516) 285-9880 for an application and to arrange an interview.

SCHOOL CLOSINGS

Inclement weather and other emergencies may warrant school closings or delayed openings. In the case of a delayed opening students are expected to arrive at school at 10:00 a.m.

PTA class parents will initiate telephone calls to inform all parents that school has been delayed. News 12 will broadcast information on school closings and the following radio stations will also announce school closings or delayed opening information:

WNBC AM 88
WGBB AM 1210
WGSM AM 720
WHLI AM 1100
WINS AM 1010
WALK FM 97.5
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50 YEARS OF MUSIC

Students at Shaw Avenue Elementary School celebrated the school's 50th year in existence with a music assembly chronicling the songs that have influenced multiple generations over the last five decades. Parents filled Valley Stream Central High School's Keller Auditorium as students from all grade levels performed.

The second and third grade Sign Language Club kicked things off with their performance of *Let Me Sing*, under the direction of Mrs. Phillips. The kindergarten classes of Ms. Milano, Mrs. Neary, Mrs. Reinhard, and Mrs. Schweigert sang happy birthday to Shaw Avenue with their version of the Beatles hit *Happy Birthday*. The 1950s were covered by sixth graders, as students in Mr. Buckley's, Mrs. Badaracco's, Mrs. Pedi's and Ms. Tsigako's classes performed a 50s Medley, wherein students sang and danced to songs including *Rock Around the Clock*, while the 1960s were covered by first graders in Mrs. Amalfitano's class who performed a dance medley which included songs like *Chantilly Lace*. Fifth graders in Mr. Beyer's, Mrs. Cannon's, Mrs. Decker-Lawson's, Mrs. Mitchell's, Mr. Riccobono's, and Mrs. Wasserman's classes performed *Do Wah Diddy Diddy*, and the fifth grade Lunchtime Club performed *Aquarius/Let the Sunshine In*, which brought students to dance through the isles among members of the audience.

The 1970s were covered through Mrs. Haydock's class' performance of *Surfin Safari*, Mrs. Bart's class' performance of *ABC* and Mrs. Ficarrotta's class' performance of *Shake Your Grove Thing*. The 1980s were celebrated by the third grade classes of Mrs. Ferranti, Mrs. Granger, Mrs. Lipski, and Mrs., Lufrano with their version of *We are the World*. The 1990s were covered by Ms. Post's class' version of *La Macarena* and *My Favorite Toys*, Mrs. Ging's class' rendition of *Mambo #5*, and Mrs. Geffner's and Ms. Starler's class' version of the theme of the television show *Friends* called *I'll be There for You.*

Finally, it was time to acknowledge the year 2000 with a Millennium medley by the fourth grade classes of Ms. DePace, Ms. Garvey, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Pernick and Mrs. Tyler. The fourth, fifth, and sixth grade Sign Language Club closed things out with their version of Louis Armstrong's classic *What a Wonderful World*.



Shaw Avenue School's second and third grade Sign Language Club perform during the school's "50 Years of Music" celebration.

"The children looked fantastic in their costumes, which depicted the era they were celebrating," said Shaw Principal Henry Mazer. "They sounded great and danced wonderfully. Our teachers should also be applauded for their hard work in preparing the children for this joyous event. I hope 50 years from now, Shaw students can continue to exhibit the same kind of talents they do today."

Special thanks also go out to pianist Mrs. Briker-Kreeger and Ms. D'Ambrosio from the music department for their assistance.

YOUNG ARTISTS SHINE AT STATE EXHIBIT

The artwork of three students at Clear Stream Avenue School was displayed at the New York State School Boards Association Exhibit held in Albany this past October. Art teacher Mrs. Araujo submitted the works of Matt Caputo, Elizabeth Swahn, and Andrew Laurita. The exhibit is sponsored by NYSATA, the New York State Art Teachers Association. Pictured here (l-r) are Principal Robert Cohen, Matt, Elizabeth, Andrew, and Mrs. Araujo.



ALL-COUNTY MUSICIANS

Congratulations to those District #30 students who were selected to participate in the All-County Music Festival held this month at the Tilles Center at Long Island University's C.W. Post campus. They are:

CLEAR STREAM
ALL-COUNTY CHORUS
Ben Palazzolo

Lorraine Kataria
Shirmela Rambally
Christine Sciara
ALL-COUNTY-BAND
Soteria Kaimis (trumpet)
ORCHESTRA
Stephanie Serrano (violin)

SHAW AVENUE
ALL-COUNTY CHORUS
Christina Simona
Jo-Quan Greene
Sarina Meikle
Alyssa Puccio

ALL-COUNTY BAND
Melina Jagnandan (flute)
ORCHESTRA
Erin Coen (violin)

FOREST ROAD
ALL-COUNTY CHORUS
Andrea Chong
Crystal Costello
ALL-COUNTY BAND
Ryan Ahuja (percussion)
ORCHESTRA
Jessica Vuong (violin)

Alexis Lear (cello)

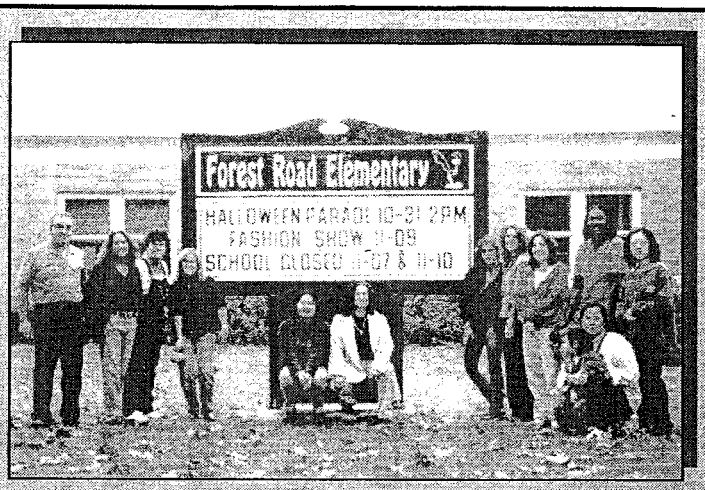
Congratulations are also in order for District #30 music instructors Linda Pratt, Barbara Kreeger, Barbara Weider, John Stump, and Timothy Adams for all of their hard work working with the children.

VIRTUAL VISITS

Students at Forest Road Elementary School will be visiting the Philadelphia Museum and Albany Institute, without ever leaving the school library. These "virtual visits" are live, person to person communications that will take place through distance-learning video visits. The children will be able to take a tour of the museum and see what's happening there, and at the the institute and communicate with the representatives at each location. In turn, the representatives will be able to see the students and communicate with them, all in "real time."

The third grade classes are learning to appreciate and interpret art at the museum. The sixth graders are visiting the Albany Institute to learn about mummies and ancient Egypt. The visits will take place in the school library. The program is the result of a collaboration between art teacher Susan Baron, librarian Carol Kislin, and technology coordinators Carol Biscardi and Jerry Camilleri.

A SIGN OF THE TIMES



Pictured here are proud members of the Forest Road School family displaying the sign that was installed on the school lawn earlier this year. The sign serves not only to tell people that they are entering Forest Road School, it also keeps the community informed of school happenings. Shaw Avenue and Clear Stream Elementary Schools have also received new signs in recent years.

STUDENTS 'BUDDY-UP' TO READ

First and sixth graders at both Clear Stream and Shaw Avenue schools have been getting together to promote literacy and foster new friendships through their respective "Reading & Book Buddies" initiatives.

Ms. Slavet's first grade class and Mrs. Dunn's sixth grade class at Clear Stream Avenue School have been meeting weekly. The students have been reading and responding to books across the subject areas. They have been studying characters, detail, and setting of books.

The sixth graders use posted notes to document areas of interest in the books as they read along. The first graders have been asking questions about the books and gaining an understanding of the way language can be used in literature.

"This interaction, or 'book talk' has generated a love for reading in both classes that we hope will motivate the children to become lifelong readers," said Mrs. Dunn.

Mrs. Bart's first grade class and Ms. Pedi's sixth grade class at Shaw Avenue School have also been meeting weekly to read and write together. The activity enables the students to develop and enhance their literacy skills, be creative, and experience cooperative learning as well.

These first graders are also being introduced to major elements of a story while the sixth graders are reinforcing and strengthening their skills. Some of the skills include mapping a story, cause, and effect, story webs, Venn diagrams, and timelines.

"This analysis of books really enhances the reading experience," said Mrs. Bart, "and the cooperative learning experience has fostered many new friendships!"

These "book buddies" kicked off the year by creating a poster complete with sentences and illustrations of things that come in pairs and triples. Some of the illustrations for pairs included a girl with two ponytails, the twin towers and earrings. Some of the pictures for triples were holes in a bowling ball and wheels on a tricycle. They also glued photos of themselves onto the posters.

Each child will be given the opportunity to complete an activity/project based on the story in the book they read. As a result, by the end of the year, each child will have a booklet of projects as a remembrance of their year together.

SIXTH GRADERS CREATE A LEGACY OF THEIR OWN

Sixth graders at Clear Stream Avenue School are out to leave a legacy behind. The entire sixth grade has been working on an exciting new project to beautify the halls of the school. The project is a calendar mural that will illustrate events in the lives of these sixth grade students. Each month of this school year will be chronicled in this calendar mural. This will include current world events. As with every sixth grade project, at the end of the school year, the students will present their work.

The project was made possible thanks to a grant secured by art teacher Mrs. Araujo, who will oversee the project. Last year, also under the direction of Mrs. Araujo, sixth graders at Clear Stream created a legacy of their own: a copper foil relief that chronicled the decades of the 20th century.

Art Enrichment

Forest Road Elementary School's Art Enrichment program is flourishing. Parent volunteers have been working with art teacher Susan Baron and bringing artwork into the classrooms for children of all grade levels to enjoy. The parents research the artist and facilitate conversations with the students about their works.

"Mrs. Baron has done a wonderful job of creating excitement around the program, and the parents have been valuable teachers," said Forest Road Principal Carol Kingsley. "We thank them for all of their hard work and support of art throughout the curriculum."

Keeping Up To Date In 2001

Second graders in Ms. Starler's and Mrs. Geffner's classes have been busy working on monthly calendars for 2001. After completing research on each month's special holidays, important dates, etc., they compiled this information on the computer. With Mrs. Shazar's assistance, they drew calendars and incorporated the information into the appropriate day/month. Once the calendars were assembled, the children wrapped them and presented them to their parents for the holidays.

New Music Teacher

District #30 welcomes Brian Kalinowski, the newest member of the music department. Mr. Kalinowski will be teaching the fourth grade band students in all three schools of the district. He brings a wealth of experience, having last served as a music instructor in the Mineola School District.

Visiting Readers

Each month, Ms. Gunther's first grade class at Clear Stream Avenue School has been inviting a family member of a classmate into the classroom to read a story. The visiting readers, who included moms, dads, aunts, uncles, grandmothers, grandfathers, and even family friends, brought their favorite books in to read to the children.

"Listening is an extremely important component of a balanced literacy program," said Ms. Gunther. "It's nice for the children to be read to by someone other than their teachers, and it gives them the chance to learn about someone else's favorite book."

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Founder's Day Celebration

Song & Dance at Forest Road



The Forest Road School PTA celebrated the 104th birthday of the PTA at its Founder's Day celebration. Co-presidents Andrea Bretscher and Julie Olson welcomed over 300 guests and spoke about the history of the PTA. School Board President Richard Eisenberg and Superintendent Lawrence McGoldrick encouraged all present to continue to contribute toward making District 30 a school-centered community.

Under the musical direction of John Stump, Forest Road students performed "A Tribute to Rodgers and Hammerstein," the pair that created some of the 20th century's most lovable and recognizable melodies. The audience enjoyed selections from *South Pacific, The King and I,* and *The Sound of Music.*

A group of sixth grade students performed selected scenes from each musical. Second grade students sang a selection of songs from each musical, dressed in grass skirts, sailor's hats, martial arts uniforms, and pajamas." Other fifth and sixth grade students assisted with scenery, and a number of students contributed toward painting and set design.

Forest Road Principal Carol Kingsley culminated the evening with an original poem that thanked everyone who contributed toward making school a special place in District 30.

Budget Information and Meetings

On Tuesday, May 15, residents of the Valley Stream Elementary and High School Districts will go to the polls to vote on the annual school budget. The polls will be opened from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

A budget presentation is scheduled for Tuesday, May 1 to provide detailed information about the proposed budget to assist voters in making an informed decision at the polls. The presentation will be held at Clear Stream Avenue Elementary School, beginning with an overview of the Central High School budget at 8:00 p.m., followed by an overview of the District 30 budget. Residents and community organizations are invited to attend and are welcome to ask any questions that they have at the conclusion of the presentation.

Permanent Registration

Every person registered to vote in the 2001-2002 school election on May 15 will remain registered for all future annual and special elections, UNLESS:

- The individual fails to vote within four years prior to the preparation for future registers.
- The individual moves out of the district.

NOTE: In accordance with Chapter 629 of the laws of 1975, any person currently registered with the County Board of Elections is also entitled to vote in the school elections without future registration.

Petitions For Candidates

Election of candidates for the District 30 Board of Education will take place on Tuesday, May 15, 2001. Petitions for Board candidates are available at our Administrative Office: 150 Washington Avenue, Valley Stream, and must be filed before 5:00 p.m. on Monday, April 16, 2001. In accordance with Section 2018 of the State Education Law, twenty-five residents' signatures are required on this petition, or 2% of those who voted in the previous election, whichever is greater.

NOTE: THE LAST DAY to register to vote on the annual budget and for the Board of Education election is Tuesday, May 8, 2001 from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Registration will be held at all three schools (Clear Stream Avenue, Forest Road, and Shaw Avenue.)

A CREATIVE Quest

Clear Stream Avenue students Jennifer Porti and Christine Mulé worked together on an AppleWorks slide presentation as a part of the district's Quest Program. Their collaboration involved several steps. First they worked on a rough draft of a creative story and drew illustrations for the story. After they completed their final copy using the AppleWorks 6 word processor, they still had some more work to do. "We divided our story up, so that each part could be a different page on the slide presentation," Christine explained. "We learned how to scan in our artwork, and we recorded our voices to read what was on each page," Jennifer added. When they were done, they had an attractive project to share with their classmates and families.

"Programs like AppleWorks add dimension to the students' creativity," said Ronni Horowitz, the district's Quest program director. "Not only have Jennifer and Christine been creative with their storytelling, but they've been learning how to use computer software to add some really beautiful style to their imagination."

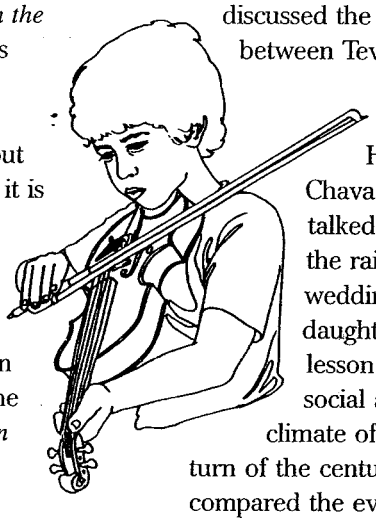
The Quest Program is an enrichment program for highly motivated students in grades 3-6. The program is celebrating its eighth year in 2000-2001.



Christine Mulé and Jennifer Porti are creating a slide presentation using AppleWorks 6 and an iMac computer.

Lessons from FIDDLER ON THE ROOF

Mrs. Levine's sixth grade reading group at Shaw Avenue recently studied the musical *Fiddler on the Roof.* The students learned the importance of tradition throughout the ages and how it is sometimes necessary for traditions to change. Set in a small Russian town near the turn of the century, *Fiddler on the Roof* was adopted from a Yiddish short story called "Tevye and His Daughters" by Sholom Aleichem. It was among the first American musicals to deal seriously with issues of discrimination, prejudice, and stereotyping.



Mrs. Levine's students discussed the relationship between Tevye and his daughters Tzeitel, Hodel, and Chava. They also talked about how the raid on the wedding of Tevye's daughter teaches a lesson about the social and political climate of Russia at the turn of the century. Students compared the events in the story to current events and to their own experiences. As a culminating activity, students performed excerpts from the musical for their classmates.

PEER MEDIATORS RESOLVE CONFLICTS

Valley Stream District 30's Peer Mediation program is once again in full swing. Peer Mediation is a program where children help their peers talk through and solve problems. The goal is to teach children to listen to one another and to better understand how their actions can affect others.

Fifth and sixth grade mediators already have at least one year of experience, which they used to train the new fourth grade mediators. After a two-day workshop guided by Mrs. Brenda McGuire, fourth grade students went back to their respective schools to share this alternative way to solve conflicts with their peers.

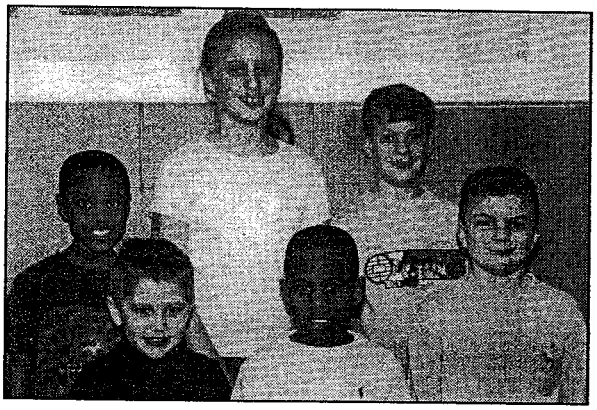
"The response has been outstanding," program director Regina Pedi reported. "The student mediators are putting great effort into meeting with their peers and resolving conflicts."

As part of the program, mediators check back with the "disputants" one week after the mediation. They are finding that most of the problems have been resolved and the students are friends once again. With the help of administration, faculty, parents, students, and participants in the program, the Peer Mediation program is helping to make our schools positive places to learn.

SHAW AVENUE
FIFTY YEARS FROM NOW

Shaw Avenue PTA's 50th Anniversary Committee celebrated the school's half-century mark with a student essay contest entitled "Shaw Avenue School: 50 Years from Now." Committee members Kathy Vagnone and Rosann Colucci read the winning essay from each grade and handed out awards to all participants in two student assemblies. The author of each winning essay received a $25.00 Waldenbooks gift certificate.

The winning essay writers made some interesting predictions. First grade student Daniel Napolionello noted that there would probably be all new classroom furniture. Second grade student Jason Boyd predicted that the blackboard would be replaced by computers or laptops. Third grade student Nicholas Russo predicted that all students would be transported to class by automated robots and delivery pods. Fourth grade student Jessica Petrauskas thinks that trips to places like Disney World would be easier, because the whole world will be connected by monorail. Fifth grade student Patrick Austin hopes the cold water from the water fountains at Shaw Avenue stay the same. Sixth grade student Hal Berman predicts that zero-gravity games will become a regular part of gym class.



Shaw Avenue essay contest winners (l to r): Patrick Austin, Daniel Napolionello, Jessica Petrauskas, Jason Boyd, Hal Berman, and Nicholas Russo.

During the assembly, Shaw Avenue Principal Henry Mazer encouraged students to continue writing. "There may a couple of famous writers in the making right here in this room," Mr. Mazer said. "Keep up the good work!"

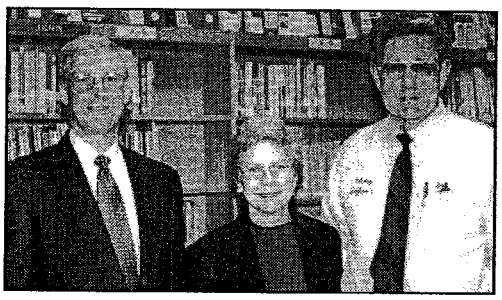
DINNER FOR SENIORS
at CLEAR STREAM

Classrooms are beginning to buzz in preparation for a special dinner concert that will be given on May 3, 2001 at the Clear Stream School. The dinner will we given for 100 senior citizens from the Charles Monica Village apartments. The Clear Stream Chorus, under the direction of Mrs. Linda Pratt, regularly performs for the residents at Monica Village. Now the senior citizens will have the opportunity to visit the school.

The dinner concert will be made possible by a FutureCorps Grant from *Newsday*, which will not only pay for the dinner, but provide bus transportation for the seniors to and from their apartments. Mrs. Pratt, who applied for the grant, has enlisted the help of Mr. Vincent Libertini, kindergarten teacher, to cook the dinner. Every grade level will help with the dinner, either by making table decorations or program covers, helping with food preparation, setting up tables in the gym, or serving food. A special souvenir is planned for the guests, made by third grade students. The chorus will provide the evening's entertainment. Parents and friends will have a chance to preview the concert at the annual Spring Melodies concert at 7:30 p.m. on March 30, 2001.

Forest Road
••••Thanks Mobil

At the January Board of Education meeting, Mr. Anthony Hoeffner presented a check for $500 to the Forest Road School on behalf of Mobil. This money will contribute toward purchasing a video camcorder to create and edit video presentations.



School Board Vice-President William Gauger and Forest Road Principal Carol Kingsley accept a generous donation from Mr. Anthony Hoeffner on behalf of Mobil.

These presentations will integrate what students are learning in class with video technology. For example, students can document each stage of a lab experiment on film, learn how to create an advertisement, or recreate different chapters from a book in dramatic skits. After taping, students will learn how to edit the digital footage using a program called iMovie, which comes standard with the district's iMac computers.

Prior grants from Mobil have been used to purchase tape recorders and VCRs for classroom instruction. "This kind of community support is very much appreciated," said Forest Road Principal Carol Kingsley. "Thanks to Mr. Hoeffner and to Mobil, we are able to acquire new resources that help make classroom learning a true adventure for our students."

◆ IMPORTANT INFORMATION ◆

Kindergarten & First Grade Registration Information

Registration for next year's kindergarten students and first graders entering school for the first time will be held from April 23-27, 2001 between 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. at Clear Stream Avenue, Forest Road, and Shaw Avenue Schools. Registration will only be accepted with two proofs of residency and an original birth certificate as proof of date of birth.

A child must have been born on or before December 1, 1996 to be eligible for admission to kindergarten in September 2001. NO EXCEPTIONS ARE EVER MADE TO THE ENTRANCE AGE REQUIREMENTS.

Children entering school for the first time must present documentation indicating that they have received 2 doses of measles vaccine after the child's first birthday, as well as 1 dose of mumps and rubella vaccine, also after the first birthday. They must also have received at least 3 diphtheria and tetanus and 3 oral polio vaccines. In addition, children are required to have received 3 doses of hepatitis B vaccine. (Public Health Law 2164 requires that all children born on or after January 1, 1993 must provide proof of immunity to hepatitis B disease upon entrance to kindergarten.)

Transportation Requests

DUE BEFORE APRIL 1

Valley Stream UFSD #30 will provide transportation for children who reside in the district who will be attending private and parochial schools in September 2001. This transportation is provided only when the following conditions are met:

- District 30 parents must make a written request for transportation to and from a specific school no later than April 1, 2001.
- The child must live at least two miles from the private or parochial school, but no more than fifteen miles.
- The child must be five years old on or before December 1, 2001.
- New York State Education Law specifically states that applications must be submitted annually for each new year.

If your child meets the criteria for transportation as defined above, please send in your request for the 2001-2002 school year no later than April 1, 2001.

Send your request to:
Valley Stream School District 30
Administrative Office
150 Washington Avenue
Valley Stream, NY 11580

Important Tax Notice

New York State Income Tax forms for 2000 require the name of the public school district in which you live. Our school district is Valley Stream Union Free School District #30 and our code is 657.

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School Budget Vote On Tuesday, May 15th

This is our District's annual budget issue of *The Friendly Schools*. It contains a summary of the proposed budget expenditures for the 2001-2002 school year. We hope you will find it informative.

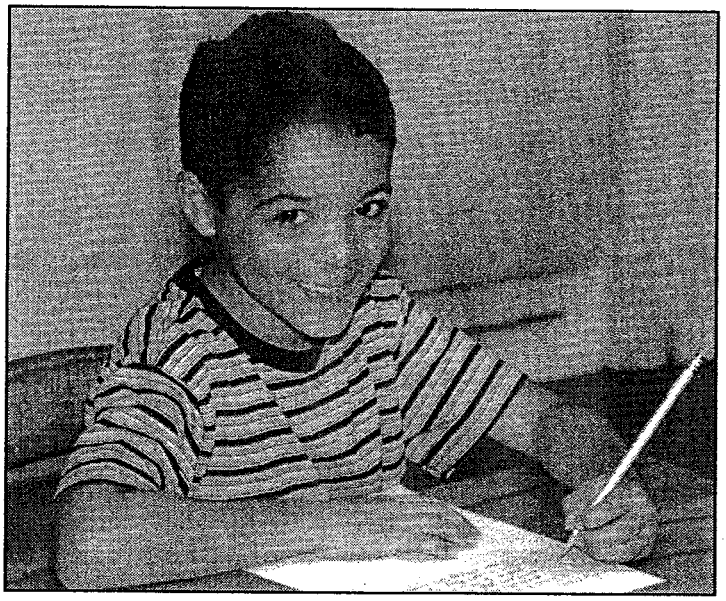
Our schools meet new challenges each year. Because of increasing enrollment, we need to make prudent use of our resources to deliver high quality services to our children.

We are a leader in the integration of technology into our curricula, both for instruction and administration. District Thirty provides extensive support services and a full range of music, arts, and club activities in each of our schools.

We project that the approval of this budget will result in a modest increase in the District Thirty tax rate for each residential homeowner, in line with recent trends for our community. The details are included in this brochure.

The involvement of our parents and community residents is essential to the continued success of our schools, especially as we continue to meet the challenges presented by State Learning Standards. We pledge to provide a first-rate education to each of our students.

If you have any questions regarding our proposed budget, please do not hesitate to contact the Superintendent of Schools or attend our Budget Hearing. The Hearing will be held on May 1st at 8 p.m. at the Clear Stream Avenue School. We appreciate your comments, and we want to answer all of your questions.



On behalf of the Superintendent of Schools and the Board of Education of District Thirty, we thank you for your continued support.

"We pledge to provide a first-rate education to each of our students."

- Richard Eisenberg, Board President

Proposition #1

The 2001-02 Budget

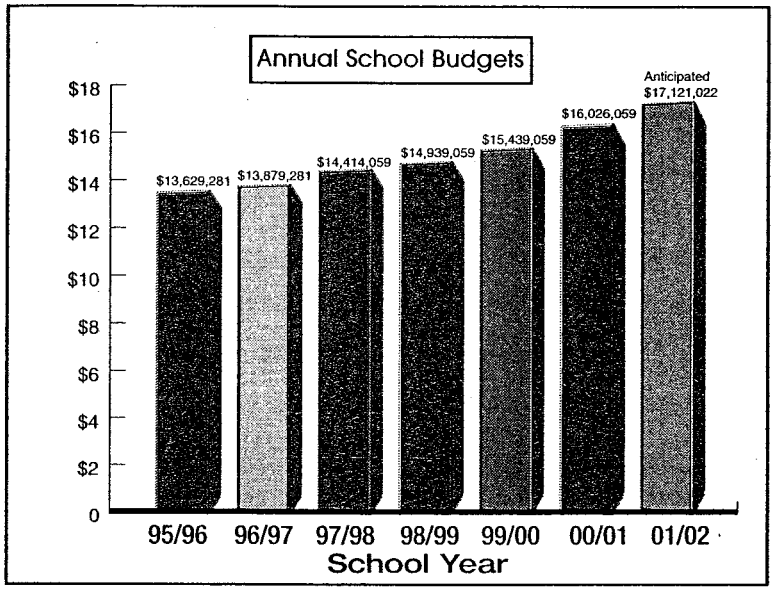
Budget Highlights

- Increase in State Aid
- Applied Fund Balance Increased to $1,375,000
- Assistant Principal for Clear Stream Avenue - 1.0 FTE*
- Provision for 4 Instructional Staff Positions:
  - A. Academic Intervention Services - 1.0 FTE
  - B. Special Education - 1.0 FTE (Inclusion/ Resource Room)
  - C. Speech - .5 FTE
  - D. Physical Education - .5 FTE
  - E. Social Worker - 1.0 FTE
- Increase in Clerical Support Staff - (.5)
- Provision for Additional Academic Clubs
- Technology/Data Warehousing
- Increase in Fuel and Insurance Costs
- Bond Payment of Principal & Interest Included
- Ventilation Project at Forest Road School

** FTE = Full Time Equivalent*

What Will It Cost?

The cost of the budget will be approximately 76 cents on the tax rate next year, or a $46 increase for the average household.



Valley Stream District Thirty Budgets Demonstrate Pattern of Modest Growth

Our District's focus on the bottom line has always been an important consideration. The total spending increase in our District in the last seven years has averaged a modest 3.9% per year.

Proposition #2

Central Voter Registration

This proposition authorizes voter registration (a) during the same hours children may be enrolled for a school term at any of the District schools; and (b) between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., when school is in session, at the Office of the District Clerk/Business Office of the School District by the District Clerk/Assistant District Clerk or a member of the Board of Registration for future elections.

Budget Breakdown

Statement of Estimated Expenditures

Description	2000/01 Approved Budget	2001/02 Proposed Budget	Change
Board of Education	8,250	8,250	0
District Clerk	8,000	8,000	0
District Meetings	8,950	13,950	5,000
Central Administration	191,745	209,744	17,999
Business Administration	296,043	313,401	17,358
District Treasurer	18,550	23,200	4,650
Legal Services	33,700	51,200	17,500
Negotiations	6,000	6,000	0
Public Information	21,260	26,260	5,000
Operations & Maintenance	1,167,624	1,215,424	47,800
Liability Insurance	108,500	98,500	(10,000)
School Association Dues	8,000	8,000	0
BOCES Administration Charge	63,500	63,500	0
School Administration & Curriculum	717,164	886,942	169,778
Instructional Program	7,832,976	8,120,023	287,047
Special Education Program	1,537,416	1,889,652	352,236
Library and Media Services	377,738	381,183	3,445
Computer Education Program	294,727	394,846	100,119
Health & Psychological Services	349,385	414,935	65,550
Extra Services	65,125	75,125	10,000
Transportation	308,085	323,485	15,400
Community Lectures and Census	9,100	8,100	(1,000)
Employees' Benefits	2,357,026	2,371,199	14,173
Interfund Transfers	0	135,000	135,000
Debt Service	237,195	75,103	(162,092)
TOTAL BUDGET	**$16,026,059**	**$17,121,022**	**$1,094,963**

2000/01 **2001/02**

Spending Increase

$16,026,059 → **$17,121,022**

Tax Rate Increase

$22.97 → **$23.73**

Your School Taxes (Elementary District)*

$1,378 → **$1,424**

* Based on a home with an assessed value of $6,000. You can find your assessed value on your tax bill. Your assessed value x .01 x .76 = Estimated Tax Increase (Elementary Portion Only).

The proposed budget represents a spending increase of 6.8% and a tax rate increase of 3.3%. But what does this mean in real dollars? If we calculate our estimate using an average assessed value of $6,000, this translates to a bottom-line increase in school taxes of $46 for the year.

Proposed Budget

Board of Education **8,250**
Includes expenditures for attendance at educational conferences by Board of Education members.

District Clerk **8,000**
Includes salaries, supplies, materials, and legal advertising for the part-time District Clerk.

District Meetings **13,950**
Includes salaries, supplies, materials, and legal advertising for the budget vote and special meetings.

Central Administration **209,744**
Includes the salaries of the Superintendent of Schools and Central Office personnel. Also includes conferences, supplies, and materials for the Central Office.

Business Administration **313,401**
Includes the salaries of the Assistant to the Superintendent and Business Office personnel. Also included are supplies, materials, equipment, the cost of the annual audit, and computerized accounting system costs.

District Treasurer **23,200**
Includes the salary of the part-time District Treasurer, supplies, materials, and costs of banking services.

Legal Services **51,200**
Includes the salary of the part-time School Attorney and litigation fees.

Negotiations **6,000**
Includes the shared cost of special legal counsel for negotiation services.

Public Information Services **26,260**
Includes the cost of preparation, printing, and mailing of *The Friendly Schools* and other public information services such as the school calendar and bulletins.

Operation & Maintenance of Buildings and Grounds **1,215,424**
Includes salaries of Director of Facilities and custodial and maintenance staff. Also included are costs for water, light, fuel oil, telephone, security, and extensive building maintenance and repairs in the areas of fire safety, asbestos abatement and compliance with other State and local governmental mandates. Any changes in the provision of services in the new budget are based on current industry trends.

Liability Insurance **98,500**
A slight decrease in this budget appropriation has been recognized for 2001/02 as a result of the District's participation in the NY Schools Insurance Reciprocal.

School Association Dues **8,000**
Includes membership fees in local, State, and national educational organizations.

BOCES Administrative Charge **63,500**
Each school district in Nassau County is charged a fee according to the number of children attending public school within the district. A portion of this fee is returned to us as BOCES aid.

School Administration and Curriculum Improvement **886,942**
Includes salaries for the Assistant Superintendent of Schools, building principals, assistant principals, school secretaries, equipment for school offices, materials and supplies. Also included are provisions for educational conference expenses of supervisory personnel, curriculum library maintenance, curriculum development, in-service training, and mini-grants for special instructional projects.

Instructional Programs **8,120,023**
Salaries include teachers, specialists, substitutes for teachers and assistants, teacher aides, and noon aides. Purchases of new furniture and equipment are budgeted here for the replacement of items that cannot be repaired cost-effectively. Contractual services include the substitute registry, approved teacher conference expenses, postage, repair of music and science equipment, and the copier lease. The changes in consumable materials and textbooks for all instructional areas are reflective of the current economic condition and industry-wide adjustments. A portion of the textbook expense is returned as State aid. Our students' participation in the BOCES Cultural Arts and Science Field Experience Programs reflect changes determined by BOCES. Approximately 60% of the cost of these programs is returned as State aid.

Special Education Program **1,889,652**
Included is the salary of a Districtwide administrator, teachers, support staff, and an additional position for the Inclusion and

Proposed Budget

Resource Program. The District, in addition to operating five special education classes, provides specialists for students who are mainstreamed into regular classes. Changes in the area of out-of-district tuition is a direct result of a shift in enrollment and an upswing in the cost of special education pupils in other public school district classes, BOCES classes, and in private residential and non-residential schools.

School Libraries and Media Services **381,183**
Includes the salaries for librarians, library aides, library and media equipment, library books, periodicals, materials and supplies for the three schools. Also included are the costs for the maintenance and technical support for the District's participation in the automated Nassau Schools Library System program.

Computer Education **394,846**
Includes the salary for teachers of computer education and the salaries of five computer aides. The appropriation for computer equipment reflects the continued expansion of our program into the District's learning centers.

Health Screening and Psychological Services **414,935**
Includes the salaries of the school psychologists, a social worker, the salaries of three registered nurses, medical supplies and equipment, and contracted services provided by other districts and BOCES for mandated services to the Blessed Sacrament School.

Extra Services **75,125**
Includes extra pay for extra services and supervision and reflects the District's commitment to provide a broad range of activities for our children both before and after school.

Transportation **323,485**
Transportation is provided for children to private and parochial schools located at least two miles and no farther than fifteen miles from the pupils' homes and for all children in special education programs. Transportation is also provided for the District's instrumental, enrichment, and field trip programs. Any change in this code is a direct result of a balance in the contract costs of these services and the number of children currently being transported out-of-district. A percentage of the cost of basic transportation is returned as State aid to the District in the following year.

Community Lectures and Census **8,100**
Includes funds for district-sponsored programs, lectures, and for a Districtwide census.

Employee Benefits **2,371,199**
Includes the cost of the District's contributions to the two retirement funds, Social Security contributions, Worker's Compensation premiums, and health and dental insurance. All rates are determined by Federal and State law and by negotiated contract. Increases and decreases reflect a combination of higher or lower rates, larger bases, and increased premiums.

Interfund Transfers **135,000**
Interfund Transfer appropriation provides funding for the ventilation project at the Forest Road School.

Debt Service **75,103**
Included are the interest and principal costs for the Clear Stream Avenue School Project.

Three-Part Budget Summary

	Description	Approved 2000/01	Proposed 2001/02	Dollar Change	Percent Change	Percent of Total
I.	Administrative Component	1,747,969	1,879,327	131,358	0.82	10.98
II.	Program Component	12,722,998	13,660,895	937,897	5.85	79.79
III.	Capital Component	1,555,092	1,580,800	25,708	0.16	9.23
	TOTAL	**$16,026,059**	**$17,121,022**	**$1,094,963**	**6.83%**	**100.00%**

VOTER Information

School Budget Vote May 15

Time and Place

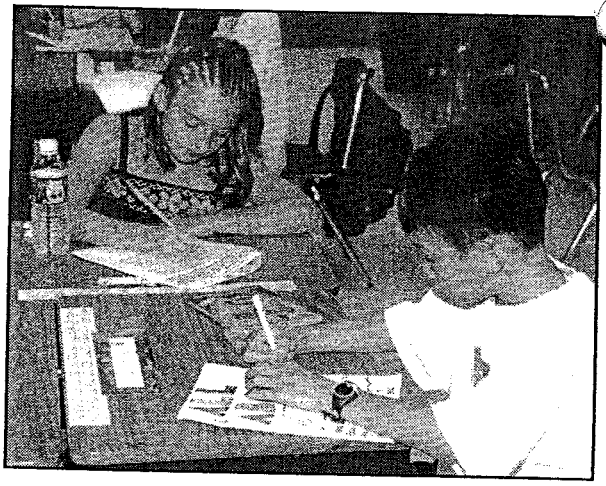
Voting will take place on Tuesday, May 15, 2001 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. in the elementary school within your school election district: Shaw Avenue, Clear Stream Avenue, and Forest Road.

Absentee ballots must be in the hands of the District Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. on the day of the vote.

Electors will be voting on the budgets of the Valley Stream Union Free School District #30 and the Valley Stream Central High School District, the Central Voter Registration proposition, and for the election of one (1) trustee to the Valley Stream #30 Board of Education.

Voter Registration

The day of registration for the May 15, 2001 election is Tuesday, May 8. You may register at any of the school offices



from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Although you will be eligible to vote on May 15 if your name appears in the general election lists of Nassau County, the process of voting on May 15 will be much easier if your name appears in the school district registration books. You must be registered in order to vote.

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A JOURNEY BACK IN TIME

Did you know that one third of the battles of the American Revolution were fought on New York soil, and that New York suffered more destruction than any other state? With the assistance of the New York State Lottery Bus, fourth and fifth graders at Clear Stream Avenue School learned just that as they journeyed back in time to the Revolutionary War. The theme, "The Birth of the United States: New York and the Revolutionary War," taught students about the Revolutionary War, one of the most important chapters in American history. Students read documents and learned about key figures of the conflict.

The New York State Lottery Bus changes their ucational theme yearly to coincide with the curriculum.



AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL

After the September 11 tragedy, Mrs. Aragona's fifth-grade class decided to write thank-you letters to the World Trade Center rescue workers. The class also wrote letters of support to Mayor Giuliani. Student Lydia Linea Williams composed the following heartfelt poem expressing her feelings about the tragedy:

"America The Beautiful"

My land is America, the land where freedom rings.
That's why our heavenly father created us human beings.
There are many sorrows throughout this land,
but we can make it oh, yes we can!
America's like a person. A person who has a heart.
Really America is hurting, because she, her land, just got shot!
The heart it was aimed for, but it went through to the soul,
but we can make it
because our land cannot be controlled.
My heart stopped hurting a little, but I'm still wounded inside.
It's a feeling that I can't try to hide.
Every time I think about our land,
I say Why? Why me? Why us? Why now?
Now your sorrows, I promise, they won't end tomorrow.
But the point I'm trying to get out is,

AMERICA IS STRONG, WE CAN SURVIVE
THE THINGS DONE WRONG!

KINDNESS IS CONTAGIOUS

Ms. Kelly's, Mrs. Remhild's, and Mrs. Suarez's second-grade classes at Forest Road School have been discussing how Random Acts of Kindness help make our school community and our world a better place. In light of the September 11 tragedy, the students discovered the many ways they could make a difference. They began by acknowledging the hard work and sacrifice of the World Trade Center Recovery and Rescue Teams. Feeling it was important to applaud the rescuers' amazing contributions, the students used their handprints to create the stripes on their own version of the American flag.

The second graders also raised money for the American Red Cross by having a bake sale. The teachers and students diligently planned, organized, advertised, and baked for this worthwhile event. Their hard work paid off as $295.36 was raised.

Still, these second-grade teachers and their students felt this wasn't enough. Wanting the Valley Stream Fire Department to know how much they were appreciated, the students wrote letters thanking them for volunteering their time. In response to the overwhelming support they received, the firefighters visited the three classrooms, gave a tour of a fire truck, answered questions, and even baked cupcakes!

The second graders at Forest Road School have learned a valuable lesson in giving, and that kindness is contagious.

BOARD OF EDUCATION RECOGNIZED



The Board of Education was honored for their unwavering commitment to the children of District #30 with a brief reception prior to the October Board meeting. Hosted by the Clear Stream PTA and held at Shaw Avenue School, the Clear Stream, Forest Road, and Shaw Avenue PTAs presented each member with a gift basket.

Board of Education President Richard Eisenberg thanked the PTA for the fabulous reception and once again paid a special tribute to the spouses and children of the Board members for their understanding of the Board's pledge to the community.

RED RIBBON WEEK

Red Ribbon Week, which symbolizes the commitment to a healthy and drug-free lifestyle, was celebrated at Shaw Avenue Elementary School the week of October 22. To commence the week, the entire school community, wearing red, assembled on the playground and recited the Red Ribbon Pledge. Students and staff joined hands to form one gigantic circle. Numerous activities including poster making, wearing slippers to school to illustrate the message "Don't Let Drugs Slip into Your Life," and special assemblies reinforced the importance of growing up drug free.

WORKS OF ART

Works of art by Clear Stream Avenue School students Sean Breuer, Kristina London, and Manjula Koroma were selected for an exhibit at the annual conference of the New York State School Boards Association (NYSSBA).

This exhibit, organized annually by the New York State Art Teachers Association, showcases the artistic achievement of students at the elementary through high school levels. An opening reception honoring the young artists was held at the Buffalo Convention Center, the site of this year's exhibit.

The New York State Art Teachers Association's primary purpose is the statewide promotion of excellence in art education.

WELCOME ABOARD!

District #30 extends a warm welcome to the newest members of their family:

CLEAR STREAM AVENUE SCHOOL

Darlene Diehl – Grade 2 Teacher
Erica Heumann – Grade 3 Teacher
(Per Diem Substitute)
Richard Mansfield – Grade 5 Teacher
(Leave Replacement)
Dina Parrotta – Grade 1 Teacher
Brian Pierce – PE Teacher (.5 FTE)
Valerie Taliercio – Grade 1 Teacher
(Leave Replacement)
Mary Hevia – ESL Teacher (.9) Clear Stream Avenue and Shaw Avenue
Brian Kalinowski – Music (.5)
Diana Haanraadts – Assistant Principal
Susan Galgano – Contract Substitute
Jennifer Bennett – Contract Substitute

FOREST ROAD SCHOOL

Jennifer Kemper – Grade K Teacher
(Leave Replacement)
Linda McKeever-Alonso – ESL Teacher
Rae Sportelli – Speech Teacher
Teresa Deeks – Clerk Typist (.5)
Romeo Cunanan – Custodian
Colleen Dash – Contract Substitute

SHAW AVENUE SCHOOL

Thomas Carrenard – Social Worker
Sarra Cooper – Art Teacher (Leave Replacement)
Gina Crescenzo – Special Education
Roni Kunstler – ESL Teacher (Per Diem Substitute)
Melissa Pascuma – Grade 4 Teacher
Ellissa Fazio – Art Teacher (.5)
Oscar Summers – Custodian

DISTRICTWIDE

Dominic Savino – Treasurer
Kathleen Denaro – Clerk Typist (Central Office)

MAKING SAFETY **A PRIORITY**

Shaw Elementary School is excited about the new School Safety Patrol Program! The program, under the supervision of Mrs. Pernick and Mr. Clark, consists of fifth and sixth graders who are positioned at hallways, doorways, and exits at the beginning of each school day and at dismissal. As leaders in safety, patrol officers become peer educators to other students in the school.

Selected students had participated in a thorough training session, which covered school safety rules and procedures. Upon completion of the program, each patrol officer received a badge and an official orange School Safety Patrol belt to help other students identify them.

Safety Patrol Officers are valuable members of a team and learn how to become good citizens. By developing a sense of responsibility and leadership, officers promote a positive self-image and therefore serve as role models for their classmates. Membership in a patrol develops attention to duty, alertness, dependability, and a sense of social obligation.

It is the goal of the Shaw Avenue Elementary School Safety Patrol to provide a safe and healthy environment to reinforce the learning process and enhance education.

SUMMER READING STARS

Congratulations to Jason Boyd, Jennifer Calvo, Christopher Coen, Kristal Fasano, Kamara Reynolds, Joshua Rosenweig, Amanda Vagnone, Jennifer VanVynck, and Ashley Varghese for participating in the Henry Waldinger Public Library's Summer Reading Program. Each student received an "Awesome Reader" pencil by Librarian Mary Mathews. Their certificates and pictures are on display in the Media Library Center.

LEARNING ABOUT **IMMIGRATION**

Students in Mrs. Aragona's fifth-grade class at the Clear Stream Avenue School have been working on a unit about immigration. With the help of student teacher Marisa Lembo, the class has adopted families from various countries. Using the Information Lab, the Library, and the Internet, the students are discovering why citizens of Ireland, Italy, Puerto Rico, Japan, Mexico, and Cuba immigrated to the United States.

LOOKING BACK . . . PRINCIPAL ROBERT A. COHEN **HONORED**

On Flag Day this past June, students, faculty, staff, and parents of Clear Stream Avenue School celebrated Principal Appreciation Day, surprising Principal Robert A. Cohen. The Assistant Mayor of Valley Stream Guido Cirenza presented a Proclamation on behalf of Mayor Edward Cahill and the Village of Valley Stream proclaiming the day as Robert A. Cohen Day.

Complying with the theme "Hats Off for the Principal," students created and decorated nearly 500 hats, each containing a message of appreciation for Mr. Cohen. The students also presented him with a medal, which was inscribed "World's Best Principal." Clear Stream Avenue PTA President Mrs. Raykowski gave Mr. Cohen a framed letter of appreciation from the parents, while the faculty and staff, represented by Mr. Cooper and Mrs. Imbriani, presented him with a plaque.

Special guests at the ceremony included Superintendent of Schools Lawrence R. McGoldrick, Assistant Superintendent



Gene Nyitray, Assistant Superintendent for Business Helen DeSilva, Board of Education Vice President William Gauger, Board member Leanore Egan, and former Board member Mr. Galgano. The ceremony concluded with everyone singing, "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow."



WINTER CONCERTS

The District #30 Music Department is proud to announce the schedule of the winter concerts for all three buildings. The concerts will feature the school band, orchestra, and chorus from each building.

The dates for these concerts are:

- Shaw Avenue – Tuesday, December 12th in the school gymnasium, 7:30 p.m.
- Forest Road – Wednesday, December 13th in the school auditorium, 7:30 p.m.
- Clear Stream Avenue – Friday, December 14th in the school gymnasium, 7:30 p.m.

WE NEED HELP!

Valley Stream District #30 is looking for noon-hour aides to work two (2) hours daily in our schools. Candidates must enjoy working in an environment with children. Interested candidates must also complete the Civil Service process and New York State fingerprinting requirement. Please call Marilyn Berkowitz at (516) 285-9880 for an application and to arrange an interview.

SCHOOL CLOSINGS

Inclement weather and other emergencies may warrant school closings or delayed openings. In the case of a delayed opening, students are expected to arrive at school at 10:00 a.m.

PTA class parents will initiate telephone calls to inform all parents that school has been delayed. News 12 will broadcast information on school closings and the following radio stations will also announce school closings or delayed opening information:

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WGSM AM 720
WALK FM 97.5
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A LETTER FROM YOUR BOARD OF EDUCATION

Dear Resident,

On behalf of the staff, administration, and Board of Education here at Valley Stream District 30, we would like to extend a fond farewell to long time Board member Leanore Egan. Although Ms. Egan has recently announced her retirement from the Board, she leaves behind years of dedicated service to our students and an unprecedented commitment to excellence that will not be forgotten.

Mrs. Egan began her Board service on May 2, 1984 and remained an active member until her retirement on December 31, 2001. Her leadership positions include serving as Vice President from 1986 to1988, and again from 1996 to 1998. She also served as President from 1988 to 1990 and from 1998 to 2000. In addition to her service on the District 30 Board of Education, Ms. Egan served a total of 15 years as a member of the Central High School Board of Education, where she held the position of Vice President from 1991 to 1992 and President from 1992 to 1993.

Through her tireless efforts to improve our school community Ms. Egan has proven herself an invaluable member of our district. We would like to recognize the contributions she has made to our schools, and wish her the best of luck and happiness in all of her future endeavors.

MOVING FORWARD

The Valley Stream District 30 Board of Education is interested in recruiting an enthusiastic and energetic new board member to fill the seat vacated by Ms. Egan. With a focus on improving the school environment and helping our students achieve academic excellence, the Board of Education is seeking residents of our community who are passionate about the issues facing our schools, who care about our students, and who are interested in making a difference. Board of Education members are unpaid officials who serve as the community's representatives in all manners concerning the district. Members are required to attend scheduled monthly meetings to conduct the regular business of the school district. In addition, special meetings and work sessions are called on an as needed basis to address specific topics and concerns.

WE NEED YOU!

Residents who would like to apply for the vacant seat on the Board of Education are asked to send a letter of interest to the Clerk of the Board of Education, Madelaine Furst, at the following address:

Madelaine Furst
c/o Board of Education
150 Washington Avenue
Valley Stream, NY 11580

All letters of interest must be received by the district no later than February 15, 2002. Please include your name and phone number so we may call you to arrange an interview.

Sincerely,

The Valley Stream 30 Board of Education
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ATTENTION RESIDENTS

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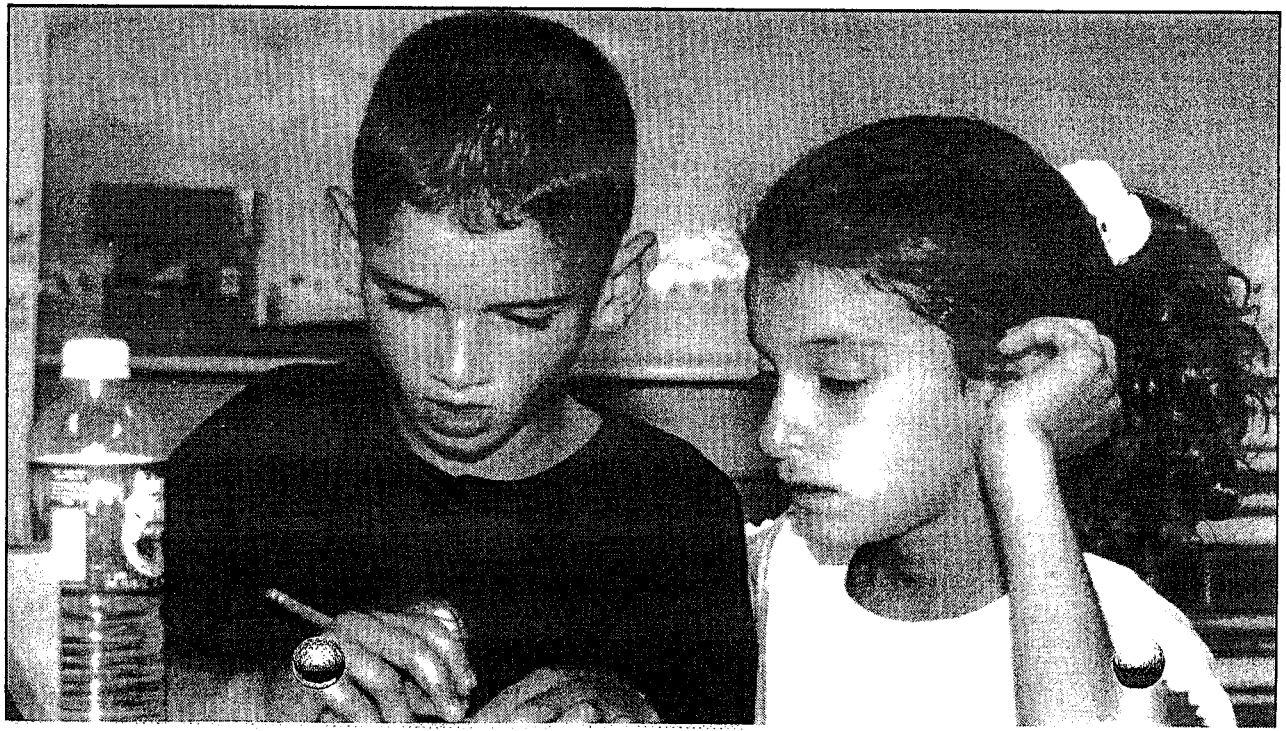
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PLANNING FOR CONTINUED SUCCESS

The Board of Education and central administrators have been working with many different professionals to assess the district's space and programming needs. The district has experienced a K-6 enrollment increase of 402 students (37%) over the last 10 years. This enrollment growth has been coupled with changing student needs, space challenges, and mandated requirements.

Last year, the Board of Education commissioned a Long Range Planning Study designed to help the district accomplish its educational goals for the future of our students. The study was conducted by the Western Suffolk BOCES Office of Planning and Research to address these issues. The study presents enrollment projections through 2010 that were based on demographic factors



utilization and programmatic insight that were critical to the integrity of the study.

Based on the findings of the study and consultations with district personnel, educational consultants, and building professionals, the Board of Education has adopted a building improvement plan which will be put before voters on October 15, 2001.

Major findings of the study that serve as the impetus for the proposed plan include:

Enrollment Increases

- An estimated gain of more than 180 K-6 students between the actual 2000 enrollment of 1,502 students and the peak projection of 1,682 total students in 2006.
- The District K–6 enrollment is projected to peak in 2006. Clear Stream is anticipated to peak in 2004, while Forest Road and Shaw Avenue will follow in 2006.

Driving Force

The study found that the greatest contributing factor in the district's enrollment growth is housing turnover. Younger families are moving into our district with school-age children. Our reputation of educational excellence is undoubtedly a major reason for such an influx. Kindergarten is projected to remain at a heightened level of more than 175 students throughout the projection period. While the kindergarten class is projected to be smaller than the exiting sixth grade class throughout the projection period, the group will increase in size as it moves through the system.

Facilities Analysis

Consideration of several factors has helped the Board and administration in moving toward meeting future needs. The primary goal is to maintain quality education and class sizes that fall within accepted ranges. Secondary factors include the dedication of space for support programs, new program implementation, and educational philosophy.

The Long Range Planning Study also found that:

- The existing classroom space will need to be increased during the projection period to meet the programmatic needs of students.
- The maintenance of class sizes with a limit of 27 students in grades K–6 is projected to require twenty additional rooms (including two additional support rooms in 2005).
- A need exists to explore alternatives in space utilization that will provide adequate housing of the enrollment, and create equitable and efficient space allocation among all district schools to foster educational excellence.

The study also provided alternatives that included modification in class size limits, addition and/or modification of space allocation, and grade reconfiguration that the Board of Education examined closely. Many of these components are included in the proposed plan.

WHAT WILL THE **PROPOSED PLAN COST?**

Despite a total project cost of $10,050,000, the total amount to be bonded for capital improvements is $8,550,000 million. During the last two state-aid cycles, the district has received more than anticipated. This funding was wisely placed in reserve by the Board of Education to reduce the cost of any future needs experienced by the district. The Board is applying $1.5 million of this funding to the proposed plan to reduce costs to local taxpayers. The district will be bonding the funds at an estimated interest rate of 5.5%.

PROVIDING ADEQUATE SPACE FOR OUR EXCEPTIONAL PROGRAMS

The Long Range Planning Study (LRPS) provided the district with valuable information on its current space utilization at each facility and needs for future enrollment and programming. The report provided specific recommendations for each facility in accordance with State guidelines establishing 90% building capacity as the limit at which elementary schools should operate.

Clear Stream Avenue Elementary School is currently operating at 127% of its functional capacity of 377 students. The school's current enrollment of 479 students, which has increased 46% in the last decade, is expected to reach 562 students at the peak of enrollment in 2004.

Clear Stream currently has a total of 21 instructional sections for grades K – 6. There are three sections for each grade, housed in 21 rooms, inclusive of the full-day kindergarten program. The overall section size for the school is 22.8, with a range from an average of 19.0 in third grade to 26.0 in fifth grade.

The projected enrollment indicates that Clear Stream will require three additional sections/rooms throughout the remainder of the projection period to maintain class size at no greater than 27 students per section.

Forest Road Elementary School is also exceeding state guidelines by operating at 106% of its functional capacity of 283 students. The school's current enrollment of approximately 300 students has increased 19% since 1990. Forest Road currently has a total of 17 instructional sections for grades K – 6 and special education. Some of the current spaces are inappropriate for instructional use. Based on findings in the LRPS, additional rooms are needed to provide spaces for art, music, and remedial services. There are two sections of each grade level, and four self-contained special education sections. The overall section size for the school is 19.4 with a range from an average of 15.5 students in third grade, to 24.5 students per class in fourth grade.

The projected enrollment indicates that Forest Road will simply need to maintain its current 18 sections throughout the projection period. This will enable the maintenance of class size at no greater than 27 students per section.

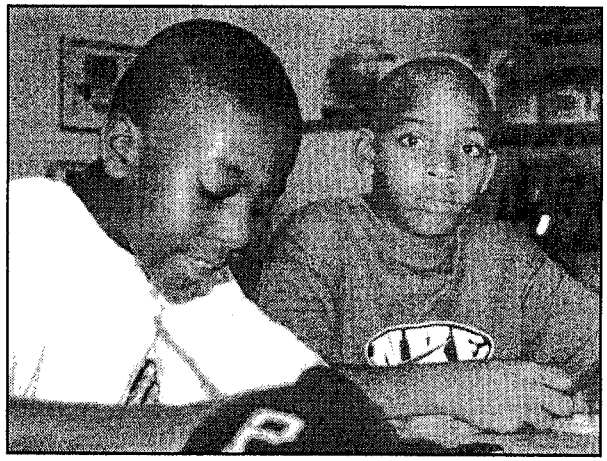
Shaw Avenue Elementary School operates at 121% of its functional capacity of 596. The school's enrollment of 723 students in 2000 represents a gain of 40% since 1990.

Shaw Avenue Elementary School currently has a total of 31 instructional sections for grades K – 6 and special education. There are four sections in Kindergarten and grades one, two, three and six. Five sections are currently needed in grades four and five, and there is one section for self-contained special education. The overall section size for the school is 23.8, with a range from an average of 21.2 students in fourth grade to 27.0 students in sixth grade.

The projected enrollment indicates that Shaw Avenue will require one to three additional sections throughout the projection period.

The Options:

- The alternate use of existing space within the schools includes the reduction or consolidation of the rooms dedicated to support programs. It was



noted in the Long Range Planning Study, **that the operation of facilities in this manner would affect program delivery.**

The district's most feasible alternatives to the use of existing space are grade reconfiguration or construction.

The efficient use of facilities is an integral part of preparing for continued student success. Space availability, with good management and administration of programs, have contributed to the effectiveness of our schools.

On October 15, residents will have the opportunity to vote on a proposed plan that has been designed to provide our schools with adequate space for programming as well as current and future enrollment. According to estimates received from the district's fiscal advisor, the proposed plan will cost residents **approximately $1.35 a week,** if no state aid is received.

◆ ENROLLMENT CHART ◆

YEAR	CLEAR STREAM	FOREST ROAD	SHAW AVENUE	K - 6
Actual 2000	479	300	723	1,502

2002	511	308	757	1,577
2003	534	298	768	1,60
2004	562★	308	793	1,663
2005	557	311	796	1,664
2006	559	314★	808★	1,682★
2007	561	313	792	1,667
2008	558	311	788	1,657
2009	558	311	788	1,658
2010	557	311	787	1,655

Notes: The sum of the numbers may not equal the totals due to rounding. ★ shows peak enrollment during projection period.

THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

What effects will the proposed plan have on our community?

Prior to adopting a bond proposition at its August 27 meeting, the Valley Stream Thirty Board of Education worked closely with environmental experts to examine the impact of the proposed plan.

At its August 6th meeting, the Board was presented with the findings of the district's environmental impact review performed by Environmental Scientist John Ellsworth, of Cashin Associates, P.C. The impact study is required by law under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA).

The environmental review focuses on several issues such as air quality, traffic patterns, topography and soil, land use, ground water, ecological resources, cultural resources, and noise factors.

Mr. Ellsworth presented the following findings to the Board and community:

Land Use: project creates no major changes in land use at most sites. Washington Avenue land use would change the most, with the addition of play areas for student use at the proposed Kindergarten Center. The addition to the Shaw Avenue School would be placed in the interior courtyard to avoid the disruption to play areas that are used by students and the community.

Traffic: traffic would remain relatively the same at Shaw Avenue and Forest Road schools. Traffic volume would decrease at Clear Stream with the transfer of Kindergarten students to the proposed Washington Avenue Kindergarten Center. Traffic would obviously increase at the Washington Avenue site based on the addition of students to that facility. The district is examining the options of splitting arrival and departure times to avoid a significant impact on the neighborhood.

Topography and Soil: found to be in good condition for development at all sites where construction is being proposed.

Ground water: the proposed plans will not impact the district's current means of water supply. The lack of construction at the Clear Stream location is due to the negative effects it could have on the remediation of an oil spill that took place in 1992 at a gas station near the school. While the Clear Stream site is presently safe for students and staff, as evidenced through testing, the Board wishes to avoid the possible disruption to the water table during construction. Clear Stream is undergoing monthly monitoring of the water supply. Data on the test results is available to all residents.

Air resources: the proposed plans will not have a negative impact on the district's air resources. Mold growth was removed from Forest Road and the site is being monitored. Asbestos was to be removed from Forest Road this summer, but the district had to terminate the services of the hired contractor. Time did not allow the district to rebid the work quickly enough over the summer months, so the asbestos will remain undisturbed throughout the school year, while students and staff are present. It will be removed after schools are dismissed in June 2002. Testing has been done to ensure that no asbestos was disturbed at the site.

Clear Stream also continues to undergo monthly monitoring of its air quality. The environmental impact review found that the gas spill near the Clear Stream School in 1992 is being well managed, but it has not gone away. Based on this finding, it would be irresponsible to attempt to build at this location. The Board would not jeopardize a presently safe situation at the Clear Stream School by proposing construction at the site. Data from Clear Stream's monthly monitoring is available to all residents.

Ecological resources: the proposed plans will not have a negative effect on the district's ecological resources.

Cultural resources: no historical structures will be affected by the proposed plan

Noise issues: increased noise will be experienced during the construction phase, but would return to normal levels upon completion of proposed projects. The Washington Avenue Kindergarten Center would experience minor increased levels of noise, due to outdoor student play areas and the existence of more individuals at the site.

Based on Mr. Ellsworth's findings, the improvement plan is in compliance with state regulations regarding the environmental impact of construction.

PROJECTED HIGHLIGHTS

Clear Stream Elementary School: (1-6)

A. Minor work at this building to include internal movement of existing classrooms

Estimated Construction Cost: $10,000
Total Construction Cost: $10,000

B. Contingencies and Fees (cost for Architect/Engineer fees, legal fees, other non-construction related expenses and costs associated with unforeseeable items or work that arise during construction)

18% of Total Construction: $1,800

Total Project Costs at Clear Stream: $11,800

Forest Road Elementary School: (K-6)

A. Construct a new library/media center with adjacent computer room. Construct four (4) new classrooms with "in room" handicapped accessible toilets, sink and bubbler, storage, and wardrobe. Construct new interior and exterior storage. Reconstruct existing library to create two (2) new full-sized classrooms ($200,000).

Estimated Construction Cost: $2,266,220

B. New classroom, new library/media center furniture and teacher's lounge equipment/cabinets for above

Estimated Construction Cost: $66,000

C. Related site work

Estimated Construction Cost: $85,000

D. Electrical power to accommodate computers in all existing

C. Furniture for "B" above

Estimated Construction Cost: $96,000

D. Electric for computers in all existing classrooms $138,250
Reinforce electric service $100,000

Estimated Construction Cost: $238,250

E. New third boiler and related piping in existing boiler room

Estimated Construction Cost: $175,000

F. Site Work Related to "B" above

Estimated Construction Cost: $120,000

Total Construction Cost (Items "A" through "F" above): $4,848,450

H. Contingencies and Fees (cost for Architect/Engineer fees, legal fees, other non-construction related expenses and costs associated with unforeseeable items or work that arise during construction)

18% of Total Construction: $872,721

Total Project Costs at Shaw Avenue: $5,721,171



Estimated Construction Cost: $194,250

E. Contingencies and Fees (cost for Architect/Engineer fees, legal fees, other non-construction related expenses and costs associated with unforeseeable items or work that arise during construction)

18% of Total Construction: $470,065

Total Project Costs at Forest Road: $3,081,535

Shaw Avenue Elementary School: (K-6)

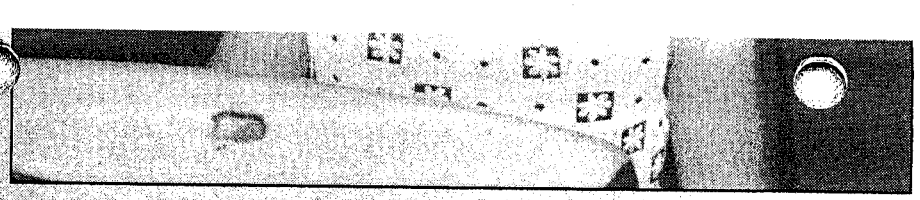
A. Reconstruct existing auditorium

- New seating (468 seats) $70,200
- New air conditioning and related electrical service including structural support and main electric service reinforcement $285,000
- New stage lighting/dimmer system $65,000
- New house lighting $35,000
- New audio system $70,000
- Refinish stage floor and front of stage, refinish stage rails $15,000
- New stage curtains and rigging $35,000
- New acoustical treatment including ceilings and wall treatment $25,000
- New carpeting at all areas except under seating (to be painted) $10,000
- All new auditorium doors (3 pair, 3 single doors) $9,000

Estimated Construction Cost: $619,200

B. Construct new educational space to include a new library/media center with adjacent computer room, three (3) full size classrooms, boys' and girls' rooms, storage areas and link corridors. Reconstruct existing library and computer lab to three (3) classrooms ($300,000).

Estimated Construction Cost: $3,600,000



Convert Washington Avenue Administration to New Kindergarten Center:

A. Convert interior spaces to three (3) new Kindergarten rooms, a Main Office and Nurse's Office. Fill in Boiler room, remove chimney

Estimated Construction Cost: $480,000

B. Construct an addition for a General Purpose Room with a toilet

Estimated Construction Cost: $360,000

C. Furniture for "A" & "B" above

Estimated Construction Cost: $56,000

D. Related site work

Estimated Construction Cost: $150,000

Total Construction Cost (Items "A" through "D"): $1,046,000

E. Contingencies and Fees (cost for Architect/Engineer fees, legal fees, other non-construction related expenses and costs associated with unforeseeable items or work that arise during construction)

18% of Total Construction: $188,280

Total Project Costs at Washington Avenue: $1,234,280

Total Project Costs Throughout VS#30: $10,050,000

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

What are the specific challenges that the Valley Stream School District #30 is facing that necessitate the need for a districtwide building improvement plan?
The major challenge our school district faces is a space shortage. This lack of space is the direct result of increasing student enrollment and state education mandates that have impacted our facilities and instructional program. The proposed plan addresses the district's need to provide core areas for mandated instruction and its desire to maintain current class sizes.

How did the district decide to put the proposed projects into a bond referendum? Why not include them in the annual budget?
It is not financially feasible to put this amount of work into our annual budget for several reasons. First of all, it would create an extremely high one-time tax increase. Second, the projects would have to be approved in each annual operating budget in order to be implemented - a time consuming and ultimately expensive process.
A bond issue, on the other hand, allows us to accomplish all of the work in a short period of time, while spreading the payments out over a longer term. In this manner, the tax increase is kept manageable and our annual operating budget is not adversely affected. A bond also creates an equitable situation, allowing new residents who will benefit from the schools to contribute to the repayment period as they move into the district.

How do we know that this project will meet our current needs and those of the future?
District officials have assessed the district's current needs by meeting with administration and site-based teams. Western Suffolk BOCES also performed a Long Range Planning Study for the district to determine future needs and an outside consultant was hired to assess the environmental impact of the proposed plan.

All of this information was incorporated into the development process of the proposed plan for our schools. District officials are confident that the plan being put before voters adequately meets all of the current and anticipated needs of our schools for the ten-year projection period.

What other benefits can be derived from this building improvement project?
The proposed plan would allow the district to return some of its students who attend out-of-district programs at BOCES. The district could save a significant amount of funding on

helps to protect the community's investment in its school system. The up-to-date facilities would be available for use by various community groups, civic associations, and adult education. The plan has been developed to benefit the entire school community.

If approved, can the money be used for anything else?
No. It would be against the law to use these funds in any other way than to improve the conditions of our schools as stated in the bond proposition.

How will the district control the project's additional costs or overruns?
Under state law, the district cannot spend more than taxpayers have authorized at the time of the vote, and the funds must be used as described in the bond authorization. The construction professionals have also built in contingency fees to cover the cost of any unforeseen projects that may arise.

What is the proposed timeline for the project?
The district will vote on the proposed plan on October 15, 2001. The highest priority of the proposed plan is to convert Washington Avenue into a Kindergarten center for student use by September 2002. The bulk of construction will be done in the Summer of 2003.

Why doesn't the district build at Clear Stream instead of relocating Kindergarten students to Washington Avenue?
The Board decided against new construction at the Clear Stream location because it could possibly have negative effects on the remediation of an oil spill that took place in 1992 at a gas station near the school. While the Clear Stream site is presently safe for students and staff, the Board wishes to avoid the possible disruption to the water table during construction. Clear Stream is undergoing monthly monitoring of the air quality and water supply. Data on the test results is available to all residents.

What about portables or building up at Clear Stream to create more space?
In order to create an additional story at Clear Stream, the building professionals would still have to break ground at the site to provide for a foundation that could hold the addition of another level. Many people also do not realize that the use of portables doesn't simply mean the delivery of the structures to the site. The ground would also have to be broken in this

How will I be expected to pick up my children from different schools with similar departure times?
The district is reviewing its arrival and departure times to create a more convenient situation for parents/guardians who may have students at more than one school.

How do I obtain the results of the monthly monitoring done at Clear Stream School?
To obtain the results of the monthly monitoring, a resident may contact Assistant Superintendent for Business Helen DeSilva at 285-9880.

Where will the administrative offices be located?
The district is currently investigating the availability of leasing a suitable site for the relocation. The relocation of the administration office will not incur any additional cost for the taxpayer. Any purchase of property must be approved by the taxpayers. The public will be kept informed of the progress.

Will the district ever be able to build at the Clear Stream site?
The district does expect the spill to eventually be remediated, but it is a long process that can't be rushed in order to ensure the continued safety of students and staff.

Will Kindergarten children still have the opportunity to work cooperatively with older students as they do now in the present facilities?
The district takes great pride in the way that our schools and grade levels interact for meaningful learning experiences. These experiences will undoubtedly continue for our students.

What factors is the demographic study based on?
The demographic study is based on birth rate, housing resale, and the impact of non-public schools.

What will the proposed plan cost local residents?
Despite a total project cost of $10,050,000, the total amount to be bonded for capital improvements is $8.55 million. During the last two state aid cycles, the district has received more than anticipated. This funding was wisely placed in reserve by the Board of Education to reduce the cost of any future needs experienced by the district. The Board is applying $1.5 of that funding to the proposed plan to reduce costs to local taxpayers. This funding will help to significantly defray the costs of the projects. If approved, the plan will cost the average resident with a $5,500 assessment approximately

Voter Information

DATE: Monday, October 15, 2001
TIME: Between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m.
LOCATION: In the elementary school within your school election district: Shaw Avenue, Clear Stream Avenue and Forest Road.
ABSENTEE BALLOTS: Applications may be applied for at the office of the District Clerk. If the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, the completed application must be received by the District Clerk no later than October 8, 2001. If the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter at the office of the District Clerk, the completed application must be received by the District Clerk no later than October 14, 2001, the day before the date set for the Bond Vote. No absentee voter's ballot shall be canvassed unless it shall have been received in the office of the District Clerk of the Valley Stream Union Free School District Thirty not later than 5:00 p.m. on the day of the Bond Vote.
VOTER REGISTRATION: Tuesday, October 9, 2001. Residents may register at any of the school offices from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
IN ORDER TO REGISTER a person must be: a citizen of the United States; at least 18 years of age; and a resident of the District for a period of thirty days preceding the Bond Vote. You will be able to vote on October 15 if your name appears in the general election lists of Nassau County.
REGISTRATION will also be conducted through October 10, 2001 during the day at each of the district's schools and from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Office of the District Clerk, at the Administration Offices, 150 Washington Avenue, Valley Stream.

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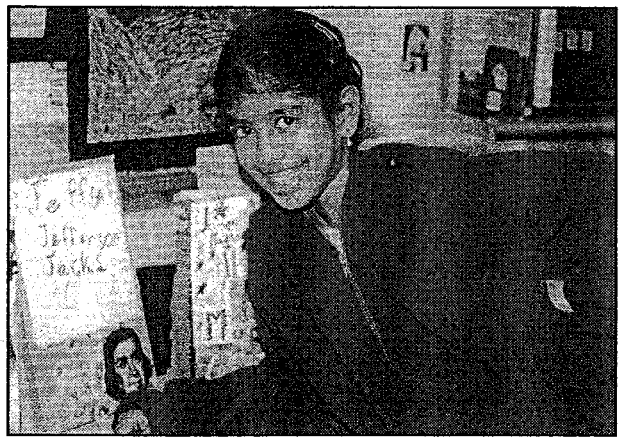
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A LIGHT FOR LEARNING

The Valley Stream Council of PTA's Annual *Lights On for Education* highlighted the accomplishments of students throughout the fourteen Valley Stream elementary and secondary schools. The three elementary districts convened with the Central High School District at Memorial Junior High School on April 26, 2001.



Clear Stream Avenue student Amy Singh stands by a self-designed cereal box entitled "Jeffy Jefferson Jacks." Amy's project combined art and advertisement with a study of American History.

District 30 represented its students' achievements with a number of projects that connect art with social studies and science. District art teachers Colette Araujo, Susan Baron, and Paul Farinacci have worked with students and classroom teachers throughout the year. "We start integrating classroom material into our art curriculum from the beginning of the school year," Mr. Farinacci said. "Art helps students to see and touch the concepts that they are learning about."

In Ms. Araujo's classes at Clear Stream Avenue School, students have made watercolor replicas of Georgia O'Keefe's flower paintings, Native American pottery, and colonial baskets. In Ms. Baron's classes at Forest Road School, students have glazed ceramic autumn leaves, designed tiles with Islamic patterns, and created Egyptian funeral masks. In Mr. Farinacci's classes at Shaw Avenue School, students have fashioned clay insects and frogs, molded a giant plaster mummy, and have made Greek vases depicting scenes from mythology.

"*Lights On for Education* has been a tradition in the Valley Stream community for the past three decades," Valley Stream PTA Council member June Innella said. "It began as a forum for our local legislators to speak about issues concerning education. Since then, it has become an annual showcase for the artistic, musical, and academic achievements of our students."

TRIPLE *Thanks!*

The District 30 Board of Education and Central Administration thanks the community for their overwhelming support of the 2001-2002 school budget. We strive to provide the best educational opportunities for our students and are already working to ensure quality programs and new opportunities for next year.

We are also extremely grateful for the parental support evident through PTA involvement and through a high rate of attendance at school functions. Your participation in the education of your child is something we appreciate. We encourage you to continue to play a part in the success of our schools.

Finally, we would like to thank all the local businesses that have made contributions to our schools throughout the year. Your support has enriched the quality of the educational experience for our students, and that means a great deal to all of us.

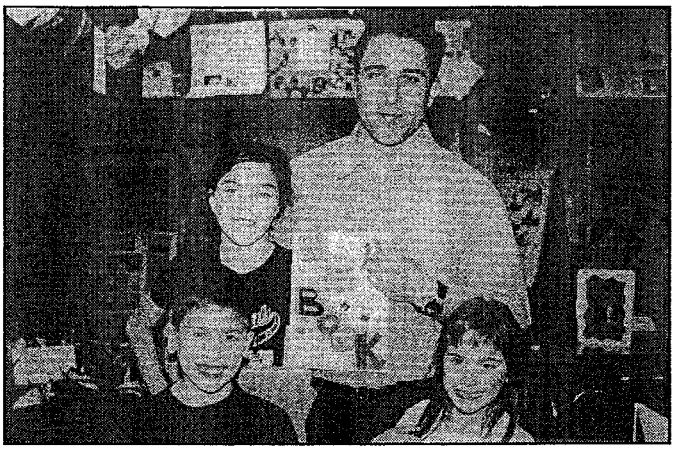
STUDENT HISTORY AT ART SHOW

Forest Road School student Samantha DiLuccio wrote a pictoral autobiography that she displayed as part of the Districtwide Art Show, which was held at each of the schools on May 15. Samantha's work was entitled "The Me Book." Her work was displayed along with her classmates' autobiographies from Madeleine Stephan's fifth grade class.

Students in Ms. Stephan's class combined their art and writing skills for this project. Each book was divided into several chapters. For Samantha's project, she divided her book into chapters entitled "Me Today," "Interests and Hobbies," "Vivid Memories," "Favorite Things," "A Letter from Dad," and "My Chapter."

Samantha recalled her work on the project. "Our teacher had us plan out the book with outlines and rough drafts, and we also got some photos and drew some pictures for each section," Samantha said. "When we were done, we put our final copies in the book."

Samantha's father Patrick was one of the many parents who came to the Art Show. He expressed his pride in his daughter's work. "Samantha really did a great job. This is the kind of book she can look back on in few years and say, 'Wow, look at what I did!'"



Samantha Di Luccio (top left) displays her first autobiography to her father Patrick and siblings Sean and Nicole during the Districtwide Art Show.

Congratulations to all the students who made contributions to the Art Show.

Youth and Wisdom Join Together

The students and staff at Clear Stream Avenue School can tell you about some of the beautiful things in life—food, music, and good company among them. The school had been planning a dinner for the seniors at Charles Monica Village since the beginning of the year. The result: a celebration called "Spaghetti and Song."

Students served dinner to the seniors. The fare included not only spaghetti and marinara sauce, but Italian meatballs, French bread, cupcakes, Jell-O, chocolate pudding, lemonade, and coffee. Also serving dinner was Valley Stream 30's Superintendent Lawrence McGoldrick, who prepared the plates for the students to bring to the tables. After dinner, the instrumental and choral ensembles performed pieces that ranged from Handel's "Bel Piacere" to a humorous piece called "A Hamburger and an Order of Flies" by Stephen Lawrence.

The evening's dinner was made possible by a generous grant from Newsday FutureCorps, a program that encourages young people to become involved in their communities.



Clear Stream Avenue students and staff entertain the seniors from Charles Monica Village during the "Spaghetti and Song" dinner.

PARENT WINS COUNTY-WIDE AWARD

The Nassau District PTA held its annual Spring Conference on May 17, 2001 at Long Beach High School. This year's recipient of the Nassau District PTA Carolyn Fiori Leadership Award was our very own June Innella. The award is presented each year to an individual who exhibits leadership qualities and carries out the goals of the National, State, County, and local PTAs. Congratulations and thanks to Ms. Innella for continuing her advocacy on behalf of all children and youth.

A Behind the Scenes Look at Music

Talent is only a small part of musical performance. Ask any music teacher and they will tell you, "Practice makes perfect." At District 30's Spring Festival Concert, the audience heard the results of all the elements of performance that students had been working on throughout the year, dynamics, tempo, meter, phrasing, and articulation among them.

"Students begin learning about music from kindergarten or first grade, when they begin to match pitch with their voices and move their feet to rhythm," music teacher Linda Pratt explained. "It's this method of learning the basics that brings students to a point where they can perform together in an ensemble."

An example of this process could be heard in the band's performance of Robert Smith's "The Tempest" at the concert. "When we practiced this piece, I taught the students how to listen to each other and watch me as I directed them through the piece," band director Timothy Adams said. "Eventually, we got to a point where the students really understood how the louder and softer parts of the song should sound."

The orchestra and chorus performed pieces that involved such things as singing in a round, performing variations on a theme, and performing a march in 2/4 time. "We hope that these performances inspire students to learn more about music as they continue their education," Clear Stream Avenue Principal Robert Cohen said. "We appreciate the effort that they and their teachers have put into the Spring Concert."



These clarinet players are standing for applause from the audience at the Spring Festival Concert held at Shaw Avenue School.

Aspiring Teachers

The students in Amy Pernick's fourth-grade class at Shaw Avenue learned what it was like to be a teacher. The students read how-to books and non-fiction books that explained how to do something. A list of the lessons was made and each student got to choose two they found interesting. Each child then presented a lesson to a small group of their peers. Parents also joined in and shared some of their interests. Some of the workshops included how to make doughnuts, play baseball, cut Chinese paper, and speak Italian.

BEAUTIES OF NATURE

If you were ever wondering how large an insect can get, this picture should give you a fairly good idea. Here student Andrew Jung holds no less than six hissing cockroaches from Madagascar on the back of his hand. His smile is just a small showing of the hands-on excitement that students experience at the Forest Road School's Nature Room. Ralph Laudano, science teacher at Forest Road and Clear Stream Avenue schools, has collected a number of species for students to study. Many of these animals have useful physical adaptations. Some examples include the hognose snake, which uses its nose to dig for food; the ball python, which rolls itself into a ball to protect its head and neck from other animals; and the pygmy hedgehog, whose spiny fur fully protects it from danger. Students study how these physical traits contribute toward the animals' survival in the natural world.



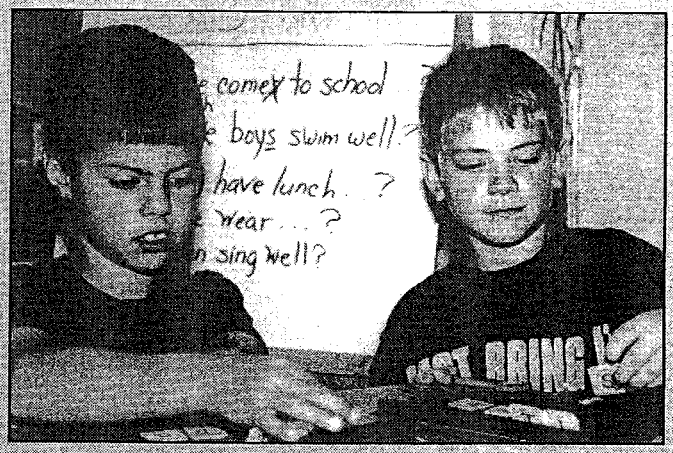
Andrew Young holds hissing cockroaches from Madagascar.

SHAW AVENUE SUPER SLEUTHS

Students in Sandy Rubin's first-grade reading groups have become "word detectives." Each week, the children are given letter tiles contained in a mystery word. Mrs. Rubin dictates words, composed of the targeted letters, and continuously changes the sounds in the beginning, middle, and ends of the words. As the children play with the sounds in their heads and spell the words with the letter tiles, one student is chosen to recreate the word on the chalkboard using enlarged magnetic letters.

Once all of the words have been displayed, the children "round up" those that rhyme or begin with particular sounds and put them into groups. But the mystery word remains just that!

These detectives, however, are not easily defeated. Using a book that they have read during the week, the super sleuths search for the mystery word. The word must contain the same number of letters and match those that the students have been using all week. Once the word is found, everyone claps, spells, and cheers the word together... mystery solved!



First-grade students Jonathan Stampfl and Michael Stroehlein play detectives by matching sounds and syllables with letters.

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MUSIC TO THE EARS

The music department is proud to announce that the following students were selected for the New York State School Music Association All-County Festival:

CLEAR STREAM AVENUE SCHOOL
Justin Reid – Band
Marissa Larsen – Chorus
Sarah Mikhail – Chorus
Jamila Miller – Chorus
Racquel Pabelonia – Orchestra
Elizabeth Swahn – Orchestra

FOREST ROAD SCHOOL
Evan Harris – Band
Kimberly McDaniel – Chorus
Kimberly Morse – Chorus
Whitney Hodge – Orchestra

SHAW AVENUE SCHOOL
Christopher Young – Band
Stephanie Cabrera – Chorus
Joshua Rosenzweig – Chorus
Stephen Sorace – Chorus
Maria Tricarico – Chorus
Melissa Zdanko – Orchestra

Band teacher Timothy Adams, Chorus teachers Linda Pratt, John Stump, and Barbara Kreeger, and Orchestra teacher Barbara Wieder are extremely proud of the sixteen students representing Valley Stream School District at the festival.



CLEAR STREAM CITIZENS SHINE

Students at Clear Stream Avenue School live by a Code of Character that encourages them to be caring individuals. Yet, since the events of September 11, the thoughts and activities of the students have taken on a deeper meaning.

Each month the school focuses on a different aspect of good citizenship. January's theme of Compassion, Caring, and Kindness allows the students to reflect upon their actions towards others and focus on being more caring. With the Student Council raising money for the families of victims of the World Trade Center tragedy through a penny drive and can collection, the students have demonstrated their understanding of this theme. They also sold brownies to purchase toys for the families. The PTA, assisted by fourth, fifth, and sixth-grade students, held a car wash to donate money to a local family. Ms. Rollins' and Ms. Flood's classes collected dollars for children in Afghanistan, while Ms. Gunther's, Ms. Parrotta's, and Ms. Taliercio's classes held a book sale to raise funds. Third-grade students in Ms. D'Alto's, Ms. Ehrenreich's, and Ms. Heumann's classes decorated t-shirts to give to rescue workers.

All these selfless actions reveal the positive manner in which the students reacted to the September 11 tragedy. Clear Stream Avenue School students continue to be part of a long tradition of compassion, caring, and kindness.

GEOGRAPHY WIZARDS

Fourth, fifth, and sixth graders at Forest Road Elementary School participated in the National Geography Bee. Coordinated by sixth-grade teacher Bruce Lesser, the nerve-racking competition consisted of three segments. In the preliminary competition, which took place in individual classrooms, students participated in seven rounds of fierce questioning.

Advancing to the second level were: fourth graders Craig Biegel, Marsha Gaspard, Page Nazinitsky, and Rahat Merchant; fifth graders Carlos Barrento, Kevin Contreras, Julian Lewis Johnson, John Rawlins, Chloe Steindam, and Gabrielle Young; and sixth graders Harmony Abrams, John Cassino, Kyle Laporte, and Ruby Namoca. Intense bouts raged between the contestants with John Cassino and Ruby Namoca emerging as the finalists. In the third round, after a heated battle of the minds, John was declared the school champion.

In order to qualify for the state and/or national competition, John had to complete a written test. He is eagerly awaiting the results.

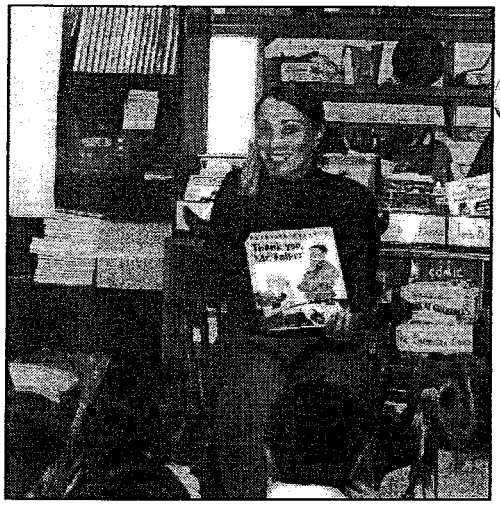
IT'S A MYSTERY

Who will be the mystery reader today? Ms. Kelly's class wonders. Everyday someone from Forest Road School reads to the students. A different face everyday keeps the students guessing who will be next.

When the mystery reader arrives, the students close their eyes tightly and, filled with anticipation, face the special reader's chair. The lights are dimmed until the reader is settled. Once settled, the lights are turned on and the students quickly open their eyes. Surprise! Today's mystery reader is speech teacher Ms. Sportelli.

Having a different teacher read to the class allows students to become familiar with the staff at Forest Road. "The students really enjoy having someone new read to them and they love discussing the exciting, new books," Ms. Kelly said. "I like when the mystery reader comes," student Laine Teramo said. "It's fun and I like the books."

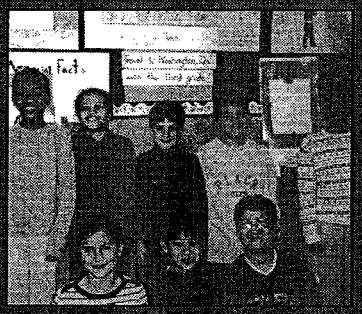
Can you guess the mystery reader for tomorrow?



AUTHOR VISITS

Students in Ms. Gunther's, Dina Parrotta's, and Ms. Taliercio's first-grade classes were in for a special treat when author Linda Michelle Baron visited Clear Stream Avenue School. A well-known author who has written several entertaining books and poems, Ms. Baron read and told stories about her childhood with such a dramatic flair that the students were completely enthralled. She encouraged the students to write to her on her Web site. Ms. Parrotta was instrumental in arranging the visit and providing the students with an unforgettable experience.

A PASSPORT TO ADVENTURE

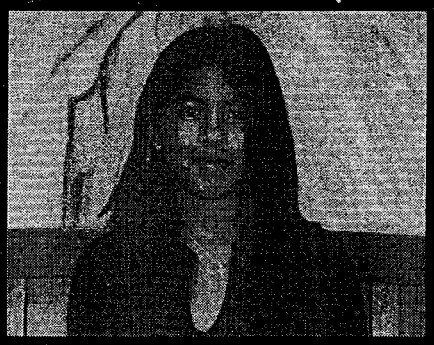


Ms. Stephan and Ms. Blankshine's third-grade class at Forest Road began the school year by studying and then building communities of their own. Later they examined the geography, climate, government, religion, schools, shelters, and landmarks of their Valley Stream community.

As winter approached, the students "traveled" to Washington, D.C. and explored its rich history, diverse culture, and breathtaking monuments. Students created postcards, brochures, posters, and plays about the different monuments and places of interest they had seen. After sharing the interesting facts they had learned with their fellow classmates, the projects were displayed in the hallways so other students could "visit" Washington, D.C. too!

Now that the students have finished creating their passports, they are excited to board a plane headed for London, England.

SPELLING BEE

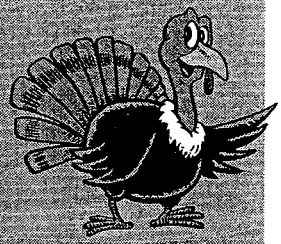


Keisha Alcos, a sixth-grade student in Ms. Pedi's class at Shaw Avenue School, will be participating in the Long Island Semifinal Bee at the Nassau BOCES in Westbury. Patrick Austin, a sixth-grade student in Ms. Tsigakos' class, is the alternate. Both outstanding spellers received certificates for their achievement.

The two competed against thirty-four fifth and sixth-grade students, with the top spellers from each class spelling 91 words in the final round. Pictures of all participants are proudly displayed in the media center.

Good luck, Keisha!

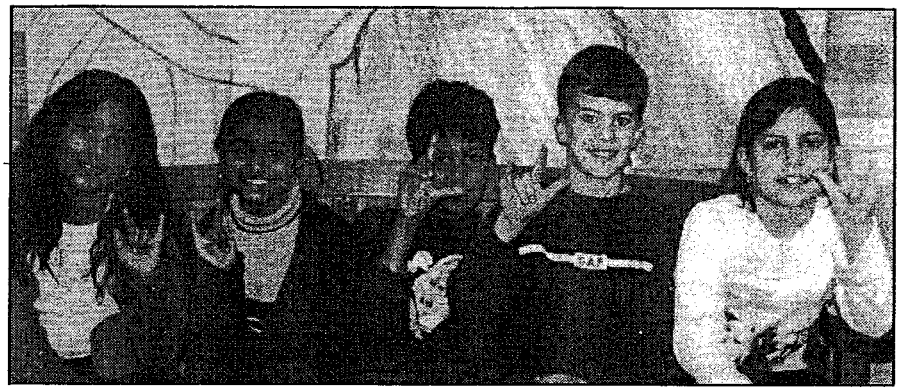
A THANKFUL BUNCH



Warm and friendly feelings were abundant when second graders at Shaw Avenue School gathered to watch the holiday classic, *A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving*. After viewing the film, the students shared a moment of silence to reflect on what they were thankful for. The students munched on a scrumptious meal of turkey, cranberries, popcorn, and apple cider. Thanks to the hard work of Mrs. Ficarrotta, the students also enjoyed homemade corn muffins.

Realizing how much they were grateful for, the students vowed to do more for the less fortunate. The second graders plan on sponsoring a coat drive, where hats, mittens, and gloves will be donated to the Long Island Council of Churches.

A SIGN OF THE TIMES



The Sign Language Club at Shaw Avenue Elementary School has had an exceptional and exciting start. Under the direction of teacher Ms. Phillips, the club consists of 80 second and third graders and more than 100 fourth, fifth, and sixth graders.

The members have learned how to fingerspell words, have short conversations, and count to one million on one hand. Since body language and facial expressions are essential in communicating, the students have learned these crucial techniques so that a hearing-impaired person can understand what is being said.

"There will be continued opportunities to acquire new and more complex signs," Ms. Phillips said. "The students are very motivated to learn sign language."

PROUD AMERICANS

In celebration of Thanksgiving and their heritage, Mrs. Venezia's students at Clear Stream Avenue School read *Molly's Pilgrim*. After reading the book, the students realized that there are many modern-day Pilgrims in the United States. Students discovered that as immigrants to the United States, some of them were considered Pilgrims! Others learned that some of their family and friends were Pilgrims. The class wrote about the modern-day Pilgrims that they knew, describing the immigration experience of the Pilgrims and their reasons for coming to the United States.

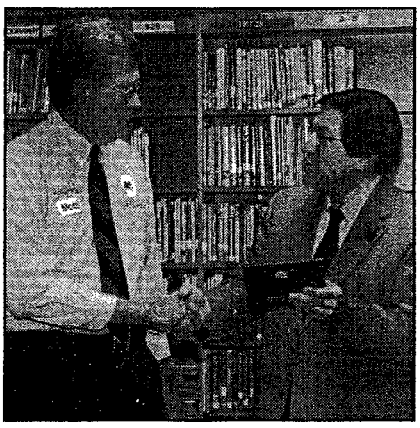
Just as Molly did in *Molly's Pilgrim*, the students brought their Pilgrims to life by constructing a person using clothespins, cloth, and yarn. Their adorable pilgrims represented countries from all over the world.

Mrs. Venezia's students all agreed that they are proud to be Americans!

MOBIL GRANTS FOREST ROAD A WISH

At the January Board of Education meeting, Mr. Hoeffner, on behalf of Mobil, presented Forest Road School with a check for $1,500. Forest Road received three grants for $500 each. This money will be used to purchase a CD player sound system, a Foto Show camera, and a portable PA system.

The students will enjoy classical music during their lunch periods through the use of the new CD player. "Our hope is that exposure to Bach, Mozart, Gershwin, and other composers will expand the children's appreciation of music," Forest Road Principal Carol Kingsley said. The Foto Show camera will be used to project PowerPoint presentations. This will be helpful to students who will now be able to share their work with a larger audience. Carnival, Field Day, and outdoor physical education classes will benefit from a new portable sound system. The system will also be helpful in emergency situations. It can replace the bullhorn if there is a power failure and when it is necessary to evacuate the building for a drill.



"Anthony and Carol Hoeffner are true friends of the Forest Road School," Ms. Kingsley said. "They come through for us time and time again."

IMPORTANT INFO:

TRANSPORTATION REQUESTS

DUE BEFORE APRIL 1, 2002

Valley Stream UFSD #30 will provide transportation for children residing in the district who will be attending private and parochial schools in September 2002. This transportation is provided only when the following conditions are met:

- District 30 parents must make a written request for transportation to and from a specific school no later than April 1, 2002.
- The child must live at least two miles from the private or parochial school, but no more than fifteen miles.
- The child must be five years old on or before December 1, 2002.
- New York State Education Law specifically states that applications must be submitted annually for each new year.

If your child meets the criteria for transportation as defined above, please send in your request for the 2002-2003 school year no later than April 1, 2002.

Send your request to:
Valley Stream School District 30
Administrative Office
150 Washington Avenue
Valley Stream, NY 11580

IMPORTANT TAX NOTICE

New York State Income Tax forms for 2001 require the name of the public school district in which you live. Our school district is Valley Stream Union Free School District #30 and our code is 657.

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HAPPY 105th BIRTHDAY, PTA!

Clear Stream Avenue, Forest Road, and Shaw Avenue PTAs observed the 105th birthday of the PTA at its Founder's Day celebration.

Under the direction of music teacher Linda Pratt, Clear Stream Avenue's second and third-grade students entertained guests with the musical *How Does Your Garden Grow.* The presentation reminded all in attendance that every seed and plant needs loving care, just as every child must be lovingly nurtured. Dressed as flowers, plants, weeds, and ladybugs, Dale Ehrenreich's and Amy Flood's classes sang and danced to protect the flowers and vegetables from the weeds. Jenn Bennett's fifth-grade class sang *I am a Promise,* which reinforced that children are a promise of becoming someone special.





Clear Stream Principal Robert Cohen's statement, "A school district does not function without an efficient PTA, and we have three of them," encapsulated the evening.

Budget Information and Meetings

On Tuesday, May 21, residents of the Valley Stream Elementary and High School Districts will go to the polls to vote on the annual school budget. The polls will be opened from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

A budget presentation is scheduled for Tuesday, May 7 to provide detailed information about the proposed budget to assist voters in making an informed decision at the polls. The presentation will be held at Forest Road School, beginning with an overview of the Central High School budget at 8:00 p.m., followed by an overview of the District 30 budget. Residents and community organizations are invited to attend and are welcome to ask questions at the conclusion of the presentation.

Permanent Registration

Every person registered to vote in the 2002-2003 school election on May 21 will remain registered for all future annual and special elections, UNLESS:

- The individual fails to vote within four years prior to the preparation for future registers.
- The individual moves out of the district.

NOTE: In accordance with Chapter 629 of the laws of 1975, any person currently registered with the County Board of Elections is also entitled to vote in the school elections without future registration.

Petitions For Candidates

Election of candidates for the District 30 Board of Education will take place on Tuesday, May 21, 2002. Petitions for Board candidates are available at our Administrative Office: 150 Washington Avenue, Valley Stream, and must be filed before 5:00 p.m. on Monday, April 22, 2002. In accordance with Section 2018 of the State Education Law, twenty-five residents' signatures are required on this petition, or 2% of those who voted in the previous election, whichever is greater.

NOTE: THE LAST DAY to register to vote on the annual budget and for the Board of Education election is Tuesday, May 14, 2002 from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Registration will be held at all three schools (Clear Stream Avenue, Forest Road, and Shaw Avenue).

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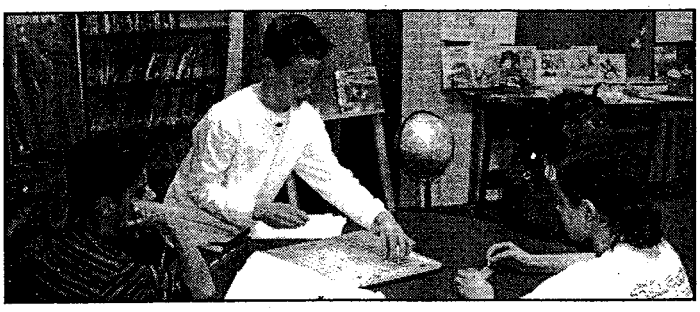
Students at Shaw Avenue School have been caught – being good, that is. Students "caught" going out of their way for any school community member are rewarded with a special raffle ticket. The more times a student does a good deed, the more chances they have of winning the monthly raffle drawing. Students in kindergarten through third grade have the opportunity to win various prizes such as books and Beanie Babies. Fourth through sixth-grade students win a free lunch. With two students from each grade being chosen for the raffle, being caught is a good thing! Eddie D's Pizzeria, Subway, Eileen Haydock, and the PTA have generously donated prizes.

ALL ABOUT ME



First graders at Forest Road School enjoyed showing off their reading skills with their *All About Me* books. The books were a gift from the Telephone Pioneers of America and delivered by representatives Mr. and Mrs. Politica. Featuring the name of each student, their friends, teacher, and principal, the books will be treasured for a lifetime. Through Mr. and Mrs. Politica's work with the Telephone Pioneers, students were shown the value of volunteering and community service, which is an important lesson!

A TRIPLE WORD SCORE



Greg Mirando and Tommy Schehr compete against DanaMarie Feldman and Kiara Miller in the semifinals to advance to the finals.

Sixth graders Greg Mirando and Tommy Schehr are the Scrabble Champions at the Clear Stream Avenue School! The two boys demonstrated their mastery of words by competing against fourteen teams of fifth and sixth graders. The amazing Scrabble duo has earned the honor of representing their school in the Sports Plus Tournament being held April 26. Good luck to Greg and Tommy!

APPRECIATING DIFFERENCES

Do you know how many different ways there are to cook rice? Well, Ms. Slavet's and Mrs. Suarez's first-grade class at Forest Road School learned that there are several different ways. By reading *Everybody Cooks Rice* by Nora Dooley, the students were introduced to a little girl named Carrie. Carrie searches her neighborhood in pursuit of her brother. It is dinnertime and Carrie needs to find him. Each family Carrie encounters graciously invites her to taste what they are preparing for dinner. Carrie soon realizes that everyone in her community cooks rice in a different way!

Room 204 celebrated differences by inviting the students' families to a rice-tasting party, where parents and students tasted rice dishes from all around the world.

WINTER OLYMPICS

The Winter Olympic comes every four years, but the fun Clear Stream Avenue School students had participating in the "Winter Olympics" will last a lifetime. Students in kindergarten through sixth grade enjoyed a variety of Winter events during their physical education classes. Using their creativity and imagination, students "competed" in the





toboggan, downhill slalom, triathlon, speed skating, and cross-country skiing competitions. They also reenacted the torchbearing ceremony. "These activities exposed students to world sporting events, which demonstrated the unity of countries during such difficult times in our world today," physical education teacher Jonathan Greiss said.

A Stroll down ARTIST LANE

Take a stroll down Shaw Avenue School's hallways and be consumed by vibrant colors and artistic expression. Student artwork is always on display and constantly changing. Using materials from pencil drawings to modeling clay, our students are blossoming artists. Current displays range from Native American Art to Post Impressionist paintings. Come, look, and enjoy!

FIGHTING HUNGER

What can be done to end hunger on Long Island? Determined to find answers to this question, the Shaw Avenue School Student Council invited an Island Harvest representative to speak about what can be done to reduce food waste in their community. The Student Council also organized a two-week coin drive and donated the funds to Island Harvest.

A FIELD TRIP TO NIGERIA

Most kindergarten and second-grade students at Forest Road School have never been to Nigeria. Thanks to Stanley's and Patrick's mother, Theadora Egbuchulam, students "visited" this faraway land. Mrs. Egbuchulam, whose native land is Nigeria, showed students intricate woodcarvings. She also told the African story of Mr. Nabu, the proud and boastful turtle, while using the animal wood carvings as props. The "trip" concluded with students dancing to the rhythm of African drums.

KINDERGARTEN & FIRST GRADE REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Registration for next year's kindergarten students and first graders entering school for the first time will be held from April 22-26, 2002 between 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. at Clear Stream Avenue, Forest Road, and Shaw Avenue Schools. Registration will only be accepted with two proofs of residency and an original birth certificate as proof of date of birth. A child must have been born on or before December 1, 1997 to be eligible for admission to kindergarten in September 2002. NO EXCEPTIONS ARE EVER MADE TO THE ENTRANCE AGE REQUIREMENTS.



Children entering school for the first time must present documentation indicating that they have received 2 doses of measles vaccine after the child's first birthday, as well as 1 dose of mumps and rubella vaccine, also after the first birthday. They must also have received at least 3 diphtheria and tetanus and 3 oral polio vaccines. In addition, children are required to have received 3 doses of hepatitis B vaccine. (Public Health Law 2164 requires that all children born on or after January 1, 1993 must provide proof of immunity to hepatitis B disease upon entrance to kindergarten.)

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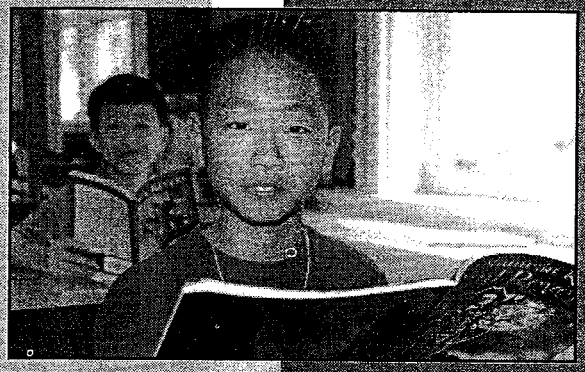
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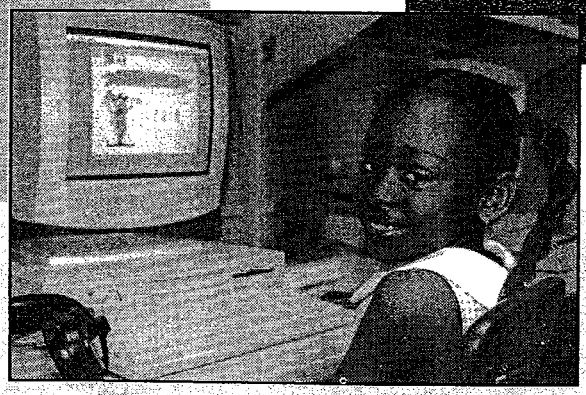
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a letter From the Board

Dear Neighbor,

This is our District's annual budget issue of The Friendly Schools. It contains a summary of the proposed budget expenditures for the 2002-2003 school year. We hope you will find it informative.

We are proud that District Thirty provides a comprehensive program for all students. Our students continue to perform well on statewide tests, as well as our own local measurements of student success.

Last fall, our community approved an 8.5 million-dollar bond issue. Together with 1.5 million dollars in reserves, this will fund the construction of necessary additions to our schools to relieve overcrowding and upgrade our facilities. We expect construction to begin this summer.

This year, we face several challenges that have an impact on our school district budget. It is likely State aid will not increase this year, despite continued increase in our enrollment, and ever-increasing state mandates on our programs. Health insurance costs have increased dramatically, and our investment income has declined substantially because of low interest rates.

As a result of these and other factors, the anticipated residential tax increase for the 2002-2003 school year will be greater than in recent years if this budget is approved. The Board has worked hard to create a prudent and conservative budget for the coming year, without compromising our strong educational program or our commitment to maintain and upgrade our facilities.

The details of the budget and the estimated tax increase are described in this brochure.

If you have any questions regarding our proposed budget, please do not hesitate to contact the Superintendent of Schools or attend our Budget Hearing. The Hearing will be held on Tuesday, May 7, at 8:00 p.m. at the Forest Road School. We appreciate your comments and want to answer all your questions.

On behalf of the Superintendent of Schools and the Board of Education of District Thirty, I thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Richard Eisenberg

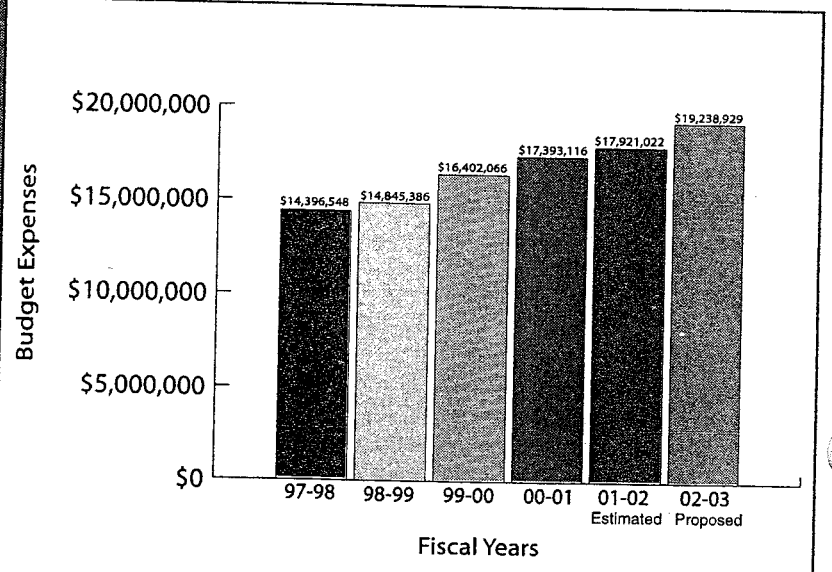
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President, Board of Education

2002-2003 Budget

WHAT HAS BEEN OUR BUDGET/SPENDING TREND?







WHAT WILL IT COST?

The cost of the budget will be approximately $2.45 cents on the tax rate next year, or a $130 increase for the average household.

THREE-PART BUDGET SUMMARY

	Description	Approved 2001/02	Proposed 2002/03	Dollar Change	Percent Change	Percent of Total
I.	Administrative Component	1,879,327	2,093,965	214,638	1.25	10.88
II.	Program Component	13,660,895	15,247,217	1,586,322	9.27	79.26
III.	Capital Component	1,580,800	1,897,747	316,947	1.85	9.86
	TOTAL	**$17,121,022**	**$19,238,929**	**$2,117,907**	**12.37%**	**100.00%**

SENIOR CITIZEN AND STAR TAX RELIEF INFORMATION

The Valley Stream District 30 Board of Education has approved a resolution that provides for a maximum allowable exemption for senior citizen property owners based on an established sliding scale on income. Please contact the Nassau County Department of Assessment at (516) 571-1500 to apply for this senior exemption.

To apply for Star (School Tax Relief), residents must also file applications with the Nassau County Department of Assessment. For further information call (516) 571-1500.

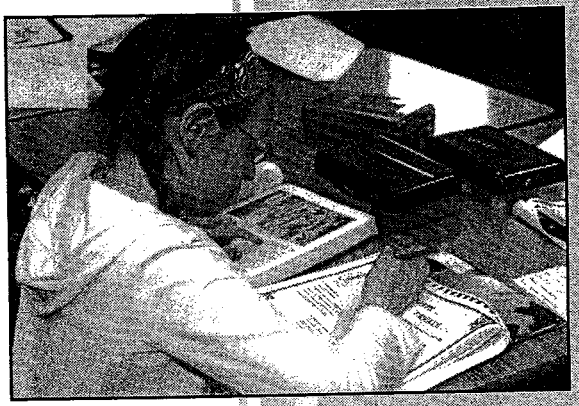
If you require any assistance filing for either exemption mentioned, please call the Assistant Superintendent for Business at (516) 285-9880.

BUDGET BREAKDOWN

Description	2001/02 Approved Budget	2002/03 Proposed Budget	Change
General Support	$2,045,429	$2,532,467	$487,038
Instruction	$12,162,706	$13,528,545	$1,365,839
Transportation	$323,485	$414,485	$91,000
Community Services	$8,100	$8,100	$0
Undistributed Expenses	$2,581,302	$2,755,332	$174,030
TOTAL BUDGET	**$17,121,022**	**$19,238,929**	**$2,117,907**
REVENUES	**BUDGETED**	**ANTICIPATED**	**CHANGE**
Appropriated Surplus	$1,375,000	$1,375,000	$0
Estimated State Aid	$1,900,000	$2,660,000	$760,000
Other Sources	$215,000	$215,000	$0
Property Tax Revenues	$13,631,022	$14,988,929	$1,357,907
Totaled General Fund Revenues	$17,121,022	$19,238,929	$2,117,907
Estimated Tax Rate	**$24.112**	**$26.563**	**$2.451**

What does this mean in real DOLLARS?

If we calculate our estimate using an average assessed value of $5,300, this translates to a bottom-line increase in elementary school taxes of $130 for the year.



Based on a home with an assessed value of $5,300. You can find your assessed value on your tax bill.
Your assessed value x .01 x 2.45 = Estimated Tax Increase.

PROPOSED BUDGET

Board of Education **8,250**
Includes expenditures for attendance at educational conferences by Board of Education members.

District Clerk **8,000**
Includes salaries, supplies, materials, and legal advertising for the part-time District Clerk.

District Meetings **9,700**
Includes salaries, supplies, materials, and legal advertising for the budget vote and special meetings.

Central Administration **219,744**
Includes the salaries of the Superintendent of Schools and Secretarial personnel. Also includes conferences, supplies, and materials for the Central Office.

Business Administration **341,094**
Includes the salaries of the Assistant Superintendent for Business and Business Office personnel. Also includes supplies, materials, equipment, the cost of the annual audit, and computerized accounting system costs.

District Treasurer **16,925**
Includes the salary of the part-time District Treasurer, supplies, materials, and costs of banking services.

Legal Services **71,200**
Includes the basic retainer for contractual School Attorney services and litigation fees.

Negotiations **8,500**
Includes the shared cost of special legal counsel for negotiation services.

Public Information Services **21,260**
Includes the cost of preparation, printing, and mailing of ***The Friendly Schools*** and other public information services such as the school calendar and bulletins.

Operation & Maintenance of Buildings and Grounds **1,588,494**
Includes salaries of the Director of Facilities and custodial and maintenance staff. An additional custodial position is included for the K-Center. Also includes cost for water, light, fuel oil, telephone, security, and extensive building maintenance and repairs in the areas of fire safety, asbestos abatement, and compliance with other State and local governmental mandates. Any changes in the provision of services in the new budget are based on current industry trends.

Liability Insurance **108,300**
An increase in this budget appropriation has been recognized for 2002/03 as a result of the current industry trends. The District participates in the NY Schools Insurance Reciprocal.

School Association Dues **8,000**
Includes membership fees in local, State, and national educational organizations.

BOCES Administrative Charge **123,000**
Each school district in Nassau County is charged a fee according to the number of children attending public school within the district. A portion of this fee is returned to us as BOCES aid.

School Administration and Curriculum Improvement **935,679**
Includes salaries for the Assistant Superintendent of Schools, building principals, assistant principals, school secretaries, equipment for school offices, materials, and supplies. Also includes provisions for educational conference expenses of supervisory personnel, curriculum library maintenance, curriculum development, in-service training, and mini-grants for special instructional projects.

Instructional Programs **8,502,144**
Salaries include teachers, specialists, substitutes, teacher aides, and noon aides. Purchases of new furniture and equipment are budgeted here for the replacement of items that cannot be repaired cost-effectively. Contractual services include the substitute registry, approved teacher conference expenses, postage, repair of music and science equipment, and the copier lease. The changes in consumable materials and textbooks for all instructional areas are reflective of the current economic condition and industry-wide adjustments. A portion of the textbook expense is returned as State aid. Our students' participation in the BOCES Cultural Arts and Science Field Experience Programs reflect changes determined by BOCES. Approximately 60% of the cost of these programs is returned as State aid.

PROPOSED BUDGET

Special Education Program **2,609,635**
Includes the salaries of a Districtwide administrator, teachers, support staff, and an additional position for the Inclusion and Resource Program. The District, in addition to operating five special education classes, provides specialists for students who are mainstreamed into regular classes. Changes in the area of out-of-district tuition is a direct result of an increase in enrollment and an upswing in the cost of special education pupils in other public school district classes, BOCES classes, and in private residential and non-residential schools.

School Libraries and Media Services **368,163**
Includes the salaries for librarians, library aides, library and media equipment, library books, periodicals, materials and supplies for the three schools. Also includes cost for maintenance and technical support for the District's participation in the automated Nassau Schools Library System program.

Computer Education **548,804**
Includes the salary for teachers of computer education and the salaries of five computer aides. The appropriation for computer equipment reflects the continued expansion of our program into the District's learning centers. Also includes the ongoing costs associated with the WAN and student system.

Health Screening and Psychological Services **477,995**
Includes the salaries of the school psychologists, a social worker, the salaries of four registered nurses, medical supplies and equipment, and contracted services provided by other districts and BOCES for mandated services to the Blessed Sacrament School.

Extra Services **86,125**
Includes extra pay for extra services and supervision and reflects the District's commitment to provide a broad range of activities for our children both before and after school.

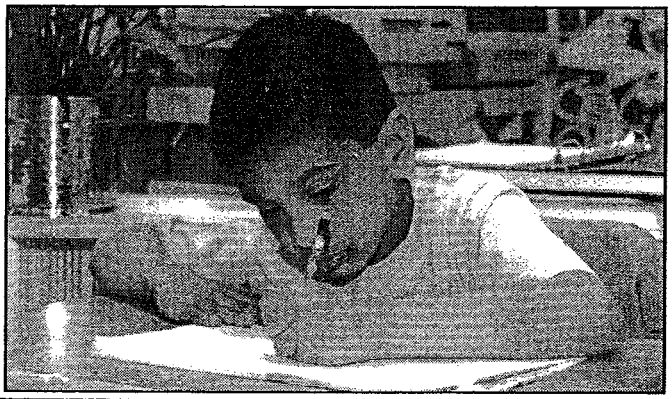
Transportation **414,485**
Transportation is provided for children to private and parochial schools located at least two miles and no farther than fifteen miles from the pupils' homes and for all children in special education programs. Transportation is also provided for the District's instrumental, enrichment, and field trip programs. Any change in this code is a direct result of a balance in the contract costs of these services and the number of children currently being transported out-of-district. A percentage of the cost of basic transportation is returned as State aid to the District in the following year.

Community Lectures and Census **8,100**
Includes funds for District-sponsored programs, lectures, and for a Districtwide census.

Employee Benefits **2,677,322**
Includes the cost of the District's contributions to the two retirement funds, Social Security contributions, Worker's Compensation premiums, and health and dental insurance. All rates are determined by Federal and State law and by negotiated contract. Increases and decreases reflect a combination of higher or lower rates, larger bases, and increased premiums.

Debt Service **78,010**
Included are the interest and principal costs for the Clear Stream Avenue School Project.





VOTER Information

School Budget Vote May 21

Time and Place

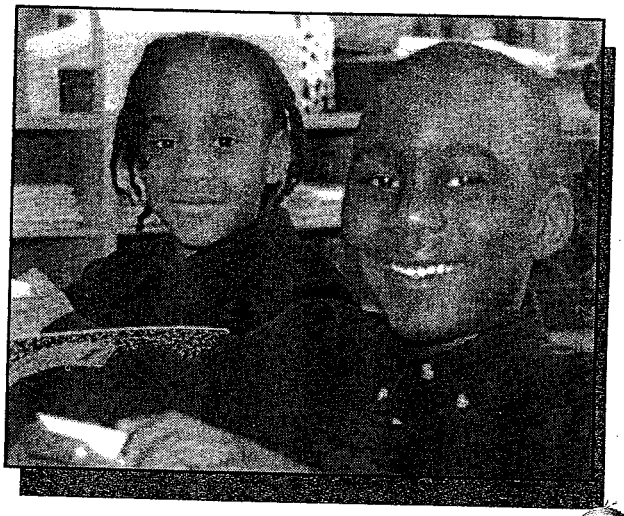
Voting will take place on Tuesday, May 21, 2002 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. in the elementary school within your school election district: Shaw Avenue, Clear Stream Avenue, and Forest Road.

Absentee ballots must be in the hands of the District Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. on the day of the vote.

Electors will be voting on the budgets of the Valley Stream Union Free School District #30 and the Valley Stream Central High School District and for the election of two (2) trustees to the Valley Stream #30 Board of Education.

Voter Registration

The day of registration for the May 21, 2002 election is Tuesday, May 14. You may register at any of the school offices from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Although you will be eligible to vote on May 21 if your name appears in the general election lists of Nassau County, the process of voting on May 21 will be easier if your name appears in the School District registration books. You must be registered in order to vote.



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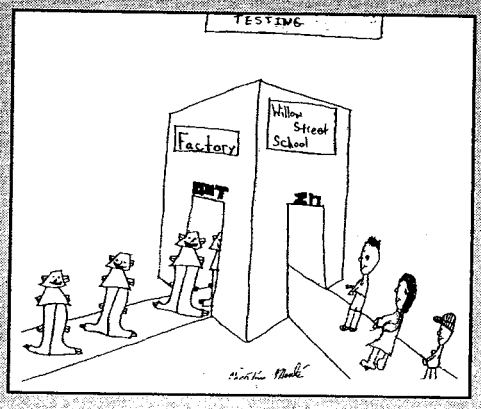
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A FUTURE CARTOONIST

Christine Mule, a sixth-grade student at Clear Stream Avenue School, won second place in a national editorial cartoon sponsored by NewsCurrents. Offered a unique way to express her opinion about current issues, Christine drew a school with children at the entrance and a factory with robots at the exit. Her cartoon was chosen from over 10,000 entries. For her outstanding accomplishment, Christine received a United States Savings Bond and her cartoon will be published in the nationally released book *Editorial Cartoons by Kids 2002*.



Shedding Light on Disability Awareness

Brian Barcheski, a sixth grader at Shaw Avenue School, received an Honorable Mention in the Disability Awareness 2002 Essay Contest sponsored by the New York State Commission on Quality of Care for the Mentally Disabled. Brian and his family attended a luncheon at the Executive Mansion in Albany honoring the winners of the statewide contest. Brian was presented an award and his letter is on display.

FOREST ROAD STUDENTS IN THE NEWS

Forest Road School's creative celebration of Earth Day earned them the honor of being part of *Newsday's* FutureCorps initiative. Art teacher Susan Baron registered the school's Earth Day Shopping Bag Distribution Program with *Newsday* and Forest Road was selected! Students were photographed and interviewed for the April 29th issue for a segment entitled *Kids Making a Difference Where You Live.*

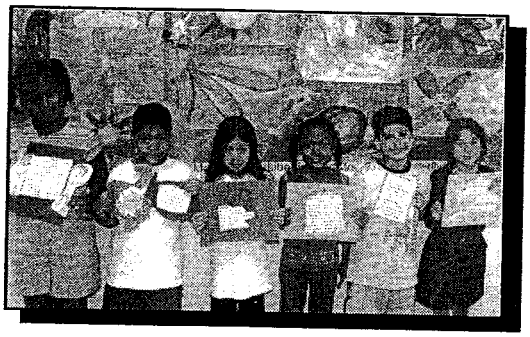
In celebration of Earth Day, students decorated brown paper shopping bags, graciously donated by FoodTown, with pictures and Earth Day messages. On Earth Day, the bags were brought back to FoodTown and distributed to shoppers by Susan Stiefel's and Ellen Fitzgerald's fourth-grade classes. Earth Day messages were passed from Forest Road students to the Millbrook community, certainly making them "Kids Who Make a Difference."

A POETRY CELEBRATION

Dina Parrotta and her first-grade students at Clear Stream Avenue School hosted a poetry celebration. The students have been studying, writing, and publishing poetry! They then shared their favorite creative pieces with the community. The special guests delighted in hearing the original works of the talented first graders.

Dog
If I were a dog,
I'd chase cats.
If I were a dog,
I'd wear a beautiful pink collar.
If I were a dog,
I'd eat bones for food.
If I were a dog,
My owner would walk me down the street.
If I were a dog!
-By Kajal Patel

If I Were a Clown
If I were a clown,
I'd make girls and boys laugh.
If I were a clown,
I'd have a red nose.
If I were a clown,
I'd wear funny clothes.
If I were a clown,
I'd make animal balloons.
If I were a clown,
I'd have fun.
-By Nicole Albanese



Strawberry
Tastes like yummy!
Feels like good.
Smells sweet.
Looks like an apple.
Sounds like a game.
It must be a strawberry!
-By Bianca Prasad

Green
Green is a slimy monster.
Green is yummy broccoli.
Green is spring grass.
Green is a wet leaf.
Green is a long stem.
Green is nasty spinach.
Green is disgusting peas.
Green is special to me.
-By Andrew Rozon

Sunshine
Sun is bright.
Unlike the moon.
Not moon white, but yellow.
So special to me.
High up in the sky.
I love the sun.
Night is when the sun goes away.
Ending like happily ever after.
-By Aijaz Wasay

SPAGHETTI & SONG

Who could resist a spaghetti dinner accompanied by singing? Not many people. That's why for the second year in a row, nearly one hundred senior citizens enjoyed an evening of great food and music at Clear Stream Avenue School. Created by Chef Vincent Libertini, the delectable menu boasted chicken parmesan, spaghetti, salad, bread, and brownie ice cream sundaes. Approximately thirty fourth graders assisted in serving the dinner and enjoyed conversing with guests. Under the direction of Mrs. Gardner, Mrs. Golfo, Mrs. Mastronardi, and Mrs. Serio, staff members prepared the salad, cut bread, served beverages, and created mouth-watering brownie sundaes. Manning the serving was Superintendent of Schools Lawrence McGoldrick! Musical entertainment consisted of a trio playing dinner music; after-dinner string solos, under the direction of Barbara Wieder; and a performance by the Clear Stream Avenue Chorus, under the direction of Linda Pratt. After a spaghetti dinner, musical entertainment, and brownie sundaes, who could ask for anything more?







A TRIP TO ANCIENT EGYPT

Ms. Alonso's English Language Learners from fourth, fifth, and sixth grade at Forest Road School have just returned from a "trip" to ancient Egypt. While in the distant land, students built pyramids, met gods, assisted in wrapping mummies, and learned to write newly acquired vocabulary words in hieroglyphs. They also studied the Nile River and its characteristics.

Ankhs (keys of life), fertile soil from the Nile River, and grains of sand from the vast desert are some of the souvenirs students brought home. They also brought foods the ancient Egyptians ate such as grapes, dates, figs, wheat, and corn bread.

The students agreed that the highlight of their adventure was visiting the pharaohs and meeting Howard Carter, who explained how he discovered Tutankhamen's tomb in 1922.



SIGN IT AND SING IT

On Flag Day, June 14, the Sign Language Club at Shaw Avenue School participated in a concert commemorating America and all it stands for. Students in grades two through six, under the direction of Patti Phillips, worked tirelessly preparing for this wonderful tribute to our country.

WILD ABOUT NATURE

Students in Ms. Bart's first-grade class at Shaw Avenue School are ecstatic about their ant farm and caterpillar garden. Every day the students observe changes and note them in their ant and butterfly journals. At the end of the school year, their new friends will be released outside.

ALL ABOARD FOR BROADWAY!

Who is Broadway bound? The Clear Stream Avenue Drama Club is! The talented club, under the direction of Caroline Reser, recently performed *All Aboard for Broadway*, a patriotic play full of drama, humor, romance, singing, and dancing. In tribute to veterans, the play was performed especially for the representatives of the Valley Stream VFW that were present. Kindergarten teacher Mr. Libertini and Thomas Kowalczyk created the incredible scenery and set designs.

Dear Residents,

The Valley Stream District 30 Board of Education and Superintendent of Schools Lawrence R. McGoldrick wish to express their appreciation to the community for supporting the 2002-2003 school budget. The approved budget enables us to continue to provide our students with quality instructional programs and the resources for academic success. It also promotes enhanced curriculum development and integrates the latest technology into the classrooms, providing our students with the tools needed in today's highly competitive academic environment.

With your continued support, Valley Stream School District 30 students will have the educational opportunities necessary for promoting lifelong learning and achievement. You have provided our students a strong foundation for a bright future.

Sincerely,

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Time Travel at Forest Road School

Ms. Blankshine and Ms. Stephan's third-grade classes traveled back in time to discover what life was like in Valley Stream during the 19th and 20th centuries.

After interviewing family members and researching Valley Stream's history, students created an interactive timeline that displayed the changes in our community's culture. The most notable changes include differences in schooling, transportation, professions, and clothing.

Now that their study of Valley Stream is complete, students are busy preparing for a tour of Washington, DC.

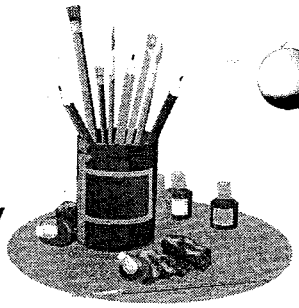
Good luck and safe travels!



Students left to right: Alexandra Barrero, Nuha Harmarsha, Angelique Merakos, Jennifer Yi, and Stanley Egbuchalan travel through time!

Arty-Facts

from Forest Road School



During the 2001-2002 school year, fourth-grade students were awarded a *Newsday* FutureCorps Grant for their participation in an Earth Day project. As part of a school beautification project, the grant was used to purchase flowers that were planted in the front of the building.

The project has been continued this year with the first phase of planting already completed. Grassy vegetation was planted next to the Anderson Yeh Memorial Bench on the side of the school, under the direction of art teacher Susan Baron. The remaining grant funds will be used for a final Spring planting that will complete the project.

The Art Enrichment Program is set to begin shortly at Forest Road. A group of volunteer parents will visit the classrooms for an art discussion with students who are eager to learn from the volunteers. Forest Road not only welcomes these volunteers, but also thanks them for their participation in this worthwhile program.

As part of the Art for Peace Program, Forest Road fifth graders have created drawings that reflect peace and friendship. A global exchange of artwork from students in the United States to children all over the world, the program was created in an effort to further the cause for world peace. The artwork created at Forest Road will go to one school in Brazil and another in Switzerland in the hope of receiving simil artwork from students in these countries.

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Notables

Mrs. Rubin's first-grade reading groups at **Shaw Avenue School** began a journey on the "Bridge to Reading." Each student not only illustrated drawings of school buses using friendly faces from around the school, but they also incorporated the letters and sounds that they have been reviewing by writing a sentence describing their school. We wish them luck on crossing their "Bridge to Reading!"

Mrs. Btesh's first-grade class at **Forest Road School** learned all about apples and the fall season during the month of September. During language arts, they read various books about the different types of apples and created an apple album. During science, they weighed the apples and drew a comparison chart. Fun was had in math when the students completed an estimation activity. At the end of the unit, the class had an apple-tasting party thanks to the students' parents.

During the week of October 22, Red Ribbon Week was celebrated at **Shaw Avenue School**. Symbolizing the commitment to a healthy and drug-free lifestyle, the entire school assembled on the back playground, clad in red, to recite the Red Ribbon Pledge while joining hands to form one giant circle. Additional activities included poster making and special assemblies.

On October 28, Linda Egan from the Henry Waldinger Library visited the **Clear Stream Avenue School** for the second of three visits to present a book talk as part of the Reading is Fundamental (RIF) Grant. She also distributed free books to the fifth graders who attended. For more information, contact Library Media Specialist Carolyn Kaiser at (516) 872-4343.

During the month of October, Mrs. Gonzalez's second-grade class at **Shaw Avenue School** hosted a poetry tea. The students learned about free verse, simile, and rhyming poems, and had the opportunity to write a variety of poems. The students also selected their favorite and participated in a poetry reading following the tea. Thanks to all those who attended and enjoyed the reading, rhyming, and refreshments!

Election Day for Student Council at **Shaw Avenue School** was held November 4. Some exciting events planned for the year include a Thanksgiving Food Drive, Breakfast with Santa, Island Harvest Coin Drive, and Peer Read Aloud. We wish the Student Council's new officers good luck on their busy year!

Children's Book Week was celebrated by **Shaw Avenue School's** second through sixth graders from November 18 to 22. Each student selected a favorite poem and creatively displayed it in a glass jar. Stop by the Library Media Center to look at the unique jars created to make poetry come to life!

Mrs. Levine's fourth-grade students at **Shaw Avenue School** were treated to a music-based reading program. As a tool to motivate student interest and learning, the course teaches reading comprehension skills through the compositions of famous contemporary American songwriters. Utilizing the works of Billy Joel, Paul Simon, and Bob Dylan to discover the main idea, locate details, and make inferences, the students will write their own lyrics and compose their own music at the end of the course, which they will then perform for their classmates.

Save the Date

November 28 & 29
Thanksgiving Recess
Schools Closed

December 3
V&CH&D Board of Education
Committee Meeting
8 p.m.

December 9
District 30 Board of Education
Committee Meeting
8 p.m.

December 10
V&CH&D Board of Education
Business Meeting
8 p.m.

December 11
Shaw Avenue Winter Concert
7:30 p.m.

December 13
Clear Stream Winter Concert
7:30 p.m.

December 16
District 30 Board of Education Meeting
Shaw Avenue
8 p.m.

December 23 – January 3
Holiday Recess
Schools Closed

January 7
V&CH&D Board of Education
Committee Meeting
8 p.m.

January 10
Breakfast with Superintendent
Shaw Avenue School
8:30 a.m.

Winter Concert Schedule

The district's Music Department is proud to announce the winter concert schedule for all three buildings. The concerts will feature the school band, orchestra, and chorus from each building.

Concert dates are as follows:

- Shaw Avenue is at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 11 in the school's auditorium;
- Forest Road is at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 18 in the school's gymnasium;
- Clear Stream Avenue is at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, December 13 in the school's gymnasium.

Prepaid Lunch Available!

Convenient prepaid lunch tickets are now available for students on a monthly or weekly basis. Tickets do not have to be used consecutively and do not expire.

For more information, please contact the lunch office at (516) 872-7784.

Help Wanted!

Valley Stream District 30 is looking for noon-hour aides to work two (2) hours daily in its schools. Candidates must enjoy working in an environment with children. Those interested must complete both the Civil Service processing and the New York State fingerprinting process. Please call the business office at (516) 285-9880 for more information.

School Closings

Inclement weather and other emergencies may warrant school closings or delay openings. In the event of a delayed opening, students are expected to arrive at school at 10 a.m.

PTA class parents will initiate telephone calls to inform all parents that school has been delayed. News12 will broadcast information on school closings and the following radio stations will also announce school closing or delayed opening information:

WALK FM 97.5
WALK AM 1370
WGBB AM 1210
WGSM AM 720
WHLI AM 1100
WINS AM 1010
WNBC AM 88

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Valley Stream Students to Perform at 2003 NYSSMA All-County

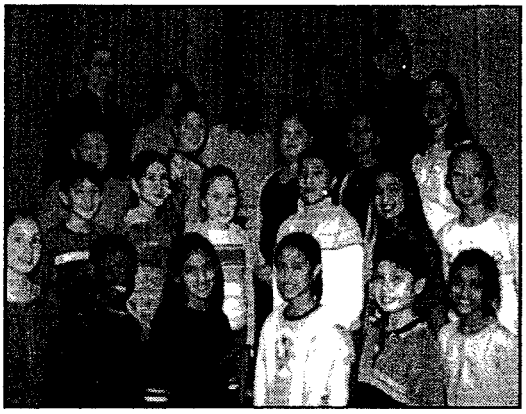
Seventeen Valley Stream UFSD #30 students were chosen to participate in the 2003 New York State School Music Association (NYSSMA) All-County performance, held on Sunday, January 12 at the Tilles Center at C.W. Post College.

NYSSMA, a state unit of the Music Educators National Conference, auditioned hundreds of applicants to perform with the All-County Orchestra, Chorus, and Band.

These talented young musicians received their sheet music in November 2002 and had been practicing with their respective teachers during lunch and after school. Students were required to attend two four-hour rehearsals before the concert in January.

District music teachers (l-r, back row) Timothy Adams (District Band), Barbara Briker-Kreeger (Shaw Avenue Chorus), Stephanie Cooke (Clear Stream Avenue), Marissa Cassara (Forest Road Chorus), and Barbara Wieder (District Orchestra) are all very proud of the musical accomplishments of these outstanding students.

Congratulations to the following students (pictured at right) who participated in the performance:



Clear Stream Avenue

Denise Cagara (Orchestra; Violin)
Donnell Jones (Band; Alto Saxophone)
Christina Laudani (Chorus)
Lauren Ramdhan (Chorus)

Forest Road

Carlos Barrero (Orchestra; Violin)
Nicholas Chong (Chorus)
Amy Evron (Chorus)
Isaac Lee (Band; French Horn)
Rachel Tomasulo (Chorus)
Ben Vogel (Chorus)

Shaw Avenue

Kristina Alberca (Orchestra; Violin)
Kaila Cornejo (Chorus)
Chelsea Gorski-Halpern (Chorus)
Amelia Mahadoe (Chorus)
Jessica Petrauskas (Band; Flute)
Melody Tan (Orchestra; Violin)
Kira Zuniga (Chorus)

SHAW AVENUE HOLDS NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC BEE

Valley Stream #30 students competed in the first level of competition in the National Geographic Bee on January 7 at Shaw Avenue School. For the 15th year, the National Geographic Society is sponsoring the National Geographic Bee for students in the fourth through eighth grades in thousands of schools across the United States and in the five U.S. territories, as well as in Department of Defense Dependents Schools around the world.

Participants at Shaw Avenue School included fourth graders: Justin Chance, Kaitlinn Estevez, Richard Gotti, Kimberly Javal, and Joelle Thompson; fifth graders: Jonathan Ramlall, Nick Russo, Nicole Scher, and Chelsea Starna; and sixth graders: Manuel Diaz, Tori Lapolla, Kevin Ryan, and Kurnail Syed.

The winner of the Shaw Avenue Bee, Kevin Ryan, will now advance to the next level of competition, a written examination to determine state competitors. All school winners are eligible to win the national championship and its first prize, a $25,000 college scholarship, at the national competition to be held on May 20 and 21 in Washington D.C.

Forest Road School Awarded ExxonMobil Educational Alliance Grant

The Forest Road School was the recipient of two ExxonMobil Educational Alliance Grants totaling $1,000.

Forest Road is currently planning to apply some of the grant money toward purchasing books that will be featured as "Book of the Month." The purpose of these books will be to encourage students to become lifelong readers. Another portion of the grants will be used to purchase games that will focus on creating a climate of cooperation and fair play.

The ExxonMobil Educational Alliance program offers Exxon and Mobil retailers the opportunity to obtain a $500 grant to support a local school. During 2002, $2,000,000 was awarded in grant funding. The grants were used for a broad range of programs, based on the needs of the schools.

Valley Stream UFSD #30 would like to thank representatives Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Hoeffner. The Hoeffners, longtime supporters of the District, are members of the Valley Stream business community.

FOREST ROAD



Sixth-grade Class Breaks Record

Mrs. Kessler's sixth-grade class (pictured above) broke the longstanding volleyball record for consecutive sets and bumps. Set in 1986 under the supervision of physical education teacher Al Stevens, the previous record was 35 consecutive sets and bumps. Current physical education teacher Vincent Manzo "served up" the challenge to this year's class who promptly accepted his invitation. Reviewing the importance of working as a team, cooperation, and determination, Mr. Manzo led his class in breaking the 17-year-old record with 64 consecutive sets and bumps. Congratulations on setting the new record!

Giving Thanks

Students in Ms. Fishman's and Mrs. Wood's classes wanted to make a contribution to those less fortunate at Thanksgiving. The classes baked six dozen corn muffins for The Dwelling Place, a shelter in New York City. Hand-drawn placemats accompanied the muffins and were most appreciated by all those who spent the holiday at the shelter.

SHAW AVENUE



Geography Lessons

Mrs. Lichter's fourth-grade class (pictured above) studied the geography of New York State, including its mountains, lakes, rivers, and cities. The class then created a large cake in the shape of our state and celebrated its diversity.

Literacy Booth

In conjunction with Parent-Teacher Conferences, the Reading Department organized a Literacy Booth. Parents were welcome to browse and help themselves to book lists, word lists, and pamphlets explaining what parents can do at home to help their children become lifelong readers. In addition to answering questions and conducting conferences, Jane Dody, Julie Levine, Nancy McInerney, and Sandra Rubin encouraged parents to join the Title I Parent Advisory Committee.

Pancakes in Pajamas

Striped, polka-dotted, and plaid pajamas were worn by students in Mrs. Reinhard's kindergarten class as they celebrated the letter "P" during the month of December 2002. At the end of the month-long lessons, students were not only taught to read a recipe for making pancakes, but they also were able to eat them.

Clear Stream Avenue

Story Salad

Clear Stream Avenue students and teachers in kindergarten through third grade were treated to a production of *Story Salad*, presented by Theatreworks USA. The PTA once again provided a wonderful theatrical experience for our students, who were able to participate along with the performance of their favorite stories, including *Good Driving, Amelia Bedelia, Anansi and the Talking Melon,* and *Ira Says Goodbye.* This multicultural selection concluded with a wonderful audience sing-along.

Chess Club Teaches Life Skills

Fifth- and sixth-grade students are crying out "checkmate!" as they participate in a new chess club facilitated by fifth-grade teacher Richard Mansfield. The strategies taught and applied in chess are ones that are also needed in life. Children in the club are learning to problem-solve, plan their actions, and anticipate the consequences of their decisions. Mr. Mansfield collaborated with Roni Horowitz, Quest teacher, to prepare for this new endeavor. Ms. Horowitz has long used chess as a component of her program with the students of Valley Stream UFSD #30. Mr. Mansfield is proud of the effort the children have put forth in learning, and applying, these new skills.

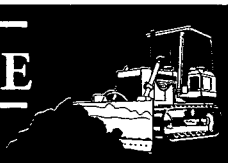
Fit for Life

Jonathan Greiss, physical education teacher, is currently running the Smart Start program for fifth- and sixth-grade students. Participating in fitness activities designed to increase involvement in healthy life choices, students are given the opportunity to build upon the important lessons already learned in their physical education classes. Lessons include developing good sportsmanship, understanding teamwork, and exercising as a part of a high level of wellness, along with developing their decision-making skills.

Pen Pals Meet

Mrs. Ficarrotta's second-grade class recently became one with nature on a nature walk. Looking for specimens to bring back to the classroom to study, the expedition ventured across Merrick Road to search an environment rich in diverse samples. At a location close to Shaw Avenue School, the students were able to gather interesting pods, seeds, leaves, and cones. While they were at the site, Mrs. Ficarrotta's class ventured inside the school to meet with Mr. Buckley's second-grade students. The two classes used the visit to get acquainted and team-up as pen pals. They plan to continue their correspondence throughout the year in the hopes of reconnecting later in the school year.

Construction Update



Renovations at Washington Avenue Kindergarten Center are progressing as planned. The building envelope and the addition are completely sealed off from the winter elements. Interior renovations are moving ahead as outlined in the construction time schedule. The project is scheduled for completion in early March.

The district plans to commence the building and renovation projects at the Forest Road and Shaw Avenue Schools on or about February 1. If you have any questions regarding the plan, please feel free to contact the Business Office at 258-9880.

Save the Date

JANUARY 23 & 24
Forest Road School
Book Fair

JANUARY 27
District 30 Board of Education
Meeting
Shaw Avenue School
8 p.m.

FEBRUARY 4
VSCHSD Budget Review
7 p.m.

VSCHSD Board of Education
Committee Meeting
8 p.m.

FEBRUARY 10
District 30 Board of Education
Committee Meeting
District Office
8 p.m.

FEBRUARY 11
VSCHSD Board of Education
Business Meeting
8 p.m.

FEBRUARY 13
Shaw Avenue Founders Day
7:30 p.m.

FEBRUARY 17 – 21
Winter Recess
Schools Closed

FEBRUARY 24
District 30 Board of Education
Shaw Avenue School
8 p.m.

••• FOR YOUR INFORMATION •••

TRANSPORTATION REQUESTS

DUE BEFORE APRIL 1, 2003

Valley Stream UFSD #30 will provide transportation for children residing in the district who will be attending private and parochial schools in September 2003. This is provided only when the following conditions are met:

- District 30 parents must make a written request for transportation to and from a specific school no later than April 1, 2003.
- The child must live at least two miles from the private or parochial school, but no more than fifteen miles.
- The child must be five years old on or before December 1, 2003.
- New York State Education Law specifically states that applications must be submitted annually for each new year.

If your child meets the criteria for transportation as defined above, please send in your request for the 2003-2004 school year no later than April 1, 2003.

SEND YOUR REQUEST TO:
Valley Stream UFSD #30
Administrative Office
175 N. Central Avenue
Valley Stream, NY 11580

TAX NOTICE

New York State Income Tax forms for 2002 require the name of the public school district in which you live. Our school district is Valley Stream Union Free School District #30 and our code is 657.

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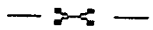
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TO: Mr. Van Ness

FROM: Marie Stone

RE: Friendly Schools Index

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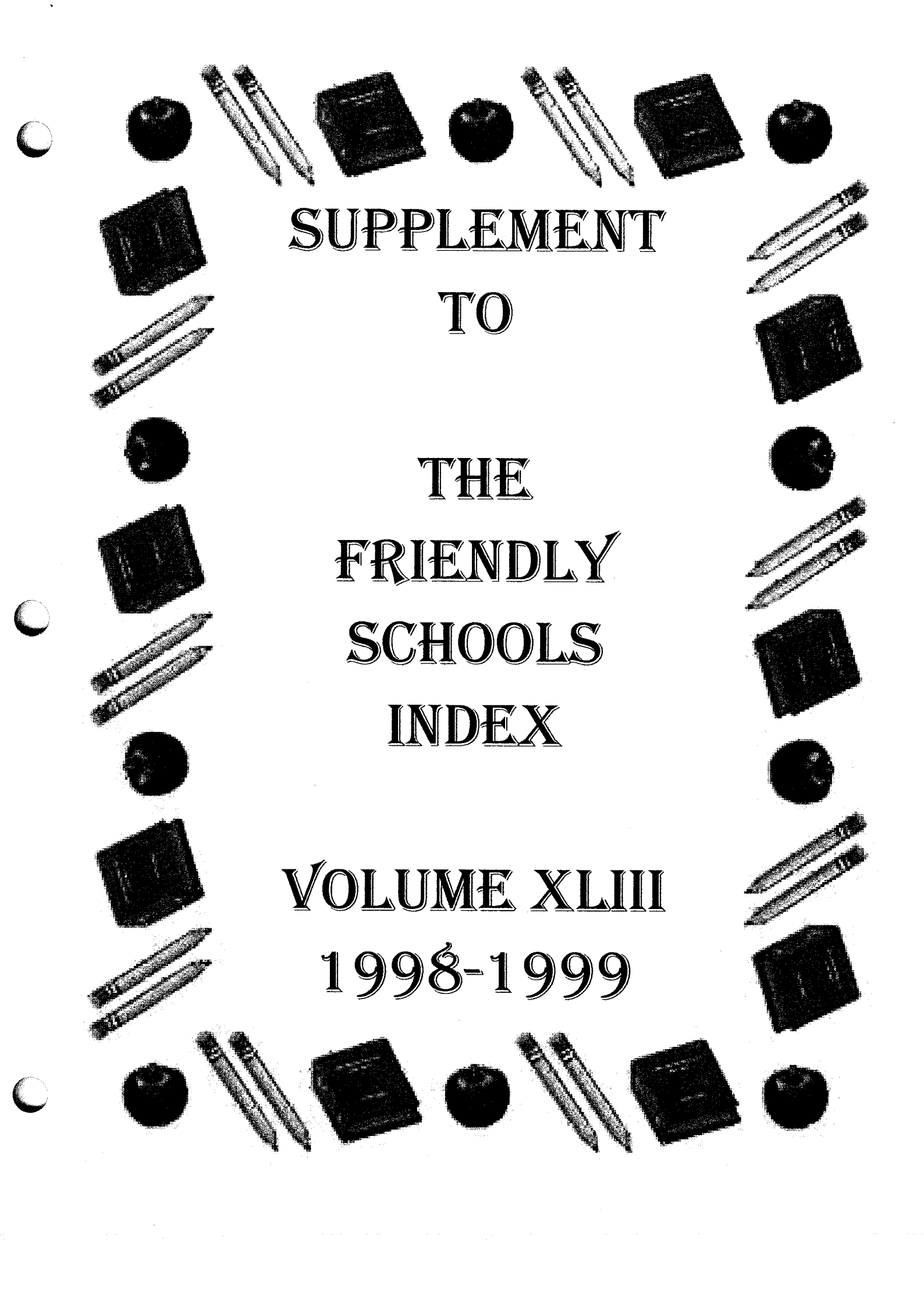
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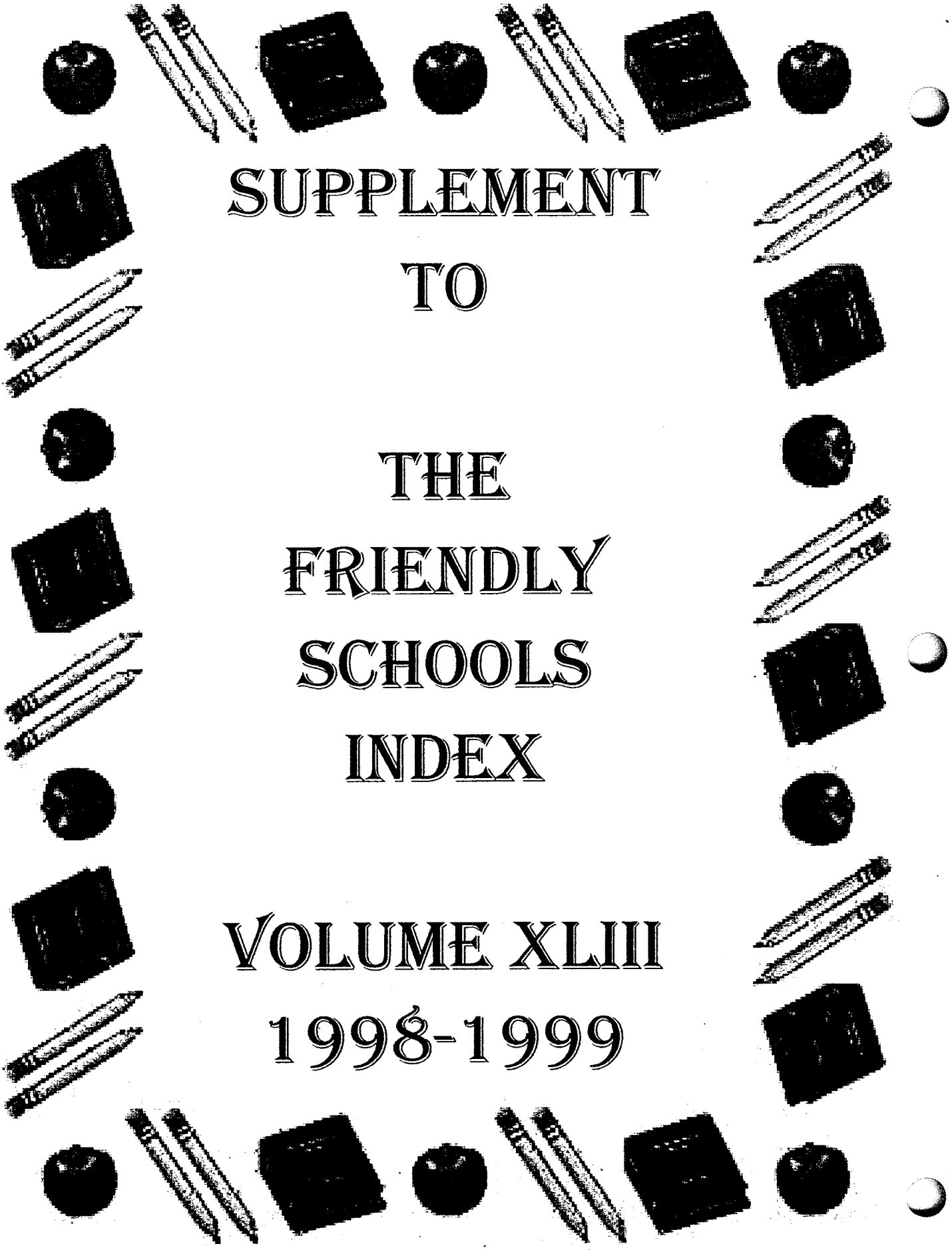
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