

**MR. CID, PRINCIPAL
RETIRING**



Mr. Cid, Principal at Shaw Avenue School.

Mr. Lawrence Cid joined District 30 as a "rookie" teacher and has been a member of our team for the past 38 years. Mr. Cid first joined us as a 5th grade teacher at Shaw Avenue School in September, 1950. A semester later he was inducted into the U.S. Army for 2 years. Upon his return, Mr. Cid, was assigned to a 6th grade in the Forest Road School.

Because of his considerable work in the field of mathematics, Mr. Cid was appointed to the new position of Mathematics Consultant in District 30 in 1965. In 1969, he was appointed principal at Shaw Avenue School.

Mr. Cid is a former resident of Valley Stream, a graduate of Central High School and has two daughters. Upon his retirement he plans to relax, cook and do woodworking. In his office he displays a photograph of his first 6th grade class and feels good when he comes across an ex-student of his who is now an adult. Warmly and sincerely, Mr. Cid stated: "I feel fortunate to have spent my career in District 30. If I were starting over I would follow the same path (I truly mean that)." A part of District 30 will always be with Mr. Cid, and a part of Mr. Cid will always be with District 30 - we wish him luck and happiness.

READING & T.V. SURVEY

Mrs. RoseMarie Patterson's 4th grade class at Shaw Avenue School participated in the Weekly Reader National Survey on Reading and T.V. They were very surprised when the results were printed in the Weekly Reader, March 18, 1988 issue, to find out how closely their answers corresponded to the responses of more than 400,000 students answering the questions asked.

Here are some of the findings (Mrs. Patterson's class responses are in parenthesis):

- Fourth graders like to read, but they prefer to watch T.V. and listen to the radio. (agreed 100%)
- Most 4th graders agree that kids

would read more if they didn't have a T.V. at home. (agreed 100%)

— Fourth graders tend to like mystery books best, followed by make-believe stories. (Preferred novels about teens, followed by mysteries)

— As for magazines, they liked comics best. (agreed 100%)

— They were split on whether kids like adults to read to them. (agreed 100%)

— When 4th graders watch T.V., they like cartoons. (agreed 100%)

— Most think adults should keep up with the news. (agreed 100%)

— But, 4th graders don't think kids need to know the news. (Half the class said they shouldn't.)

**Mayor DeGrace Visits
2nd Graders**

As part of a lesson on learning about their community, Ms. Marilyn Clarke's 2nd grade class at Clear Stream Avenue School wrote letters to Mayor John DeGrace asking questions about Valley Stream. To the children's delight, they received individual letters from Mayor DeGrace answering their questions. What really brought excitement to the class was a special visit from Mayor DeGrace. Prior to his talk about the history of Valley Stream, Mayor DeGrace gave each student a copy of a book entitled "50th Anniversary Valley Stream." Trustees, Mr. Joseph Gathard and Mr. Rosario Messina accompanied the Mayor and assisted in answering the children's questions.



Mr. Gathard, Ms. Clarke, Mayor DeGrace and Mr. Messina with 2nd graders pose in front of original pictures drawn by the class.

"Booking It" Continues



Miss Melzer and her "pizza winners!"

As reported in the January issue of The Friendly Schools, Shaw Avenue School has been participating in a nationwide reading incentive program sponsored by Pizza Hut. Miss Barbara Melzer's 3rd graders and Mrs. Lois Benedetto's 4th graders have now been added to the list of achievers. Both classes had 100% participation in 4 of the 5 month program and won a pizza party for their accomplishments.

PLANT PLANTING

To celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Arbor Day in New York State, Clear Stream Avenue School studied about trees and plants, ecology, and the history of Arbor Day during the month of April. The culminating activity of this project will be the planting of 50 seedlings of "urban wildlife shrubs." Every class will participate in this activity and will help in the planting.

It is hoped that through participating in this program all the children will learn the importance of nature to their world and will foster pride in their school.

ATTENTION RETIREES

Three years ago the Editor of The Friendly Schools contacted many of the retired members of our District 30 team, and an article entitled "Friends of Yesteryears" reported what their "life after District 30" was like. The article was a success with our readers. We would like to put together another article, but need input from you. If you retired in the last three years, never responded to her original correspondence, or wish to submit an up-date, please send it to Marie Stone at Clear Stream Avenue School, Clear Stream Avenue, Valley Stream, New York 11582. She's looking forward to hearing from you.

Ex-Student Visits Class

Police Officer Joseph Scamardella, brother of 3rd grader Michael, visited Mrs. Helen Inwald's class at Clear Stream Avenue School. What made this visit extra special was that 15 years ago, Joseph was in Mrs. Inwald's 3rd grade class. Back then, little did Joseph know that some day he would be in front of Mrs. Inwald's class teaching 3rd graders. Officer Scamardella demonstrated the technique of lifting fingerprints from a glass; what a bulletproof vest is like, plus, he fingerprinted Mrs. Inwald.

Students asked what it was like to be in a car chase. Office Scamardella explained that real police work is not exactly what they see on television, and that a lot of time is spent on helping people. He spoke to the children about the many ways police officers help them and their community.

Each teacher plays an important part in a child's life and it is thrilling for a teacher to see the kind adults their students become. This truly was a special day for both teacher and students (and even for Mr. Richard Burbell, Principal, who remembered Officer Scamardella's first name).

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"Our greatest national resource is the minds of our children."

— Walter Eliss Disney

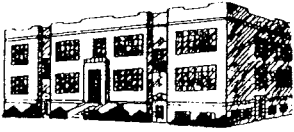
MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- May 4 - School Budget Voting - 7 A.M. to 10 P.M.
- 4 - Art Exhibit - 7:30 P.M. to 9 P.M.
- 17 - District 30 Board of Education Committee Meeting - 8 P.M.
- 24 - District 30 Board of Education Meeting - 8 P.M.
- 30 - Memorial Day - SCHOOLS CLOSED
- June 21 - District 30 Board of Education Committee Meeting - 8 P.M.
- 22 - Sixth Grade Graduation
- 22 - Last Day of Hot Lunch
- 24 - Last Day of School
- 28 - District 30 Board of Education Meeting - 8 P.M.

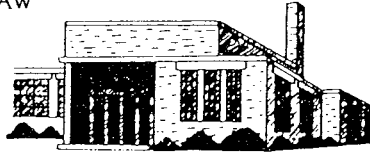
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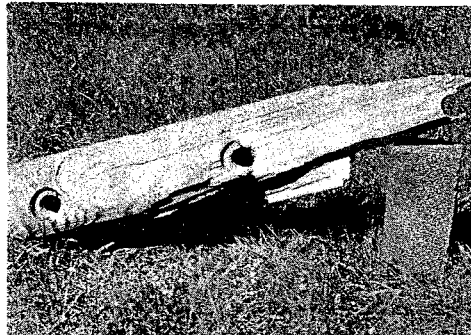
Last spring, in preparation for the Fourth of July, a large number of fireworks were brought into Valley Stream. Many of these were bought by children, with the full knowledge of their parents.

"Let them have fun!" "We did it when we were kids!" Many other rationalizations have been used to break the law. The problem is too big to control without the support of the parents.

The picture shows a piece of playground equipment from the Clear Stream Avenue School after a single M-80 firecracker was placed in one of the holes and lit. The force of the explosion shattered this large timber shown next to a brick so you can compare its size. With this force, a sliver of wood could have put out an eye, or, if it struck a person's body, could have been fatal.

A few years ago, such a firecracker was placed in a boy's pocket. It so damaged his hip that weeks of treatment in the hospital were necessary.

When youth does not have the experience to make good judgements, then the parents must teach them that the law is for the protection of all those around that might be seriously injured, or the child himself.



This law is not designed to stop people from having fun. It's to protect property and save lives!

Mr. William Van Ness
Superintendent of Schools

INFORMAL BREAKFAST CONTINUES

"Breakfast With The Superintendent" will continue this year. The basic intent of these informal meetings is to provide a channel of communication between the public and the school district. As in the past, they will be hosted on a rotating basis among our three schools - Clear Stream Avenue, Forest Road and Shaw Avenue. All residents are welcome at whatever building the meeting is scheduled to take place. Check the calendar, on the back page, for dates of upcoming meetings, and join other concerned parents at a casual meeting with Mr. Van Ness.

UNPLANNED PROJECTS

As we are all aware, budgets can not always be adhered to. As in our own homes, unexpected emergencies can arise. Since the approval of the 1988-89 school budget in May, such emergencies have arisen. The following list represents projects the District was confronted with that were neither anticipated nor planned for in its budgetary process:

- Shaw Avenue School (\$253,700)
- 1) Boiler room asbestos abatement, air monitoring and boiler replacement
 - 2) Gymnasium asbestos abatement and air monitoring

- 3) Additional gym flooring repairs
- 4) Roof repair

Clear Stream Avenue School (\$21,700)

- 5) Coal bin asbestos abatement and air monitoring
- 6) Cafeteria freezer replacement
- 7) Ball field backstop
- 8) Transitional room renovation

Forest Road School (\$6,300)

- 9) Room 208 renovation
- 10) Front stoop replacement

Total of additional expenditures is \$281,700.

EMERGENCY CLOSINGS

Should weather conditions make it necessary to close the schools, the Valley Stream Fire Department will sound the alarm 10 times at 7:05 AM and the following stations will make early morning announcements:

WABC (77)	WGGB (1240)
WGLI (1290)	WGSM (740)
WHLI (1100)	WINS (1010)
WKJY (98FM)	

(Please Note: Parents are urged not to call the schools on such occasions, but listen instead for the radio announcements and fire sirens.)

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CONFRATUTE '88

On July 18th to 29th, Ms. Gail Starler, new head of our EXCEL Program, participated in Confratute '88, the International Conference/Institute on Educating Gifted and Talented Children and Youth held at The University of Connecticut. Now in its 11th consecutive year, Confratute, has distinguished itself as one of the world's most definitive conferences/institutes on gifted education. A primary feature of Confratute is the converging of prominent leaders in the field upon a single site for two weeks to interact and consult with teachers, administrators and parents eager to learn about exceptionally able youngsters. Who they are, how they learn differently from other children, and what parents and school personnel need to do to help them develop their creative abilities and talents, are explored in depth by the participants.

**DR. CALLOW,
 NEW PRINCIPAL**

Upon the retirement of Mr. Lawrence Cid, Dr. Patricia Callow has taken over the position as principal of Shaw Avenue School.

Dr. Callow has served 8 years as a teacher (grades 3, 4, and 5), and 10 years as an administrator. Since 1983, she was Principal of an elementary school in Lindenhurst, where she was responsible for all phases of the education program. She received her M.A., and Ph. D. from Hofstra University, where she also taught Computers for Children.

Her varied experiences are sure to be an asset to District 30. Among them are her affiliation with the American Educational Research Association (AERA); Association of Supervisors of Curriculum Development (ASCD); presentations at the International Reading Conferences; Director of Special Programs; chairing several committees which concerned ESL Department, Gifted Education and computers.

Dr. Callow's enthusiasm and energy is already obvious in District 30. She is very "student minded" and feels it is important to make the student feel "special." Daily she makes her "Happy Birthday" rounds,

where she visits each child who has a birthday on that day, wishes them a happy birthday and offers them a pencil from her "Birthday Box."

On September 16th, she attended the Shaw Avenue School PTA Tea for New Parents, where she introduced herself and extended a warm welcome.

We at District 30 welcome her and are confident she will be a well qualified addition to our administrative team.



Dr. Callow (center) with PTA Co-Presidents, Mrs. Annette O'Keefe and Mrs. Chris Vessely, prior to their PTA Tea for New Parents.

**BOOK AUTHORIZING
 PROJECT CONTINUES**

Editor, (and Librarian) Mrs. Alice Dorb, and library aide, Mrs. Gerry Sullivan are happy to report that the Student Book Publishing Project begun last year at the Clear Stream Avenue School will be expanded during this current 1988-89 school year. The reader should recall that this project was made possible by a grant sponsored by State Senator Skelos. The books completed have a professional "look" as they are laminated and spiral bound.

Fourth grader Linda Verity's original book on gardening contains an appendix which offers tips for successful gardening. "Billy's Travel To Zooky Land" was written by 5th grader Jennifer Lewis and was finalized on a word processor assisted by Mrs. Carolyn Biscardi, computer aide. This science fiction story utilizes some imaginary and descriptive vocabulary.

Anyone who has ever suffered with a toothache will appreciate the dilemma of Al the Alligator in "Al's Toothache," written by Pat Infant presently in 6th grade. "What's the Box?" is a delightful fantasy dealing with a mysterious package that had been lost on its way to the White House. What's in the box? Read Steven D'Aguanno's original story and find out.

MUSIC NOTES

WLC '89 (The World's Largest Concert, 1989) will be very special for Clear Stream Avenue School this year, as the 5th and 6th graders have been invited to be part of the concert television studio audience. They will attend the taping of the program in Brooklyn in November, and sing along as part of the actual concert. The program will be aired in March, 1989, as part of the annual Music In Our Schools Month celebration. Clear Stream has participated for several years in the concert by learning the music ahead of time, then singing along with the television broadcast. "This year the school will again gather to sing along in March, but we may be seeing ourselves on television," stated Mrs. Linda Pratt, Music Teacher.

FAREWELL TO OUR RETIREES

Mr. William Van Ness, Superintendent of Schools, served as Master of Ceremonies at District 30's Twentieth Annual Retirement Party.

A huge crowd gathered at Salisbury On The Green to honor eight of our retirees. We at District 30 would like to thank the following people for their years of devoted service, not only to the children, but to the community and the district:

Mr. Lawrence Cid - As stated in the May 1988 issue of **The Friendly Schools**, Mr. Cid served as principal at Shaw Avenue School since 1969. Prior to that, he was our 5th and 6th grade teacher and Mathematics Consultant - a total sum of 38 years. Upon retirement he plans to relax, cook and do wood-working.

Mrs. Janet Brauns - In 1962, she returned to District 30. Prior to her marriage in 1987, many community members knew her as Janet Hamcke. She taught 5th grade in Shaw Avenue School. Mrs. Brauns is looking forward to spending more time with her husband, family and her other varied interests, i.e., traveling, snorkeling, boating, and fishing

Ms. Marilyn Clark - She joined District 30 in 1955, spent 29 years at Forest Road School and the last 4 years at Clear Stream Avenue School. She has traveled widely, absorbing cultures of different countries. Ms. Clarke's plans for the future include oil painting, taking literature and poetry courses, with plenty of time left over for leisure activities.

Miss Kathryn Egan - In 1952, she came to District 30 as an addition to our Music Department staff. Besides the many choral presentations in District 30, Miss Egan's professional activities include teaching people privately and in the Adult Education Program in Vally Stream. Miss

Egan's plans for retirement include performances and accompanists in several professional music organizations and enjoying trips to the ballet, opera and concerts.

Mrs. Helen Fink - She served as Special Counselor in Forest Road School and then Clear Stream Avenue School. Mrs. Fink innovated many programs in the district - S.T.E.P. (parent groups), S.T.E.T. (teachers groups), groups for children from single parent homes, family counseling and the gifted programs. Mrs. Fink is retiring to have more time to spend with her new grandson and to continue to do more of what provides the greatest pleasure - starting the day with tennis, reading, learning and helping others.

Mrs. Helen Inwald - She has taught at both Clear Stream and Forest Road Schools. For the past several years she taught 3rd grade. Her visits to exotic places, such as India, Thailand, China and Japan, has always been shared with her students and co-workers. Upon retiring, Mrs. Inwald is looking forward to spending more time with her family, taking advantage of all that New York City has to offer, and pursuing many varied interests.

Mrs. Blossom Licht - Prior to retirement she taught 6th grade at Forest Road School. When she first arrived at District 30, 26 years ago, she was known as Blossom Melnick. Now that retirement is here, Mrs. Licht and her husband plan to study, travel, and spend more time with their grandchildren who live around the country. Upon announcing her retirement, Mrs. Licht said, "It feels more like graduation - with a whole world out there waiting to be discovered!"

Mr. Richard Graham - Prior to assuming his responsibilities as night custodian at Clear Stream Avenue School in 1971, Mr. Graham worked for the Coca Cola Company, retiring from that organization in 1955. Upon his second retirement, this time from District 30, he plans to utilize his trailer home in upstate New York sharing it with "Otto," his devoted canine companion.

LIBRARY-MEDIA CENTER NEWS

FUTURE PUPPETEERS

The staff of the Clear Stream Avenue School Library-Media Center welcomes everyone back for the start of the new school year.

They are starting off with an exciting addition to the library - a portable puppet theater. The theater was funded by a grant from the Valley Stream Teachers' Center. Additional puppets were purchased with funds raised last year by students in Ms. Marilyn Clarke's second grade and Mrs. Helen Inwald's third grade classes. In honor of these two teachers, who have since retired, the students have named the theater, **THE CLARKE-INWALD PUPPET THEATER**.

"All of us are looking forward to the refreshingly original productions that students will soon be performing utilizing the puppet theater," stated Mrs. Alice Dorb, Library-Media Specialist.

DISCO D.J.'S

At the Forest Road School Library, Mr. Bruce Lesser's 4th grade Disco D.J.'s performed in June, 1988, before an appreciative 3rd grade audience. Each student in the class 'rapped' an original song about a favorite book and displayed a disco record featuring art work and a keyboard-generated plot summary.

"The project integrated music, library, art, reading, writing and keyboarding skills," stated Mrs. Carol Tolle, Library-Media Specialist. The group of D.J.'s displaying their projects in the photograph are: (left to right) Douglas Cohen, Alicia Erlich, Adam Liebling, (bottom) Amy Guttman, Adam Biener and Andrea Jetter.



Forest Road Disco D.J.'s 'Rap' it up.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Oct. 18 - District 30 Committee Board of Education Meeting - 8 P.M.
 19 - Breakfast With The Superintendent - 9:15 A.M. at Shaw Avenue School
 25 - District 30 Board of Education Meeting - 8 P.M.
 26 - District Parent Workshop on Aids - 7:30 P.M. at Shaw Avenue School Auditorium
- Nov. 8 - Election Day (6 A.M.-9 P.M.)/Superintendents' Conference Day - **SCHOOLS CLOSED FOR PUPILS**
 11 - Veterans' Day - **SCHOOL CLOSED**
 14-18 - American Education Week
 15 - District 30 Committee Meeting - 8 P.M.
 22 - District 30 Board of Education Meeting - 8 P.M.
 24-25 - Thanksgiving Recess - **SCHOOLS CLOSED**
- Dec. 14 - Breakfast With The Superintendent - 9:15 A.M. at Clear Stream Avenue School
 20 - District 30 Board of Education Meeting - 8 P.M.
 Dec. 26 -Jan. 2 - Holiday Recess -**SCHOOLS CLOSED**

NEW CHANGES IN OUR DISTRICT

When the doors of our District schools opened on September 7th, many new faces were seen amongst our staff. The Board of Education, administration, staff and faculty welcomed seventeen new members. Below, listed by the individual school, are our new members and changes made at the beginning of this 1988-89 school year. (New members starting this year, have been printed in **bold** letters.)

At Clear Stream Avenue School:

Mrs. Christine Murray, who previously taught kindergarten has moved up to teaching grade 2, and **Mrs. Madelyn Schweigert** has joined their kindergarten team. In the 4th grade, we have **Mrs. Jane Voss**, who has replaced Ms. Barbara Nancken, who is on leave. **Mr. Uri Bergmann** is now their Special Counselor, as Mrs. Helen Fink retired. Two of our former Teacher Assistants are now classroom teachers: Mrs. Barbara Clarke, now teaching 3rd grade, due to Mrs. Inwald's retirement, and Mrs. Maureen Spiess has a 1st grade class as a result of Mrs. Mary Maclean moving from 1st to 2nd grade. **Mrs. Phyllis Amalfitano** is now their Teacher Assistant, as well as Ms. Susan Mazelis, formerly a Contractual

Substitute. Last, but by no means least, Mr. Frank DeMarco is back at Clear Stream serving as a Contractual Substitute.

At Forest Road School:

Mrs. Linda Kessler has moved from 5th to 6th grade teaching as a result of Mrs. Blossom Licht's retirement. To fill the 5th grade vacancy, **Mrs. Suzanne Walsh** has joined us. Former Teacher Assistant, Ms. Lucille Maresca is now teaching 3rd grade. Two new classroom aides have joined Forest Road: **Mrs. Angela Nicolini**, in the EXCEL Program and **Ms. Beverly Rini**, LC/3 aide. Other new faces include **Mrs. Pamela Weiss** as a Teacher Assistant, plus, **Mrs. Nancy McInerney** and **Mrs. Laura Vogel** as Contractual Substitute Teachers. Mrs. Maria Shore, was formerly a Contractual Substitute is now their Teacher Assistant.

Mrs. Elaine Faling, secretary, joined Forest Road staff in December 1987, and Mrs. Genevieve Kropas, former noon hour aide has become a library aide.

At Shaw Avenue School:

Joining them as a 4th grade teacher is **Ms. AnneMarie DeRico**, and as a reading teacher, **Mrs. Anne Glynn**. Mrs. Josephine Ferranti, formerly a Contractual Substitute, is now teaching 2nd

grade. Mrs. Marilyn Russo, formerly one of our duplicating machine operators for the district, has now joined their clerical staff.

Congratulations to two of our staff members who recently got married: Mrs. Susan Baron, Art Teacher, (alias Ms. Genser) and Mrs. Kim Jones-Sands, in the Resource Room, (alias Ms. Jones).

In addition...serving all three schools:

Ms. Kelly Wood is the newest member of our Music Department. Two other new teachers are: **Ms. Randi Goodman** (LC/1) and **Mr. John Ferguson** (LC/2). Both classes are located at Forest Road School. Mrs. Sherri Lewis has rejoined us as a Learning Disabilities Specialist. Serving District 30 as Contractual Substitutes are **Ms. Virginia Reale** and **Ms. Pamela Garvey**. Ms. Constance Smith has left our district, and Ms. Gail Starler (formerly 4th grade teacher at Shaw Avenue School) has taken over the position as head of the EXCEL Program, located at Forest Road School.

In the latter part of last year, Mr. Gregory Abbate replaced Mr. Allan Wakefield as Director of Facilities and Operations.

With everyone settled into place, the 1988-89 school year is off to a good start!

POOLSIDE READING

During the summer, some children at the Clear Stream Avenue School were involved in a "Keep Cool and Read at the Pool Reading Club," sponsored by Mrs. Eugenie Melone, Reading Specialist. The children were required to read a number of books from a supplied book list and report on them in various ways.

Congratulations to Patty Riccobono for completing 10 book "reports," Ben Brenkert for completing 5 book "reports," and Andrew Anger for completing 8 book "reports." You can view their work outside of the Reading Room at Clear Stream School.

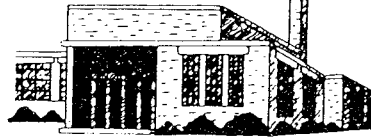
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MRS. McAULIFFE IS HONORED

At the October 25th Board of Education Meeting, Board President Leanore Egan hosted a reception and presented a bouquet of flowers to Mrs. Elinor McAuliffe, recipient of the New York State School Boards Association's Everett R. Dyer Award for distinguished school board services. Mrs. McAuliffe received this award at the Association's 69th Annual Convention in Buffalo, N.Y., on October 21. She has served continuously on District 30's Board since 1955 and on the High School District Board since 1962, and has demonstrated her concern, dedication and caring in numerous ways and times.

With her at the congratulatory reception are: Mr. William Van Ness,



Congratulations, Mrs. McAuliffe!

District 30 Superintendent of Schools; Mr. Richard Eisenberg, Board Vice President; Mr. Thomas M. Galgano, Board Trustee; Mr. Joseph McAuliffe, Mrs. McAuliffe;

Mrs. Leanore Egan, Board President; Mr. William O. Gauger, Board Trustee and Dr. Glenn E. Grube, High School District Superintendent of Schools.

DISTRICT 30'S NEW READING SERIES

Scott, Foresman Reading: An American Tradition is a basal reader series used in kindergarten through grade six in District 30. The goal of all instruction in this program is to help children become independent readers who love to read. Attaining this vital goal begins at the earliest levels of the program.

Level by level, children are taught specific phonics and comprehension skills in order to become independent readers. Skill instruction is explicit, involving the following five major areas: word study skills, comprehension and thinking skills, literary understanding and appreciation, study skills and language arts skills. These skills are systematically taught, applied, tested and maintained.

The literature in the Scott,

Foresman Program provides a wide variety of literary masterpieces, including classic literature and content-area reading. As part of the integrated language arts instruction, there are writing activities relating to the themes in each book. These activities follow a four-step process of pre-writing, writing, revising and presenting.

At home independent reading activities are encouraged as early as the kindergarten level with the "take home" books. Parents will receive bibliographies relating to the literary themes found in the pupil books. When children choose to read at home, and when parents commend them when they do so, positive pupil attitudes toward reading in school will be developed.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION NOTICE

If your child was born **on or before December 1, 1984**, please be sure to notify your individual school immediately (Clear Stream Avenue - 825-3044; Forest Road School - 791-2225; Shaw Avenue School - 825-9131). In order to plan for next year's kindergarten classes, each school must know the child's name, address and birthdate. This will also assist us in mailing out appropriate notices. Your cooperation is essential and appreciated.

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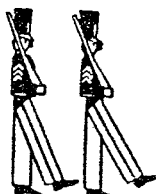
TURKEY TROT

The Shaw Avenue School Jogging Club ended their fall session by entering the Long Beach 2 mile turkey trot on Saturday, November 19th. Trophies were won by the following runners in their age categories: 2nd Place, Denise Pace and Denise Judge; 3rd Place, Hanae Okita. Congratulations, girls!

Other runners were Annie Huang, Shuhei Okita, Joey Petry, Rob Agostini and Brian Agostini.

JOINING THE FUN

On December 12th, the kindergartners at Shaw Avenue School attended a live performance of "Babes In Toyland," at the Hofstra Playhouse. This warm and funny play was a real treat for the children who actively participated in the songs and motions. To top off the day, there was lunch at a local McDonald's and a visit to the giant Christmas tree at EAB Plaza. It truly was a Happy Holiday Season!



THANKS + GIVING CELEBRATION

The holiday spirit of giving and sharing has been flourishing throughout our three District schools, especially in the Shaw Avenue School kindergarten classes this year. Their kindergarten students collected over 100 cans and boxes of food to be given to needy families for their Thanksgiving dinner.

In addition, on Tuesday, November 22nd, the four classes gathered together for their annual Thanksgiving Celebration. Many days were spent preparing the refreshments, making costumes, placemats and decorations. Each class (Mrs. Federici's, Mrs. Cummings', Ms. Clavin's and Mrs. Fariel's) was responsible for some part of the menu which was planned around the food the Pilgrims might have eaten. There were homemade corn muffins, cranberry, pumpkin bread, fruit salad, popcorn, and more. After feasting, the children performed some delightful poems and songs, and a circle dance. A good time was had by all.

Meanwhile....

On Wednesday, November 23, the entire student body, faculty and staff at Forest Road School gathered for their annual Thanksgiving Day Breakfast and Festivities.

Mrs. Linda Kessler, Faculty Advisor of the school's Student Government, planned the breakfast with the cooperation from their PTA. Forty-four students from grades kindergarten thru 6 participated in a play, "Many Thanks," which was directed by Mrs. Mary Ruschin, 2nd grade teacher. The food was good, the play spectacular and the feeling of Thanksgiving felt by all.

That afternoon at Clear Stream Avenue School, the kindergarten class presented its Annual Thanksgiving Day Luncheon. With the assistance of their teachers, Mr. Vincent Libertini, Mrs. Arlene Sacks and Mrs. Madelyn Schweigert, the kindergartners put together a delicious feast that was enjoyed by teachers and faculty.

GUESS WHO?

Second graders in Mrs. Christine Murray's class at Clear Stream Avenue School wrote riddles about themselves. Because space is limited, only a few can be printed, but can you guess who they are?
— "I have long brown hair and blue eyes. I am a Brownie. I don't like math very much. Who am I?"

—"I have black hair and I am the funniest kid in class. My favorite football team is the Giants. Who am I?"

—"I have black hair. I like math, karate and surfing. Who am I?"

—"I came from South America. I just wrote a book in school. I am the captain of my 'Red Team.'" Who am I?"



"Who am I?"

CITIZENS IN ACTION

On September 23rd, the children in Mrs. RoseMarie Patterson's 4th grade in Shaw Avenue School voted in the "Weekly Reader" National Presidential Election Poll along with some one million students nationwide.

It was a great opportunity for the children to learn about America's

election process through "hands on" participation.

The "Weekly Reader" National Presidential Poll was accurate in its projections. The national results were made public prior to Election Day, November 8th. The results of the Weekly Reader Poll were as follows:

	George Bush	Michael Dukakis
Nationwide	58%	40%
N.Y. State	54%	45%
Mrs. Patterson's Class	64%	36%



Shortly after Mrs. Patterson's class participated in "Goals For Our President Contest," sponsored by Weekly Reader. Each student dramatized in words and with an illustration one goal that received the most student votes. The goal that was selected by the class as top priority was: Work to stop the sale and use of illegal drugs.

The second choice priorities were: 1. To help the poor, the hungry, and the homeless. 2. Fight crime. 3. Spend money to find a cure for aids.

The class selected Vincent D'Angelo's illustration and essay to represent the class in the contest. Besides prizes, the Weekly Reader will forward the winning entries to Mr. Bush so that he has before him the goals that today's young citizens think he should pursue.

The class excitedly awaits the results which should be made public prior to Mr. Bush's inauguration January 20th.

Editor's Note: Prior to the Presidential Election, our 3 schools participated in the Newsday in Education (NIE) Election '88. They compared the candidates' views, issues, conducted polls, etc. On November 1, each student received a Voter's Registration Card and Ballot. The results were:

	George Bush	Michael Dukakis
Clear Stream Avenue School	201	63
Forest Road School	109	112
Shaw Avenue School	309	146

WINNERS, AGAIN!



Once again, 3 students from Clear Stream Avenue School won ribbons for their exquisite display of insects at the annual L.I. Fair. Mr. Richard Kaufmann, science teacher, is proud to announce this year's winners: T.J. Blamire, Matthew Palazzolo and Maria Alexandratos. An honorary mention is in order for the displays of Kristine Kelly, Melanie Langer, Frank Bacchi and Jennifer Lewis. Good luck to next year's insect collectors!

RIBBON WINNING TEACHER

Many of our faculty members have talents that most people are not aware of. Such a person is Ms. Carol Lanell, 6th grade teacher at Shaw Avenue School. She is very humble about her work, but there is no denying her painted wooden figures make her stand out and be noticed. What cannot be seen in the photograph is the life-like faces she artistically painted on the Santas. She received the 1988 Agricultural Society of Queens, Nassau and Suffolk County Fair Awards for some of these figures. "I'd like to give credit to two of my co-workers and friends: Mrs. Gail Sherman, who cuts out the wooden figures and Mrs. Genie Melone, who stencils and varnishes the figures - I don't particularly enjoy these steps, so they help me out."



Ms. Lanell displays one of her ribbon winning figures as Mrs. Sherman looks on.

EARLY AWARENESS

A drug and alcohol awareness program will be conducted by a representative of the Town of Hempstead Department of Drug and Alcohol for grades kindergarten to 4th at the Forest Road School. Through the efforts of Ms. Judith Hotchkiss, Special Counselor at Forest Road School, this special program will be presented on January 17th and 23rd.

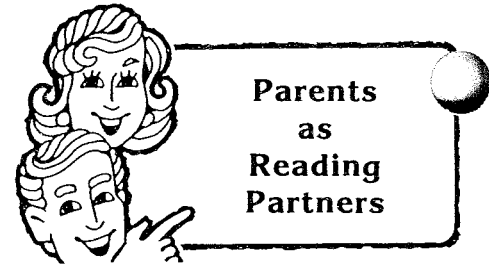
PRIMARY GRADES UNITE

The 1st grade class of Mrs. Paula Franklin, the 2nd grade class of Mrs. Mary Maclean and the 3rd grade class of Mrs. Virginia Cabral have joined together in a unique project this year at Clear Stream Avenue School. They meet approximately once a week to discuss the various holidays. Besides discussions, they have united in projects where the younger children are assisted by their older "partner." Such an undertaking was making cranberry relish for Thanksgiving. Other projects have had the children sharing their backgrounds and souvenirs from the American Indians and competing in a Fire Prevention Poster Contest. There is a poem for every holiday and sometimes a song which their music teacher, Mrs. Linda Pratt, has assisted them in learning. The culmination of these activities will be a play put on by all three classes together. It will be presented to the whole school during the day and to the families of the children in the evening, thus allowing mothers and fathers and other family members to

attend. Following the play, there will be refreshments for children and adults alike, so that the atmosphere of fellowship will be shared by all.

In addition to being exposed to a novel and important learning experience, the children in these three grades are gaining an understanding and appreciation for each other. Every child has two partners, one in each of the other two classes. This is both for assistance and companionship.

There has already evolved a very warm feeling between the three classes which will hopefully flow into other activities. The comradeship and learning that is taking place under the direction of the three teachers is stimulating and productive. All the children are busily and happily achieving. We hope the momentum continues to grow and that the ties that are being established this year will be fostered in the succeeding years so that a spirit of cooperation and caring will exist between these children of different grade levels.



The PTA at the Clear Stream Avenue School is sponsoring a "Parents as Reading Partners" Program. Every child in the school will receive a button indicating he/she is a participant. To be included in the program, each child is required to read with a parent-partner for at least 15 minutes a day and record the information on a chart. Each class will then calculate the average amount of reading time. The class with the highest average amount of reading time wins a "prize," and a bagel breakfast donated by the Clear Stream Avenue PTA.

This type of program is being instituted to help promote independent reading habits for children on a daily basis. It will also provide special parent-child sharing time and lead to better reading skills.

LIBRARY-MEDIA CENTER NEWS

Second graders at Clear Stream Avenue School were an appreciative audience at the performance of "Media Center Magic," a playlet presented by Ms. Dale Schindelman's 4th grade class in the school's Library-Media Center.

The play was directed by Mrs. Alice Dorb, Library-Media Specialist and was one of several special programs designed to celebrate Children's Book Week, November 13th to 19th.

As part of the Forest Road School Library Book Week celebration, students entered a contest to guess the number of hardcover books owned by the library. Library-Media Specialist, Mrs. Carol Tolle, devised the contest to focus attention on the wealth of materials available to the children. The winner was 4th grader Brian Fletcher, whose guess was 15,023 was within 20 books of the actual number. Brian explained his method of successful calculation: "I estimated. I counted the number of books in one shelf section, and then

multiplied by the number of sections in the library." Brian's prize was several new paperbacks. Congratulations!

Illustrator Susan Detrich presented an Art Career program at the Forest Road Library on November 30th. In this PTA sponsored program, coordinated by PTA Vice President, Mrs. Maria Begley and Library-Media Specialist, Mrs. Carol Tolle, Miss Detrich showed students the importance of art in their daily lives. Using samples of her own work, Miss Detrich demonstrated to an enthusiastic audience the steps in designing and illustrating picture books, magazines, reading and math workbooks, menus, and even their own "Scholastic News" weekly readers. She stressed the importance of library skills in researching models for her illustrations. When asked how she became such a good artist, Miss Detrich told the students that constant practice and schooling were the secrets to her success.



Math helped Brian Fletcher win!

JOIN US!

Have a question? Want to know more about our District? Join Mrs. Van Ness and concerned parents the next "Breakfast With The Superintendent," on Wednesday, February 15, 1988, 9:15 AM at Forest Road School.

Special Birthday Celebrated

On November 1, the entire Shaw Avenue School assembled to wish a very special person "Happy Birthday." That person is Mrs. Ann Docar, secretary to Dr. Patricia Callow, Principal of Shaw Avenue School. School secretaries are among the unsung heroes of schools, and Mrs. Docar is no exception. She is respected and admired and is always there to keep the "wheels in motion" for the faculty and students. All the students know her as a friend and she in turn knows each child by name. To show their appreciation and love for Mrs. Docar, they all secretly arranged a special assembly to honor her. The entire school sang "Happy Birthday," presented her with flowers and her favorite treat - a chocolate ice cream sundae. They presented her with "one great birthday book," which contained their personal wishes. Mrs. Docar resides in Valley Stream and has held this position for 14 years - and obviously loving it!



"Happy Birthday, Mrs. Docar."

UP AND OVER!

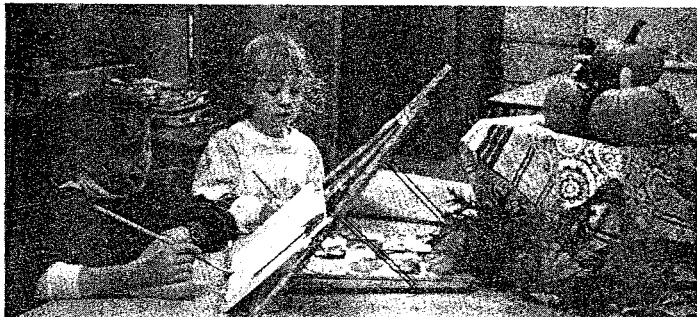


Gymnastic exercises are taught to many of our students in District 30. Pictured is 2nd grader, James Antonette, who receives assistance from a 5th grade "spotter," Mary Tizio. The children enjoy these exercises and are always supervised. Physical Education Teachers, Mrs. Joan Stein and Mr. Thomas Rouse oversee each activity at Shaw Avenue School.

SUPERINTENDENTS' CONFERENCE DAY

Ms. Anna Marie Farnish, research program coordinator and training specialist at the Johns Hopkins University Center for Research on Elementary and Middle Schools, was the keynote speaker at the Superintendents' Conference Day, on November 8th. She presented an informative talk on "Raising Students Achievement and Teachers Expectations Through Cooperative Learning Techniques." Following Ms. Farnish's speech, teachers and staff members attended workshops offered on elementary curriculum topics.

AFTERSCHOOL ART CLUB



A small pumpkin patch popped up in Mrs. Susan Baron's afterschool Art Club at the Forest Road School. Donated by the PTA, these pumpkins found themselves to be the subject of a Fall still life painting. Raneet Goldman and Heather Davidowitz are busy at work.

HOLIDAYS AROUND THE WORLD

We have always heard the comment that New York is a "melting pot." Mrs. Scheidt's kindergarten class at Forest Road School, is also a "melting pot." The children from her class come from many different backgrounds, and during the month of December, they studied about "Holidays Around The World." This not only gave them an opportunity to see how other people celebrate, but it gave their parents a chance to explain to the children a little about their varied backgrounds. They have boys and girls in their class with Italian, Greek, Korean, Irish, Indian, Maltese, Israeli and Chinese backgrounds. Their mothers, and some fathers, visited Room 201 and told them a little about these countries, some of their customs and food native to their land.

It is very important for our students to be exposed to knowledge of all cultures. This enables them to grow and stretch their minds and is a part of their "extended curriculum."

We are fortunate in Green Acres and in Valley Stream to have parents who are willing to give their time and effort to help foster greater learning and understanding of a world outside our areas. "Special thanks to the families of Alario, Vardakis, Apap, Yun, Lowery, Ram, Bachar, Rosenfeld and Magh," from Mrs. Roslyn Scheidt and her students.

BIG BAGEL SALE

The Shaw Avenue School ran their 2nd Annual Bagel Sale. Mrs. Miriam Sweet's 3rd grade class and Mr. Carl Riccobono's 5th graders raised money so that they can help the Indian children in Ashland, Montana. Parents, teachers and children have joined together to make this sale a big success. Posters decorated the school announcing the sale during the week of December 12th to 16th. Everyone loved snacktime last year when hot buttered bagels were delivered to the classes to be enjoyed with their milk. Last year the sale raised over \$300. Teachers and students all feel helping these Indian children is a worthy cause.

HEY, MICKEY!

The children in Mrs. Connie Cummings' kindergarten class, at Shaw Avenue School, had a special celebration for the 60th birthday of Mickey Mouse, on November 18th. Each child was asked to bring in something relating to Mickey Mouse. The articles were displayed on a special table in the room and they called it the "Mickey Mouse Museum and Memorabilia." Three children even wore T-shirts with his picture on it that day. An assortment of stuffed dolls, storybooks, figures, Mouseketeer hat, placemat, key chain and a helium balloon filled the room.

At snack time the children danced to the record "mouserise." The day ended with all the kindergarten classes going to the library to see a video of "Mickey's Birthday Party." It was a fun day!

Participating and Learning

On October 21st, "This is America, Charlie Brown" premiered on CBS. The series starred the Peanuts characters, who introduced children to various events in U.S. history.

To encourage the children to learn more about the voyage of the Mayflower, while competing for U.S. Savings Bonds, Mrs. RoseMarie Patterson had her 4th grade class in Shaw Avenue School enter the Peanuts America Contest.

Each child had to answer a 5 question quiz, and write an essay in 25 words or less on "What do you think is the most important thing that the Pilgrims learned during their first months in America?"

Each entry was voted on by the members of the class. Denise Judge's entry was selected to represent the class in the contest. The class all agreed that the most important thing the Pilgrims learned was to keep trying and not to give up even if the people were dying.

All winners will be notified in January, 1989. Mrs. Patterson's class eagerly awaits the results of the contest.

MUSIC NOTES**WINTER CONCERT:**

The first combined Band, Orchestra and Chorus Winter Concert for the Forest Road and Clear Stream Avenue Schools was held on December 15th in the Clear Stream Avenue auditorium, and the Shaw Avenue School group performed on December 20th in their auditorium.

The children performed holiday favorites for family and friends. The orchestra played 2 chorales by Norman Ward and "Jingle Bells" by James Pierpont. The band played a Christmas medley and "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer." The Clear Stream Avenue Chorus sang "The Joy of Christmas," accompanied by the Clear Stream Handbell Choir; "Christmas On The Beach at Waikiki" with kazoo players and hula dancers; "The Lights of Hanukkah" and "Sing For Hanukkah." The Shaw Avenue Chorus sang "I'm Getting Nuttin' For Christmas," "Noel, Noel," "A New Year Carol" by Benjamin Brittain, and "Hanukkah Time" by Linda Turoka (former District 30 teacher).

**CAROLING:**

Over 50 members of the 5th and 6th grade choruses from Clear Stream Avenue School met at 4 PM on December 21st, to carol sing. Led by Mrs. Linda Pratt, the children walked through the neighborhood

singing winter tunes to appreciative friends and shut-ins.

When everyone's fingers and toes were cold, the children went back to the school for hot chocolate and munchkins.

**ALL-COUNTY FESTIVAL:**

On January 8th, 12 students from our 3 schools participated in the Nassau Music Educators' All-County Festival at C.W. Post College. These 12 children were recommended by their teachers as being outstanding musicians, and then selected by the Festival Committee along with students from all over Nassau County to participate. Chorus participants were (see photo): Kenny Mendez(B), Thomas Marino(B), Karen Jacobsen(C), Leora Giambalvo(C), Flora Chung(C), Jeffrey Reichback(B), March Ragona(C), Alison Pullara(O), Jill Schissel(O), Cathy Pongsrirojana(C), Laura Wajs(O), Sara Kline(C). Seated in front are Mr. Henry Kohlmann, Instrumental Music Teacher; Mrs. Linda Pratt, Music Teacher (head of the Music Department); Mrs. Barbara Briker-Kreeger, Music Teacher; Ms. Kelly Wood, Instrumental Music Teacher; and Mrs. Fran Gibson, Music Teacher. (NOTE: (C)= Chorus Members; (B)= Band Members; (O)= Orchestra)



All-County Festival participants and their teachers - Congratulations!

OUTDOOR EDUCATION

Our 6th grade students braved the wilds of Caumsett State Park once again. The students experienced the variety of ecosystems which are available for study at the park as well as activities which build self-esteem, confidence, and cooperation. The studies included pond, seashore, forest, field and the all time favorite salt marsh. The naturalists provided insight to the development of each, the interdependence of each and the interdependence of the organisms which inhabit each system studied. The complexity of the environment was clearly demonstrated through varieties of motivational activities designed and presented by the Caumsett staff. "I am confident that each of our students have departed Caumsett with the insight and sensitivities necessary for the preservation of these habitats and will contribute significantly to the support of conservation efforts so important to the survival of wildlife. I believe the Caumsett experience may be one of many highlights for our students in District 30," stated Mr. Dennis M. Carr, Science Teacher. Here are some comments from the students:

"We went canoeing for 3 hours...We had a lot of fun on the whole trip." (From Vinny Cusamano, Bobby Wright and John Kostkovicz in Mrs. Cathy Wood's class.)

"While we were canoeing, we saw a red tailed falcon and an osprey. It was a great ride, but everyone agreed that the solo walk was the best." (From the students in Mr. David Cooper's class.)

Other planned trips are to:

— Old Brookville - Hands-on Outdoor Education and Social Studies Integrated Program.

— Little Jenny - Oceanographic Research Vessel

— Cold Spring Harbor Whaling Museum - Discovery of historic ways of life and the environment in which Long Islanders lived.

— Jones Beach - Exploration of the South Shore Long Island Beach, its terrain and wildlife.

We appreciate the support of our Board of Education, our teachers and especially our parents who are called upon to brave the cold, wet wilds of Long Island as we research and explore the environment which surround us.

Reye's Syndrome Alert

The disease, Reye's Syndrome, usually affects people from infancy through late adolescence; however, no age group is immune. It can develop 3 to 5 days after the onset of chicken pox, an upper respiratory infection like flu, or other fever causing illnesses. It affects the liver and brain, is non contagious and is often misdiagnosed as encephalitis, meningitis, diabetes, poisoning, drug overdose, or sudden infant death.

After a viral infection has seemingly run its course and the person is beginning to feel better, the following symptoms should be treated as serious and as possibly the first indication of Reye's Syndrome. Watch for these symptoms usually occurring in this order: Relentless or Continuous Vomiting; Listlessness; Drowsiness; Personality Change; Disorientation or Confusion; Com-

bativeness; Delirium, Convulsions, or Loss of Consciousness. Phone your physician immediately if these symptoms develop and voice your concern about Reye's Syndrome. If your doctor is not available, take the person to an emergency room promptly.

Recent studies have shown a link between the use of aspirin and the development of Reye's Syndrome. Aspirin is another name for acetylsalicylate; some drug labels may use the words acetylsalicylate, acetylsalicylic acid, salicylic acid, or salicylate instead of the word aspirin.

For a free brochure and further information, write to: National Reye's Syndrome Foundation, P.O. Box 829, Bryan, Ohio 43506 or call (419) 636-2679, or toll-free 800-233-7393.

"Kids Project" Teaches Understanding

On Wednesday, November 23, the 3rd graders at the Clear Stream Avenue School were treated to an unusual puppet show presented by Cathy McWilliams and Ellen Starace. This presentation came to them through the "Kids Project," which operates on funds from the N.Y.S. Office of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities. The puppetries utilize the Japanese art of Bunraku, dressing in all black clothing and remaining in full view of the audience. The puppets are child-sized and all have a disability to some degree.

The children met "Jan," a child with a learning disability and "Mandy," a hearing impaired girl. Both children attend a regular class and receive extra help outside the classroom. They also met "Ellen Jane," a mentally retarded 22 year old who lives in a group home and works both as a veterinarian's assistant and in a sheltered workshop. The puppets explained their disabilities and the children were given the opportunity to ask questions of the puppets. The pupils were very inquisitive and many shared personal experiences they've had with disabled people. "The pupils' interest and enjoyment was evidenced by their complete attention and many valuable lessons were learned through this dialogue between the puppets and the children. Although the puppeteers were always in full view, in a very short time they seemed to disappear and the show belonged to "Jan," "Mandy," "Ellen Jane" and our 3rd graders," stated Mrs. Rita Gorman, school nurse, who made arrangements for this special program.



"Jan" and her friends.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Jan. 16 - Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- SCHOOLS CLOSED
- 17 - District 30 Committee Board of Education Meeting
- 8 P.M.
- 24 - District 30 Board of Education Meeting - 8 P.M.

- Feb. 15 - Breakfast With The Superintendent - 9:15 A.M. at
Forest Road School
- 16 - PTA Founders' Day held at Forest Road School
- 20-24 - Winter Recess - SCHOOLS CLOSED
- 28 - District 30 Board of Education Meeting - 8 P.M.

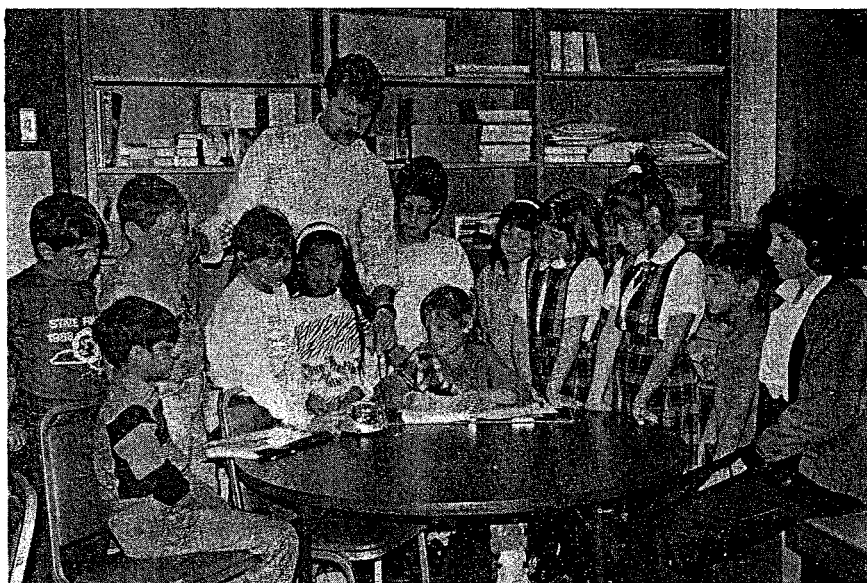
MATHLETES CONQUER PROBLEMS

On Thursday, November 10, 75 children at the Shaw Avenue School participated in the first of 5 contests sponsored by the Continental Mathematics League. The 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th graders tried to solve 6 "not-so-routine" word problems.

Emily Loheide and James Salvo led all 6th graders with scores of 5 correct responses. Stephen Covello also had 5 points to head the 5th graders.

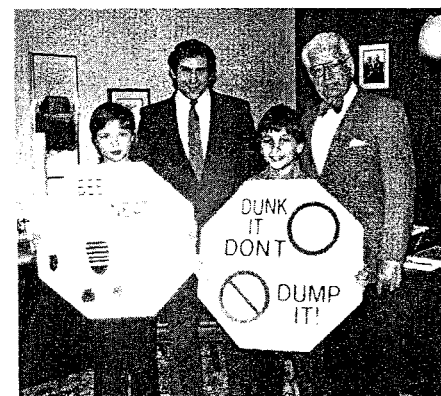
In the 4th grade, Michelle Sarro received 4 points. In the "Freshman" division (3rd grade), Rick Nicolini and Jason Pullara each had 3 correct answers.

The team is off to a great beginning. Coach Carl Riccobono is proud of the team's accomplishments considering the short amount of time some of the children have been on the team.



Miss Gail Starler (right) and Mr. Ed Fare discusses WAO with some students.

PROJECT PRIDE



As part of "Project Pride," Mrs. Ellen Totten's and Mrs. June Burgess' 5th graders at Clear Stream Avenue School, conducted an "Awareness Campaign," which included a poster contest. Through the efforts of Mr. Richard Sullivan, Valley Stream Deputy Superintendent, two of their posters have been made into signs. Brian Schweigert and Michael Palozzolo's posters were chosen for these signs. They were invited to Mayor John DeGrace's office, where he and Deputy Mayor Ross Messina congratulated the boys.

EXCEL NEWS

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Under the guidance of Miss Gail Starler, head of the EXCEL Program in our District, pupils took a trip to the Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts. They toured the grand theatres, got acquainted with the Metropolitan Opera House, Avery Fisher Hall (home of the New York Philharmonic) and the New York State Theatre.

The group was invited to explore the performing arts through the performance and conversation with an accomplished New York actor/director, Mr. Kricker James. Mr. James presented a spellbinding show as he transformed himself into Phineas Taylor Barnum, giving insight into the life and personality of that character. It was a marvelous experience for all.

In the classroom, 3rd and 4th graders in this special program were eagerly involved with their new robot, WAO. The pupils were engaged in learning about the construction and programming of this small, but intriguing robot.

Noon-Hour Aides Needed

Noon-hour aides are needed to supervise the children during lunch time at each of our schools. The hours are 11:15 AM to 1:15 PM. If you are interested, please call Shaw Avenue School, 825-9131, for details.

DISTRICT 30 BOARD OF EDUCATION, FACULTY, STAFF AND ADMINISTRATION WISH YOU ALL A HEALTHY AND PEACEFUL NEW YEAR!

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BUDGET INFORMATION AND DATES

To assist taxpayers to better understand the budget, a presentation of the proposed budget has been arranged for Wednesday, April 12, 1989 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 Thirty elementary budget. Any organization or individual from the district is invited to this presentation and encouraged to ask questions. The actual voting on the Valley Stream Elementary and High School

District budgets will take place on Wednesday, May 3, 1989 from 7:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M. Election of candidates for the Elementary Board of Education will also take place at this time. Petitions for Board candidates are available at the main office of the Shaw Avenue School, but must be filed before 5:00 P.M. on Monday, April 3, 1989. 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, it requires

55 registered voters' signatures, which is 5% of the number of those who voted in the previous annual election, and must be received by the Board of Education no later than Monday, April 3, 1989. PLEASE NOTE: Registration for voting on the budget and for Board members will be at all three schools (Clear Stream Avenue, Forest Road and Shaw Avenue) on Wednesday, April 26, 1989, 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.

IMAGINATION CELEBRATION '89

Our district has participated in a Creative Writing Opportunity sponsored by the New York State Education Department and The Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. Each student in every class in our district submitted an entry to the contest entitled, "Imagination Celebration '89." Students were ask-

ed to write an essay beginning with the following scenario:

"I am a dinosaur just hatching from an egg laid millions of years ago. I think the paleontologists who found me, are my parents. So I believe I'm a human baby living in the modern world."

Schools throughout N.Y. State have entered this contest and it is expected that several thousand entries will be submitted. Students wrote many unusual stories. This opportunity is just one example of the kinds of writing practiced districtwide as part of our Writing Program.

The following students have been selected to represent District 30.:

From Clear Stream Avenue School:

Kindergarten-Michael Yurich; 1st grade-Christopher Bastardi; 2nd grade-Ronald Breuer; 4th grade-Carla DiBartolo; 5th grade-Jennifer Lewis and Danielle Dierna.

From Forest Road School:

Grade 3-Ariel Vegosen and Kristin Vadakis; 4th grade-Jaclene Begley and Matthew Galin; 5th grade-Mandi Sherwood and Douglas Cohen; 6th grade-Jill Schissel and Danielle Corona.

From Shaw Avenue School:

Grade 2-Lisa Wallach and T.J. Rouse; 4th grade-Vincent D'Angelo and Michelle Sarro; 5th grade-Denise Croon; 6th grade-Jeanny Wong, Erika Ramirez and Joseph Rubino.

"These students were chosen based on their unique point of view and depth of feeling based on the creative writing scenario given. Students were judged scholastically and groups were divided into two categories, K-4 and 5-6," stated Ms. Arlene Upton, Writing Teacher for our District. This is also how they will be judged on a statewide level. We will be notified of the winners in the spring.



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SPECIAL BUDGET ISSUE

Under the supervision of Mr. David Kutcher, Assistant Superintendent/Business, and in conjunction with the Board of Education and Superintendent of Schools, a Special Budget Issue of The Friendly Schools will be distributed in April. Be sure to look for this in-depth report of the proposed 1989-90 school budget in your mail.



Under all these feathers, can you guess who this really is?? If you can't, read page 7 to find out.

LIBRARY-MEDIA CENTER NEWS



Students welcome Mr. Waber.

FAMOUS AUTHOR RETURNS:

There was great excitement at Clear Stream Avenue School on January 11th. Bernard Waber, author and illustrator, once again visited the children at their school. With sketch pads under their arms, students traipsed off to their Library-Media Center, to attend a workshop conducted by Mr. Waber. Mr. Waber is especially known for his "Lyle" books and "Ira Sleeps Over." At each of the three workshops sessions, Mr. Waber instructed the students in the techniques of drawing Lyle and other characters in his stories. He also included a slide show during which he interspersed episodes of his books along with photographs of the actual New York City locales of the stories. Since the school operates a student publishing center, the lively question and answer periods at the end of each workshop, greatly benefitted the would-be student authors in the development of their "craft."

The students demonstrated their admiration for Mr. Waber by presenting him with class projects that were related to the themes of his books. Mr. Waber autographed several of the library's copies of his books in commemoration of his visit. Since Mrs. Caroline Biscardi videotaped the proceedings, future Clear Stream students will also be able to "meet" Mr. Waber and enjoy his presentation.

Mrs. Alice Dorb, the school's Library-Media Specialist, wishes to express her gratitude to the Clear Stream Avenue PTA for funding the program, and to the many suppor-

tive staff members whose efforts helped make Mr. Waber's visit a resounding success.

NEWSDAY SPELLING BEE:

Fifth and sixth grade students from our three schools have participated in the 62nd annual Scripps Howard National Spelling Bee, which is sponsored on Long Island by Newsday. In each school, the spelling bee was held in the library and conducted by the Library-Media Specialist. After several rounds of eliminations, the results are as follows:

Mrs. Mary Mathews is pleased to announce that the winner at Shaw Avenue is Lisa Rado from Mr. George Beyer's 5th grade class. The alternate is Joseph Rittenhouse, 5th grader from Mrs. Susan Wasserman's class.

At Forest Road School, Mrs. Carol Tolle, conducted their spelling bee and announced Leora Vegosen as the winner and the alternate is Aren Goldfaden. Both students are 6th graders in Mrs. Linda Kessler's class.

Mrs. Alice Dorb headed the spelling bee at Clear Stream Avenue School. Jennifer Lewis, 5th grader from Mrs. June Burgess' class came in first place, and Jennifer Zurlo, 6th grader from Mr. David Cooper's class is the alternate.

First place winners will receive a T-shirt from Newsday and progress to the sectional semifinal competition. Those finalists will then compete on the national level to be held in Washington, D.C. at a later date. Good luck to all!

A TOUGH BEE

As part of Geography Awareness Week, Shaw Avenue School's 4th, 5th and 6th graders participated in the First National Geographic Bee. The National Geographic Society is sponsoring this school-level Geography Bee for students in the 4th through 8th grades at thousands of schools across the U.S. and four territories.

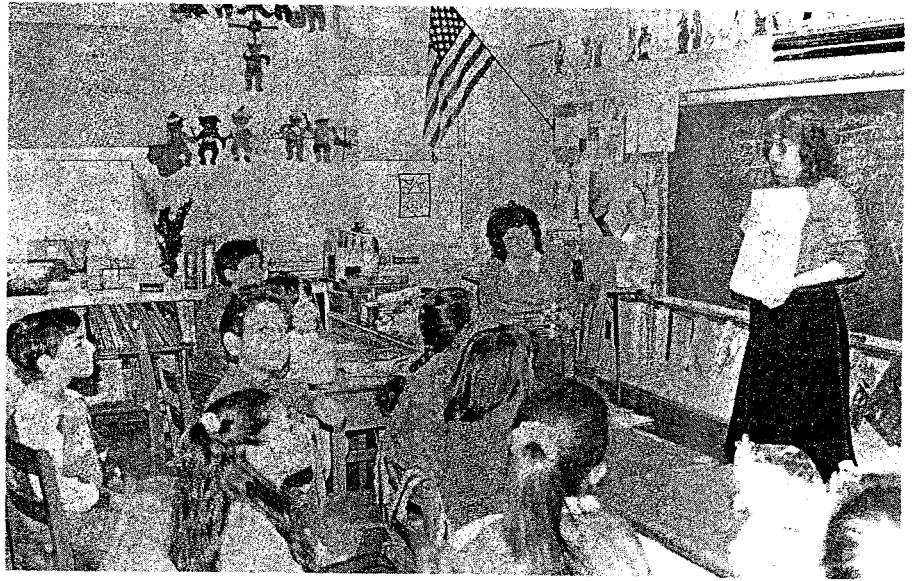
On January 9th, the preliminary round for the classroom contest was held. Questions were supplied by National Geographic Society and the following nine students qualified for the January 18 competition: Fourth Graders, Adam Schecter, Hannah Kang, Michael Aucone; Fifth Graders, Mike Farrell, Joseph Rittenhouse, Michael Luzzi; Sixth Graders, Stuart Geltman, Timothy Kass and Frank Shea. Dr. Patricia Callow, Principal, judged and Mr. Carl Riccobono, 5th grade teacher, timed the contest as Mrs. Susan Wasserman asked the questions. As the tension rose, these nine students were asked 100 questions, which included some difficult ones. The Bee featured questions on the broad subject of geography—the study of the earth and its inhabitants.

The school champion is Frank Shea, 6th grader from Miss Carol Lanell's class, and the runner-up is Joseph Rittenhouse, 5th grader in Mrs. Wasserman's class. As the next step, Frank has taken a qualifying exam to participate in the state and possibly the national contest. Members of District 30 are proud of all the participants and wish Frank the best of luck.



Mrs. Susan Wasserman with Frank Shea and Joseph Rittenhouse.

UPDATE! UPDATE!



General consensus, "I'd never smoke!"

CITIZENS IN ACTION:

The results of the Weekly Reader's "Goals For Our President Contest," which Mrs. RoseMarie Patterson's 4th grade class participated in, has been received. These Shaw Avenue School children were surprised to see how closely their concerns matched the concerns of all other 4th graders nationwide. The results nationwide, and Mrs. Patterson's class (in parenthesis) are listed below:

- Help the poor, the hungry, and the homeless: 35.7% (16%)
- Work to stop the sale and use of illegal drugs: 15.6% (24%)
- Spend money to find a cure for AIDS: 13.2% (16%)
- Work for peace around the world: 9.8% (8%)
- Clean up and protect the environment: 9.1% (8%)

BIG BAGEL SALE:

The Shaw Avenue School's 2nd Annual Bagel Sale in December was a tremendous success this year. They raised over \$400. The nice part of this was the wonderful spirit of children and parents working together and enjoying the comradeship and enthusiasm of everyone concerned to help the Indian children in Montana to have a better life.

Mr. Carl Riccobono and Mrs. Miriam Sweet would like to thank all of the children who supported this project and all of the mothers and teachers who helped them throughout the week to achieve their goal. The mothers felt the bagels were a nourishing snack and enjoyed getting to know one another better.

All the participants received an Arrow Club Membership card and pin from the St. Labre Indian School in Montana, and our District 30 Board of Education awarded each a certificate for Humanitarian Services.

EARLY AWARENESS:

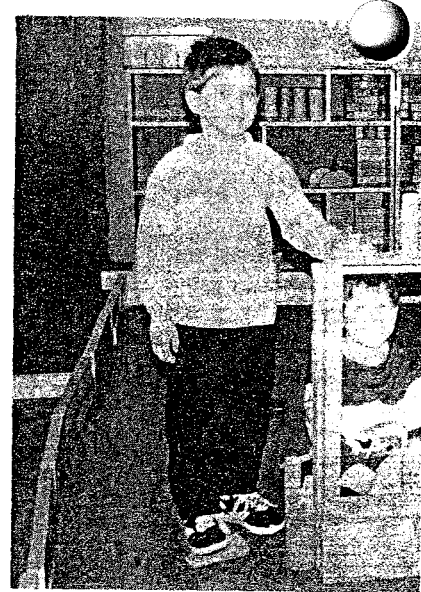
Through the efforts of Ms. Judith Hotchkiss, Special Counselor at Forest Road School, representatives from the Town of Hempstead, Dept. of Drug and Alcohol visited several classes. The students were attentive and asked many questions, as well as expressed their negative feelings on the subjects. Pictured is Miss Yvonne Morrissey, speaking to Ms. Lucille Maresca's 3rd grade class about the effects of smoking.

The greatest thing in this world is not so much where we are, but in what direction we are moving -

Oliver Wendell Holmes



Some Birthday Celebration Stars!



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Officer Gala (center) and her new friends.



Beautiful Babies & Bugs!

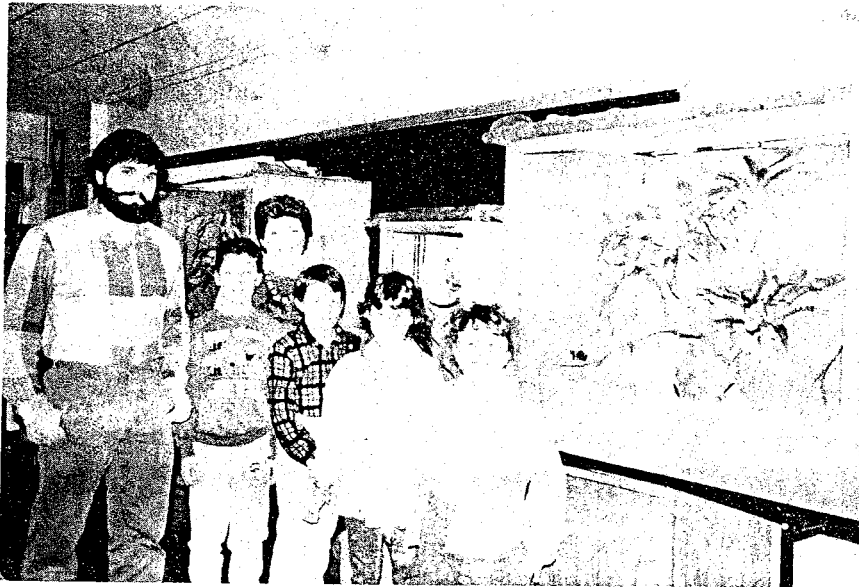
KINDER HAPPY

**The kindergartners in our district have been discussing community helpers. They are learning that it takes many people working together to help make their lives in Valley Stream run smoothly.

The Forest Road School students started their Community Helper Unit with a visit from Officer Liz Gala of the Nassau County Police Department. She explained to the children her important role in the community and if they are ever in trouble to ask a policeman/woman for help. Mrs. Rosalyn Scheidt and Mrs. Susan Moskowitz, tell us that their classes will also be having a visit from the school mailman, Charlie Egbert, and veterinarian, Dr. Anthony Alario (one of the parents). Some of their mothers, who are professional nurses will also be speaking to the classes.

At Clear Stream School, Officer Gary Breuer (father of kindergartner, Gary) and Officer Bob Lewis

A TRIP NEXT DOOR



Amazing wildlife in a classroom?

In studying about the rain forests of the world, Mrs. Miriam Sweet's 3rd grade class took a field trip to Mr. Ralph Laudano's 6th grade classroom for an interesting lecture. In his classroom, Mr. Laudano has a variety of beautiful and exotic birds, snakes and frogs in their tropical habitat. Especially interesting was

the informative discussion of climate, vegetation and habits of the animals which Mr. Laudano included in his lecture. The children found this field trip to be both enjoyable and informative. They wrote thank you notes to Mr. Laudano and drew pictures and he gave them a beautiful animal poster.



The ART EXHIBIT will be held in each of our District 30 schools on Wednesday, May 3rd, 7:30PM to 9:00PM. Preparations are well underway-don't miss it!

THINKING CREATIVELY

The children in Mrs. RoseMarie Patterson's 4th grade class at Shaw Avenue School are using their skills of estimating to think creatively. They have entered the LEGO Systems "Guess-the-Bricks Contest." They had to guess how many LEGO bricks went into the model of the Capitol building. It took seven master builders at LEGO Systems, Inc., over 6 months to complete the model. All entries were submitted, and the Lego Systems, Inc. will notify winners. One hundred winners will be selected from each grade level.

MATHLETES CONTINUE

Forest Road School Mathletes continue to have a very successful year. Students in grades 3 and 4 meet with their mathlete instructor, Ms. Arlene Upton, on Thursday mornings and face some very challenging problems. Third grade members are Frank Apap and Jason Goldberg, from Ms. Lucille Maresca's class, and 4th grade members, all from Mr. Bruce Lesser's class, are John Hur, Brian Fletcher, Matthew Galin and the current leader Jarrett Taubman.

The mathletes are awarded pins and trophies based on both individual and team scoring totals. These awards will be given out in June.

SAFETY POSTERS

A "Safety in the Home, School and at Play" poster contest was held at Shaw Avenue School, and sponsored by their PTA. Over 100 posters were received and displayed at a PTA meeting, at which time the winners were announced. The winners from the intermediate grades were Lisa Rado, Stacey Milici, Lucia Sapienza, and from the primary grades, Sean Anderson, Gina Antoniato and Shalla Ashfog. The posters are presently displayed throughout the school - look for them and learn how to be safe!

PREPARATIONS FOR WASHINGTON TRIP

Fifth grade teachers and students have been preparing for the Washington, D.C. trip - lessons, discussions, itinerary and even a concert to curtail the expenses.

With the assistance of 5th grade teacher, Mrs. Susan Wasserman, a concert was held to raise money. It was held in Shaw Avenue School auditorium on January 20th and featured "The Blaze."

"The Blaze," is a rock band consisting of four Valley Stream boys (three of whom graduated from District 30 schools) who played for one and a half hours. The group consists of Jeffrey Kaufman, Anthony Roman, Anthony Rizzo and Gabe DeSilva. They donated their talent for the evening, which turned out to be a smashing success. Thanks to the enthusiasm of *all* the District 30 students, \$1,200 was raised for the 5th graders trip on March 30-31.

Further assistance was provided by the Forest Road and Shaw Avenue Schools' PTA's who donated refreshments which were served during intermission and raised additional funds.

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 addresses to The Business Office, V.S.U.F.S.D. -30, Shaw Avenue School, Valley Stream, New York 11582.

EXCEL NEWS

Under the guidance of Miss Gail Starler, the District 30 EXCEL class has been immersed in creating, planning and producing their ideas for the "Odyssey of the Mind Competition." The various teams are involved in building structures, writing, directing and performing skits and designing scenery, posters and costumes. In addition, many of the groups are exploring a wide range of themes such as fables and Greek mythology. Pictured are, (left) Carlos Rios, Jeffrey Chen, Joshua Klein; (right) Jaclene Begley, Matthew Galin and Anastasia Tzortzatos, as they put their ideas on paper.

The 6th graders in the EXCEL program went on a guided tour of the American Museum of the Moving Image. This exciting museum is a blend of an art museum, a history museum, a science theater and a movie theater. To explore the notion of type casting, the children stood before a "magic" mirror and each face was matched with a movie star's body type and costume. The class had a hands-on demonstration of Fairlights digital auto equipment and they had the opportunity to view the original set of Paul Newman's version of "The Glass Menagerie," installed to demonstrate lighting techniques. One of the highlights of the permanent collection they enjoyed was "TUT'S FEVER," a tribute to the Egyptian movie theater of the 20's and 30's. Everyone had fun eating at the Kaufman Astoria Studios and catching a glimpse of the "Cosby" cast.



Creating ideas!!!

FUN WHILE LEARNING



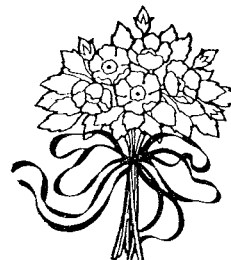
Look Mom, no hands!

Mrs. Dorothy Nolan's class at Shaw Avenue School has had a variety of learning experiences:

—Mrs. Nolan added intrigue to her lesson in creative writing. By using descriptive words, the class wrote about a mystery toy. Each child then read his/her composition, but before showing the toy, the class had to try to guess what it was. Look out Sherlock, they're pretty good detectives!

—Next, her class performed a gymnastic routine to the song "LaBamba." Under Mrs. Joan Stein's (gym teacher) direction, the class did tumbles and head stands. For the finale, they did a six person pyramid. Boy, these students really reach for the stars!

—Plus, since September, Mrs. Nolan's class has been learning to play the violin, Miss Kelly Wood, string music teacher, has given each student his/her own special "violin!" They have learned the major points of caring for the violin and correct feet positions. They can even hold their violins under their chins without the use of their hands. There is no stopping these violin players -there is music in their hearts!



TAKE TIME TO SMELL

THE SPRING FLOWERS

NEW EXPERIENCE

Through the efforts of Shaw Avenue School PTA, the primary children attended a special assembly featuring the conservationist, Bill Fix. He showed the children a variety of animals which are endangered and explained how they came to be so. The students had a close-hand look at animals from a chinchilla to a bobcat - something you don't normally see in Valley Stream! Mr. Fix told the children how they can do their part to help stop the pollutants that cause harm to the animal world.

?? SQ3R ??

Mrs. Ann Glynn, Reading Skills Teacher at Shaw Avenue School, reports that the 6th grade reading skills classes have been working hard learning the SQ3R strategy for reading a content area textbook. SQ3R stands for survey, questions, read, recite, review. The students are beginning to see positive results and it is very encouraging to hear them say, "WOW! I knew all the answers on the homework - and it was easy!"

MUSIC NOTES



Spring is in the air and music is in the hearts of our chorus members at all three schools. Mrs. Linda Pratt has informed us that their Spring Concerts are being planned and the following dates have been set aside:

- April 5th at Forest Road School
- April 6th at Clear Stream Avenue School
- April 11th at Shaw Avenue School

Further details and starting times will be distributed in each school. Be sure to set aside these dates for a refreshing touch of Spring, and an evening filled with entertainment.

ESL WRITERS

First graders enjoyed listening to E.E. Cummings' poem "little tree" in Mrs. Carolina Bertalli's English as a Second Language (ESL) class at Clear Stream Avenue School. The following group writing reflects the life cycle of a little fir tree. The young authors are: Rosalba DiBartolo, Sam Infante, Bernard Lam and Oran Taub.

The Little Fir Tree

When I was in a house, I was a happy Christmas tree. People put presents all around me. I was warm. I had a shiny star, sparkly lights, different colored balls, a garland, candy canes, and silvery tinsel. They made me look very beautiful. The children loved me so much.

Now I am outside next to a garbage pail. I am cold. They took off all the decorations. I am sad and frightened because they are going to put me in the garbage truck. I will be broken up and squashed. The children pass me by. Christmas is over and nobody needs me.

A pick-up truck is coming down the road. It stops. A man picks me up and puts me in the back of the truck. I am with a lot of other trees. The man is taking us to the beach. We are going to help the sand not blow away. I am still needed. I am a happy tree again.



Authors of "The Little Fir Tree."



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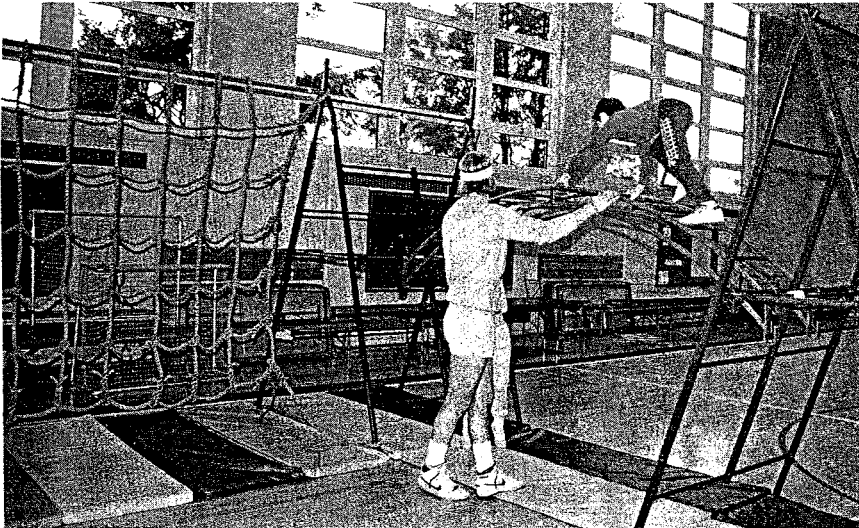
**ARTEN
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sited the kindergarten class for a scussion. Even in their classroom ock corner, students have con-structed mini communities and their lpers.

When Mrs. Janet Fariel's class rished working with the letter "B," ey made **big, **beautiful**, **brown**, ag **bugs**. These **bugs** have erything from **buttons** and **bows** **bangles** and **beads** - and are they guiling!

**To honor Sesame Street's 20th rthday, Mrs. Moskowitz and Mrs. heidt's classes put on a play gether. It included a visit from one other then Big Bird himself. d you guess who portrayed Big rd on page 2?? It was the statue- e principal of Forest Road School Raymond Brodeur!! His e was ingeniously made by rs. Catherine Wood's class. The udents, teachers, staff and au-ence will always remember this ndergarten play!

AMAZING



Mr. Thomas Rouse, Physical Education teacher at Shaw Avenue School, guides the students on this unique gym equipment. Can you believe that in approximately 15 minutes it can be folded up and stored!

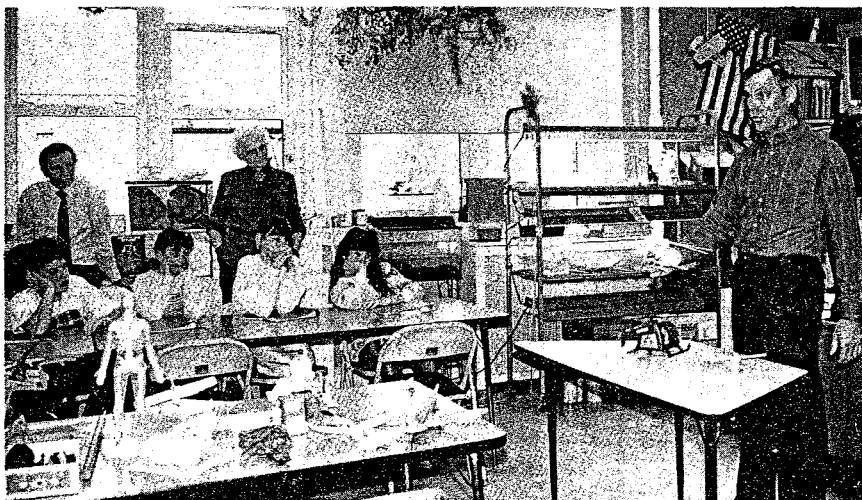
REINFORCING A LESSON

Mrs. Ellen Totten's 5th graders and Clear Stream Avenue School had the pleasure of speaking with Mr. Bob Lynch, a helicopter pilot with the N.Y.C. Police Aviation Unit. The 5th graders had just completed a science unit on aircraft and through the courtesy of Mami Lynch, Mr. Lynch's daughter in Mrs. Totten's class, a visit was arranged.

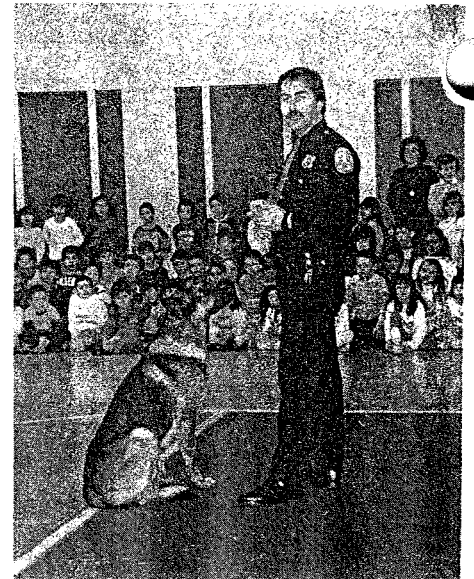
Mr. Lynch has been flying helicopters for the last 12 years. He spoke of his experiences with the Police Department involving rescue and surveillance work, which is exciting and sometimes dangerous. His helicopter unit is located at Floyd Bennett Field and his assign-

ment covers the N.Y. metropolitan area. He also owns his own private plane and gives flight instructions.

With the aid of a model helicopter, Mr. Lynch explained how a helicopter flies and how the blades of the helicopter provide lift. The class enjoyed his talk and had many questions to ask. The lessons Mr. Richard Kaufmann, science teacher, taught the students were reinforced by Mr. Lynch, and it was gratifying to hear the children ask questions using the correct terminology. This was Mr. Lynch's 3rd visit to Mr. Richard Kaufmann's science class and he has agreed to a return visit at some future date.



An enthralling visitor.



CANINE AT SCHOOL?

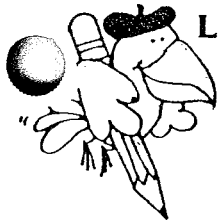
The Shaw Avnue School PTA arranged for two members of the Nassau County Police Canine Unit to visit the students at their school - Police Officer John Hill and his partner Stark, a handsome German shepherd. Officer Hill explained to the students that it takes six intense months to train Stark, and demonstrated how Stark can find bombs with his keen sense of smell. Officer Hill stated that Stark is more than a member the Canine Unit, he is also a member of his family and lives with them. The children were completely captivated by Stark's performance.



PRACTICE, PRACTICE

Many students in our district receive instrumental lessons. Above is a peek at Ms. Kelly Wood, instructing 5th graders, Lauren Della Russo and Marie Ramondi.

LETTERS-WE GET LETTERS!

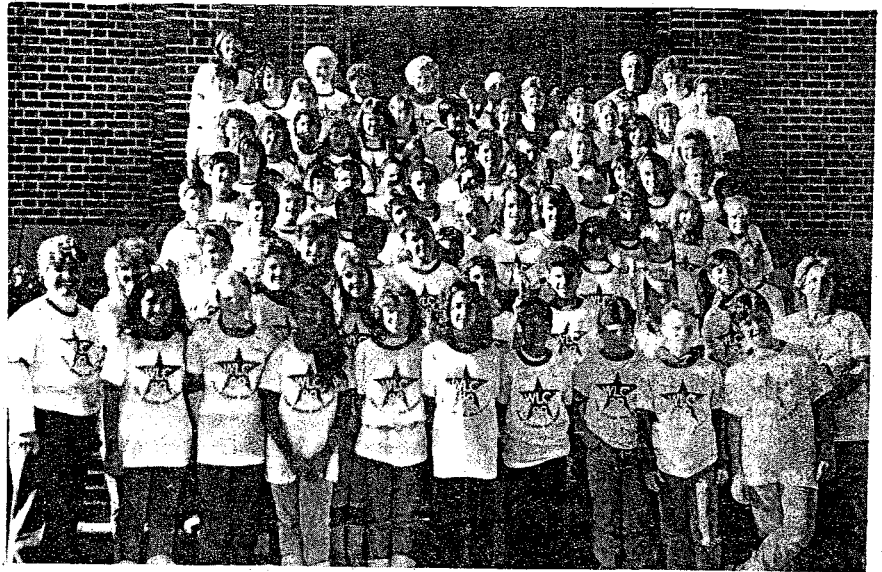


Ms. Paula Hunter's 4th grade class in the Landmark Elementary School in Little Rock, Arkansas and Mrs. RoseMarie Patterson's 4th grade in Shaw Avenue School have been busily exchanging letters since Christmas. Both classes are enjoying comparing life styles in Little Rock, Arkansas with life styles in Valley Stream. The children were surprised to find they had many things in common.

Presently, both classes are working on a joint project: Ms. Hunt's class is busy gathering up facts about Arkansas and Mrs. Patterson's class is putting together a booklet of places of interest in New York.

Vincent D'Angelo made up a social studies question quiz to share with the class' pen pals. Both classes are very enthusiastic about getting to know each other better while improving their writing skills.

WLC - AND WE WERE THERE!



District 30 stars of the WLC!

Have you seen these faces on television? You might have, for they participated in the World's Largest Concert (WLC) which was televised March 9th on Channels 13 and 21!

At a previous date, the 5th and 6th graders of Clear Stream Avenue School met TV stars Shari Lewis and Lambchop at the Brooklyn College television taping of the WLC. The students were accompanied by their teachers, Mrs. Ellen Totten, Mrs.

June Burgess, Mr. David Cooper, Mrs. Genie Melone; Music Teacher, Mrs. Linda Pratt; Principal Mr. Richard Burbell; PTA Co-Presidents, Mrs. Anthea Blamire and Mrs. RoseMary Miller; and Board of Education President Mrs. Leanore Egan. The children and adults, wearing their WLC '89 T-shirts sang the music they had rehearsed at school under the glare of bright lights while the cameras rolled.

A DELICIOUS

LESSON



Mrs. Joanne Lufano's 1st graders at Shaw Avenue School read the story of "Stone Soup." The class made their own version of the soup, stone and all. They brought in onions, carrots, potatoes and celery. The class made a graph of how many of each were used in the soup, and discussed where vegetables are grown and how a farmer helps us.

Everyone enjoyed cutting, chopping and peeling, but all agreed that they could do without teary onion eyes. As the children listened to the pot bubble and watched it steam, they observed and discussed how heat changed the vegetables' consistency. The students brainstormed different types of soups and graphed their favorites. The class agreed that the stone soup was delicious and the aroma enticed many a passerby.

BEEP! BEEP! — WELCOME



As you enter Forest Road School, take notice of the colorful graphic on the wall - it's the Road Runner, Forest Road's mascot, and it is there to welcome one and all. Under the guidance of Mrs. Susan Baron, art teacher, Josh Leventhal and Michael Governale created this attractive mural. It was taken from a drawing made by a former 6th grade student, Lauren Tactekos. It is hoped that in time, more of the students' artistic creations will appear throughout their hallways -keep your eyes open!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Mar. 16 - Lights On For Education - held at Memorial Junior High School - 7:30 P.M.
- 21 - District 30 Committee Board of Education Meeting - 8 P.M.
- 23-27 - Spring Recess - SCHOOLS CLOSED
- 28 - District 30 Board of Education Meeting - 8 P.M.

PERMANENT REGISTRATION FOR VOTING

In accordance with the permanent registration law passed by the New York State Legislature, a policy of permanent personal registration of voters in District Thirty was adopted by the Board of Education. Every person registered to vote in the May 1985-86 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.

PLEASE 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 further registration.

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 Friday, April 28, 1989 between 9:00 A.M. and 11:00 A.M. at Clear Stream Avenue, Forest Road and Shaw Avenue Schools. No registration will be accepted without a birth certificate as proof of date of birth. A child must have been born on or before December 1, 1984 to be eligible for kindergarten. **NO EXCEPTIONS ARE EVER MADE TO THE ENTERING AGE REQUIREMENTS.** Children entering school for the first time must also present one or more certificates indicating that they have received 3 diphtheria and tetanus immunizations, 3 poliomyelitis immunizations, and immunizations against measles, mumps and rubella given at least one day after the child's first birthday.

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. This transportation is provided only when the following conditions are met:

1. A written request for a specific school is made by the parents to the school district no later than April 1, 1989.

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, 1989. New York State Education Law specifically states that applications must be made annually for each new school year.

If your child meets the above requirements, please send in your request for transportation for the 1989-90 school year no later than April 1, 1989. Send your request to: Business Office, Shaw Avenue School, Valley Stream, New York 11582.

TAX EXEMPTION FOR SENIORS

Senior citizens with incomes of \$15,025 or less may 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 range under \$12,025 - 50%
- 12,026-12,525 - 45%
- 12,526-13,025 - 40%
- 13,026-13,525 - 35%
- 13,526-14,025 - 30%

DREAMS

The following composition was written by a 4th grader in Ms. Dale Schindelman's class at Clear Stream Avenue School:

My Dreams For The Future

In Martin Luther King, Jr.'s famous speech he says, "I have a dream." Then he tells his dream. I have some. These are *my* dreams. I would like to live a healthy, happy life. I want to become a successful lawyer, singer, model or fashion designer. I would like to accomplish all my dreams. I want to earn money and help all the people I can. I'd like to own a Mercedes-Benz and a beautiful mansion. It is my supreme dream to become the first female President of the United States of America.

These are my dreams for the world. I want the world to be a safer place to live in. I have a dream that all people shall be living in houses. I want there to be more jobs. I want there to be no nuclear arms and less crime. I want to conquer all diseases. Lastly, I want there to be peace on Earth.

by Priti Kataria

IMPORTANT TAX NOTICE

New York State Income Tax Forms for 1988 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.

- 14,026-14,525 - 25%
- 14,526-15,025 - 20%

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, 1989. Applications 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.

THE FRIENDLY SCHOOLS

APRIL, 1989

VALLEY STREAM THIRTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

SPECIAL BUDGET ISSUE

A LETTER TO OUR PARENTS AND TAXPAYERS

This special issue of THE FRIENDLY SCHOOLS contains information regarding the district's proposed budget for the 1989-90 school year. Registered voters will have the opportunity to vote on the budget on Wednesday, May 3, 1989.

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 to the well-being of our children and our community. However, enrollment, which had been declining for a number of years, has increased in recent years by over 12%. While recent enrollment patterns gave us the opportunity to enhance and expand educational programs, we are no longer able to benefit by offsetting increasing costs with personnel reductions. In fact, the natural consequence of enrollment growth has forced us to add personnel in order to sustain the high level of services to our youngsters.

Increasing costs seriously affect almost every area of operation. The cost of employee benefits - health insurance, retirement, Social Security - and the cost of interest on short-term borrowings have risen sharply. Prices for textbooks and other instructional materials continue to increase. Salaries, the largest single area of expenditure, have risen in accordance with negotiated agreements with the district's bargaining units and, of course, growth in staff adds even more new money to the budget. Improvements in the district's educational programs and compliance with new Federal and State mandates in the areas of fire safety, asbestos, compensatory education, and the Regent's Action Plan also require an increase in expenditures.

Ever aware of the increased costs on taxpayers of the district, we have reviewed each allocation within our control and have attempted to keep increases at a minimum through good planning and attention to detail. We have, for example, instituted a multi-year plan for the maintenance and improvements of your district's facilities that provides for needed repairs on a planned basis in order to avoid more costly emergency repairs and to also reduce energy usage. Floor refinishing, exterior masonry repair, interior renovation and ecological replacement projects scheduled for the new school year at Clear Stream Avenue, Forest Road, and Shaw Avenue Schools are part of this multi-year plan. Another example of our commitment to keep costs down is to seek supplementary funding from other sources. To date, these grants have amounted to more than \$325,000 and have covered a diversity of projects that currently include computer equipment and instruction for students and compensatory education programs.

In addition, the Board of Education's budget work sessions were conducted in public so that taxpayers could be privy to the Board's discussions and concerns. And, on February 27, before finalizing the budget, the Board conducted its last public work session soliciting comments and answering questions. The budget presented in this issue of THE FRIENDLY SCHOOLS, which will be further explained at the combined official budget hearing at the Clear Stream Avenue School on Wednesday, April 12 at 8:00 P.M., and that will go to the voters on May 3 grew out of this process.

Thus, after much thought and deliberation, we are presenting for voter determination a proposed budget in the amount of \$11,248,673. Although this represents an increase of \$953,871 in the operational budget, this increase will be partially offset by an anticipated increase in non-property tax revenues. Also, in order to further offset any increase in property taxes for you, the Board has taken legal steps necessary to prevent tax abatements on all commercial properties located within the district. We believe the 1989-90 proposed budget is fiscally responsible yet will enable the district to continue to provide its children and future citizens with an educational program of quality.

If you have any questions on the budget, please feel free to call the office of the Assistant Superintendent for Business at 825-9131.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Leanore Egan, President
Richard Eisenberg, Vice President
Thomas M. Galgano, Member

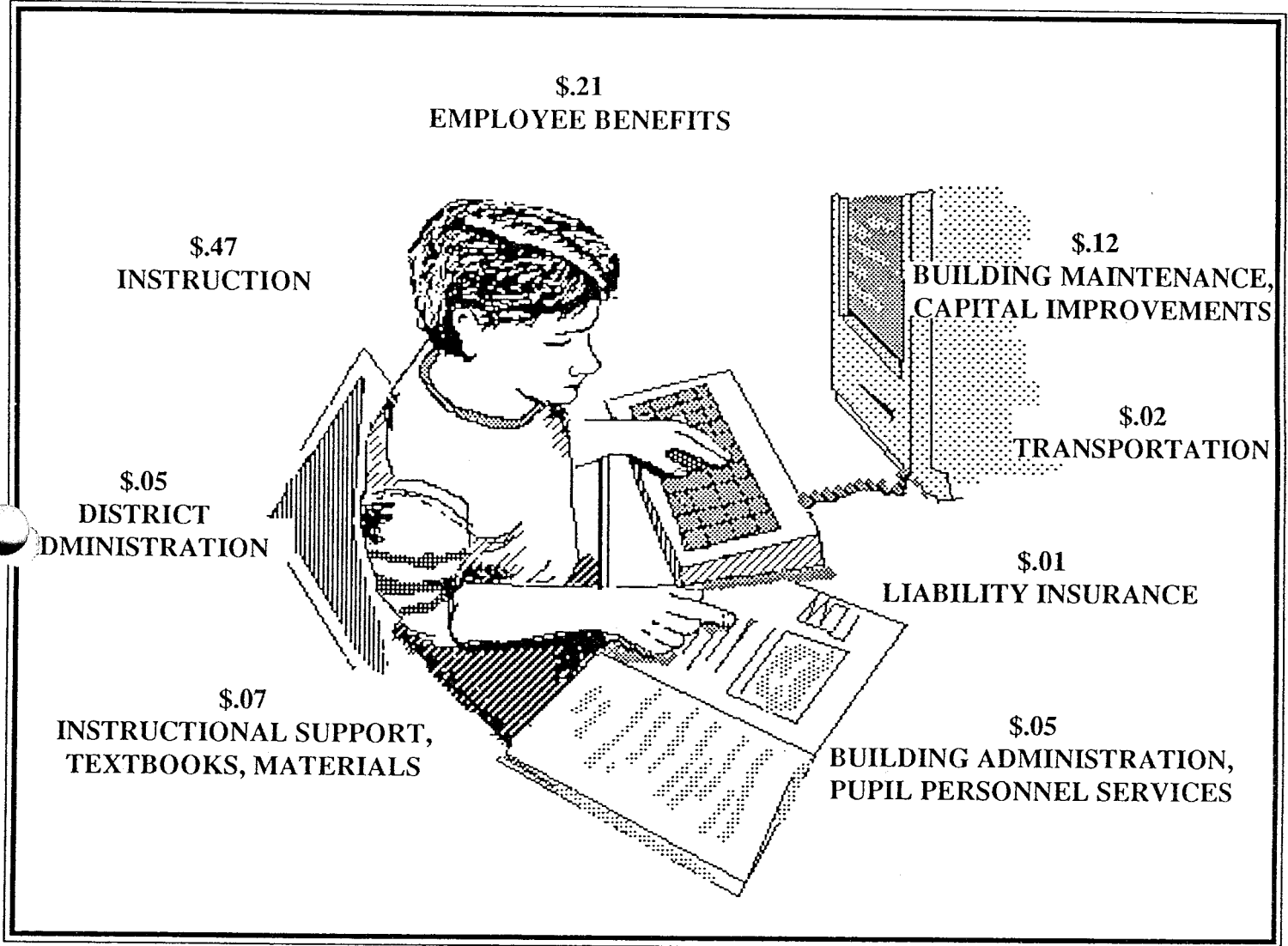
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VALLEY STREAM UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT #30

PROPOSED BUDGET 1989-1990

DESCRIPTION	1989-1990 PROPOSED BUDGET	1988-1989 ADJUSTED BUDGET	CHANGE
Board of Education	\$ 8,250	\$ 8,250	\$
District Clerk	12,375	12,375	
District Meetings	8,375	6,215	2,160
Central Administration	142,788	139,944	2,844
Business Administration	234,839	226,050	8,789
District Treasurer	18,100	16,600	1,500
Legal Services	26,700	21,200	5,500
Negotiations	2,000	2,000	
Public Information	12,250	11,500	750
Operations & Maintenance	878,625	829,224	49,401
Liability Insurance	140,200	143,700	(3,500)
School Association Dues	5,000	4,560	440
BOCES Administrative Charge	45,000	63,250	(18,250)
School Admin. & Curriculum	464,896	434,410	30,486
Instructional Program	4,455,428	3,928,629	526,799
Special Educational Program	826,923	1,068,766	(241,843)
Learning Assistance Program	62,094	55,034	7,060
Library & Media Services	249,124	228,854	20,270
Computer Education Program	121,091	113,888	7,203
Health & Psychological Services	171,992	156,835	15,157
Extra Services	40,485	38,020	2,465
Transportation	275,575	257,750	17,825
Community Lectures & Census	12,000	12,000	
Employees' Benefits	2,323,563	2,168,208	155,355
Interfund Transfers	466,000	170,000	296,000
Debt Service, Interest	245,000	177,540	67,460
	\$11,248,673	\$10,294,802	\$953,871

HOW THE SCHOOL DOLLAR IS SPENT



EXPLANATION OF BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE 1989-1990 SCHOOL YEAR

BOARD OF EDUCATION -----	\$ 8,250
Includes expenditures incurred by members of the Board of Education for attendance at educational conferences.	
DISTRICT CLERK -----	12,375
Includes salaries, supplies, materials, and legal advertising for the part-time District Clerk and Ledger Clerk.	
DISTRICT MEETINGS -----	8,375
Includes salaries, supplies, materials, and legal advertising for the budget vote and special meetings.	
CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION -----	142,788
Includes the salaries of the Superintendent of Schools and Central Office personnel. Also includes supplies and materials for the Central Office.	
BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION -----	234,839
Includes the salaries of the Assistant Superintendent for Business and Business Office personnel . Also included are payroll costs, supplies, materials, equipment, the cost of the annual audit, and computerized accounting system costs.	
DISTRICT TREASURER -----	18,100
Includes the salary of the part-time District Treasurer, supplies, materials, and costs of banking services.	
LEGAL SERVICES -----	26,700
Includes the salary of the part-time School Attorney and litigation fees.	
NEGOTIATIONS -----	2,000
Includes the cost of shared negotiation services. Additional provisions for participation in BOCES Negotiation Information Service and litigation fees are not included.	
PUBLIC INFORMATION SERVICE -----	12,250
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 -----

878,625

	<u>1988-89</u>	<u>1989-90</u>
Salaries	356,099	373,261
Materials for Repair and Upkeep of Buildings	52,910	61,375
Utilities	216,145	233,560
Contractual Repairs, Service Contracts, Security, and Equipment	204,070	210,429

The increase 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. Previous reductions in the provision for fuel oil are carried forward in the new budget based on current industry trends.

LIABILITY INSURANCE -----

140,200

A reduction in this budget appropriation is planned for 1989-90. Increases are not expected in this area as a result of a softening in the insurance marketplace and our continued participation the Nassau Schools Insurance Cooperative.

SCHOOL ASSOCIATION DUES -----

5,000

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

BOCES ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGE -----

45,000

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 -----

464,896

Includes salaries for Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, 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, inservice training, and mini-grants for special instructional projects.

INSTRUCTIONAL SALARIES, SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT -----

4,455,4

	<u>1988-89</u>	<u>1989-90</u>
Salaries	3,654,379	4,151,507
Equipment	16,130	20,201
Contractual Services	28,000	35,265
Materials and Supplies	90,515	101,395
Textbooks	121,620	126,110
BOCES Services	17,985	20,950

Salaries include teachers, specialists, substitutes for teachers and assistants, teacher assistants, teacher aides, and noon aides.

Increases in the areas of furniture and equipment include 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 increases for consumable materials and supplies and textbooks for all instructional areas reflect industry wide adjustments. The provision for a new textbook adoption in the area of K-6 Mathematics is reflected here. 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 increases determined by BOCES. The portion of the science program for student living expense is fully reimbursable.

SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM -----

826,923

	<u>1988-89</u>	<u>1989-90</u>
Salaries	618,476	409,023
Materials, Supplies & Contractual Services	29,450	40,580
Tuition - Other Districts and Private Schools	171,130	121,040
Tuition - BOCES	249,710	256,280

The decrease in salaries reflects the transfer of special counselors and reading teachers to the regular instructional program, above, and adjustments made in accordance with negotiated settlements. The district, in addition to operating four special education classes, provides specialists for students who are mainstreamed into regular classes.

The changes in the area of out-of-district tuition are a direct result of an upswing in both the cost and enrollment of special education pupils in other district public school classes, BOCES classes, and in private residential and/or non-residential schools. Also, the State Education Department now requires that the funding for the Summer Tuition and Transportation Program be transferred to and maintained in the Interfund Transfer section of the budget.

LEARNING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM -----			62,094
Includes the salaries and supplies for the instruction of identified pupils requiring additional assistance in reading and mathematical skills. This program generates an additional 25% weighting for state aid.			
SCHOOL LIBRARIES AND MEDIA SERVICES -----			249,124
Includes the salaries for librarians, library monitors, and clerical staff, library and media equipment, library books, periodicals, materials, and supplies for the three schools.			
COMPUTER EDUCATION -----			121,091
Includes the salary for the Director/Teacher of Computer Education and the salaries of three laboratory aides. Increases in the area of computer equipment reflect the continued expansion of our program into each of the fifth and sixth grade classrooms.			
HEALTH AND PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES -----			171,992
	<u>1988-89</u>	<u>1989-90</u>	
Health Services	84,510	93,291	
Psychological Services	72,325	78,701	
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 -----			40,485
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 -----			275,575
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 increase in this code is a direct result of increases 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. 90% of the cost of basic transportation is returned as state aid to the district in the following year.			
COMMUNITY LECTURES AND CENSUS -----			12,000
Includes the funds for the district sponsored Peer Pressure Program and other lectures and for the state mandated annual census.			

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS -----

2,323,563

	<u>1988-89</u>	<u>1989-90</u>
N.Y.S. Employees' Retirement System	73,500	84,008
N.Y.S. Teachers' Retirement System	807,000	699,096
Social Security	364,555	424,248
Worker's Compensation	30,250	30,250
Medical & Dental Insurance	892,903	1,085,961

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 premiums. 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. To be noted is the 21% increase in the area of medical insurance as a direct result of continued arbitrary increases imposed on us by the District's current provider since October, 1987.

INTERFUND TRANSFERS -----

466,000

In 1989-90 the Interfund Transfers appropriation will permit the Board's commitment to its plan for improvements to your District's facilities. Projects scheduled for 1989-90 include mandated ecological replacements at the Forest Road School and interior renovations at the Washington Avenue site. Funding, in the amount of \$90,000, for reimbursable agency approved projects is now accounted for in this category.

DEBT SERVICE -----

245,000

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 an estimated rise in interest rates and is partially offset by the interest income generated through the investment of idle funds.

A BUDGET DEFEAT MAY MEAN AUSTERITY.

The effects of austerity are:

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

Possible negative impact on home resale value

VOTE ON MAY 3rd

SUMMARY OF ANTICIPATED REVENUES

REVENUES	ESTIMATED RECEIPTS 1988-89	ESTIMATED RECEIPTS 1989-90
Surplus	\$ 275,000	\$ 300,000
Use of Money and Property	130,000	130,000
Textbook Aid	32,000	32,000
State Aid	1,130,000	1,130,000
BOCES Aid	63,000	53,000
Services to Other Districts	10,000	10,000
Other Revenue	10,000	10,000
	\$ 1,650,000	\$ 1,665,000

Total General Fund Appropriation	\$ 10,294,802	\$ 11,248,673
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Estimated Revenue	\$ 1,650,000	\$ 1,665,000
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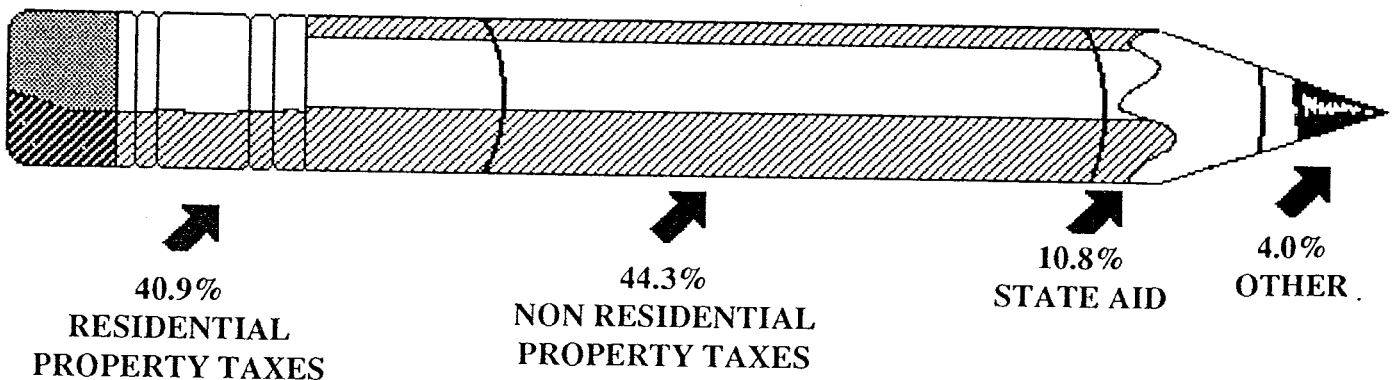
Amount to be Raised by Taxation	\$ 8,644,802	\$ 9,583,673
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Actual Tax Rate 1988-89	\$16.51
Estimated Tax Rate 1989-90: Proposition No. 1	\$17.79

The estimated tax rate is based upon the August 1, 1988 assessed valuation of \$51,154,128. Any change in the assessed valuation as of August 1, 1989 will affect the estimated tax rate.

Changes in the laws affecting state aid could change the amount of aid to be received.

SOURCES OF REVENUE



SAMPLE BALLOT

You will be asked to vote on the following on May 3, 1989:

**Member, Board of Education
Term ending June 30, 1994
To succeed Leanore Egan**

1) _____

2) _____

**PROPOSITION NO. 1: Valley Stream Union Free School District #30 Budget
RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of Valley Stream Union Free School District #30,
Town of Hempstead, Nassau County, New York
is hereby authorized to expend the sum of \$11,248,673
for the 1989-1990 school year, and to levy the necessary tax therefor.**

**PROPOSITION NO. 2: Valley Stream Central High School District Budget
RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of Valley Stream Central High School District,
Town of Hempstead, Nassau County, New York,
be and the same hereby is authorized to expend the sums
in the General Fund Appropriation (\$37,189,700.00) to be raised through taxation in
the several districts included within the Central High School District.**

VOTING INFORMATION

Voting will take place on Wednesday, May 3, 1989 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 last day of registration for the May 3, 1989 election is Wednesday, April 26, 1989. 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 3 if your name appears in the General Election Lists of the County, the process of voting on May 3 will be much easier for you if your name appears in the school district registration books. You must be registered in order to vote!

VOTE on MAY 3rd
7:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday, April 12	Combined Budget Hearing, Clear Stream Avenue - 8:00 p.m.
Tuesday, April 18	Board of Education Committee Meeting, Shaw Avenue - 8:00 p.m.
Tuesday, April 25	Board of Education Meeting, Shaw Avenue - 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday, April 26	Voter Registration, All Schools 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Friday, April 28	Kindergarten and First Grade Registration, All Schools - 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
Wednesday, May 3	Budget and Trustee Vote, All Schools - 7:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. District Art Exhibit, All Schools 7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

1989-90 ESTIMATED SCHOOL TAXES FOR PRIVATE HOMEOWNERS

<u>ASSESSED VALUATION OF HOME</u>	<u>ESTIMATED ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TAXES</u>	<u>ESTIMATED INCREASE OVER 1988-89</u>
\$ 1,000.00	\$ 177.90	\$ 12.80
4,000.00	711.60	51.20
5,000.00	889.50	64.00
6,000.00	1,067.40	76.80
7,000.00	1,245.30	89.60
8,000.00	1,423.20	102.40

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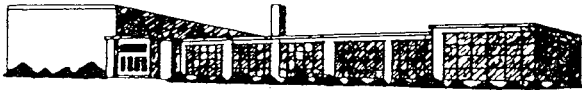
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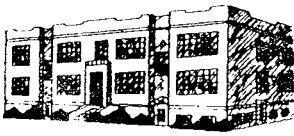
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William J. Van Ness**

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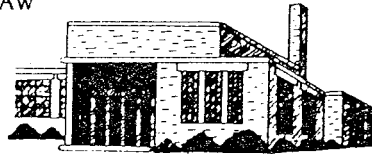
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UNDERSTANDING THE BUDGET



"We must work together."

On March 21st, a meeting was arranged to discuss the 1989-90 school budget with our PTA executives. Pictured is Mr. David Kutcher, Assistant Superintendent of Business; Mr. Thomas M. Galgano, Board Trustee; Mrs. Leanore Egan, Board President; Mrs. Elinor McAuliffe, Board Trustee; and Mr. William Van Ness, Superintendent of Schools. Mrs. Egan opened the meeting by explaining the importance of working together to pass the budget through understanding. Several segments of the budget were explained by the appropriate personnel. Mrs. Lyn Norberg, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Mr. Gregory Abbate, Director of Facilities-Operations, were on hand to assist in the explanation of expenditures.

"We have worked very hard to keep the budget as low as possible, but to maintain our quality of education some expenditures are necessary. Can we afford to do less for the children coming through our schools now?" stated Mr. Van Ness.

LEANORE EGAN SEEKS RE-ELECTION

Mrs. Leanore Egan will be a candidate for the School Board Trusteeship, which will be vacated as of June 30, 1989.

Mrs. Egan has been a resident of District 30 for 20 years. She is the mother of five children who range in ages from 16 to 26. All of her children have attended the Clear Stream Avenue School. Richard and Judith are presently attending Memorial Junior High School. Kevin, Deirdre and John are college graduates.

Mrs. Egan is an Andrew Jackson High School graduate. She also attended Pace College for 2 years. She lists her occupation as wife, mother, and Nassau County Police Crossing Guard, which she has been doing for 14 years. She was very active in PTA for many years and held several positions, including presidency at Clear Stream Avenue School.

Mrs. Egan has served on the Blessed Sacrament Parish Council Board for 6 years, Family Service Board for 5 years and has also taught CCD classes on various grade levels over the years. One of her greatest experiences was becoming Extraordinary Minister at Blessed Sacrament.

Mrs. Egan was elected to District 30 Board of Education in 1984 and is currently President of the Board. Since 1984 she has also served on the Valley Stream High School Board of Education.

Mrs. Egan lives with her husband, John, and their children at 91 Clear Stream Avenue, Valley Stream.

ART EXHIBIT
MAY 3, 1989
7:30 PM TO 9:00 PM

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



(Note: Children attending must be accompanied by their parents or guardian.)

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LIBRARY-MEDIA CENTER NEWS



Hats, hats, hats!

Mrs. Paula Franklin's 1st grade class celebrated "Hat Day" with Mrs. Alice Dorb, Library-Media Specialist, at Clear Stream Avenue School. Each child brought a favorite hat to school to share with his classmates through a series of oral, reading, and language activities. These activities stimulated imaginative thinking, problem solving and literary appreciation.

At Shaw Avenue School, book cubes were constructed by 4th and 5th grade students. Each cube displays a mini book review and will decorate their library during the Art Exhibition. Colorful book jackets were designed for favorite books read by the 1st to 3rd grade students. "A good time was had by all as these students celebrated National Library Week," stated Mrs. Mary Mathews, Library-Media Specialist at Shaw Avenue School.

Once upon a time the bear had a long, lustrous tail. How he lost it is an Iroquois legend retold in the Forest Road School Library during April's PTA B.E.A.R. (**Be Enthusiastic About Reading**) Project. Timed to coincide with National Library Week and the 1989 Year of the Young Reader Celebration, the focus of the 3rd annual B.E.A.R. project is "Families Reading Together."

Students complete weekly calendars which log independent reading time and family reading activities such as library visits, book discussions and bedtime stories. In Forest Road School they participate in theme-related library activities and school-wide sustained silent reading while earning incentives for participation in the project.

The school-wide celebration involves students, parents and teachers in the joy of reading. It is coordinated by PTA chairperson Mrs. Joyce Seeling and Library-Media Specialist Mrs. Carol Tolle.

FUTURE MICHAEL ANGELOS?

The 3rd and 4th graders of Shaw Avenue School Art Club began creating a mural to color and enhance the walls of their gymnasium. A group of about 20 students (artists) worked hard to design scenes of children engaging in various school activities.

Under the supervision of Mrs. Ann Marie DeRicco (4th grade teacher) the club meets after school on Thursdays and Fridays. The students spent about three one hour sessions transferring their 8x10 drawings onto mural paper using overhead projectors. Finally, they indulged in the excitement of adding color and life to their scenes. The first half of their mural is already hanging and has received remarks which have made the students feel proud. They are adding the final touches to the second half, which will soon be added to make their mural complete. In fact, it might already be completed! Why not take a peek, and be sure to note the names of all the artists, which are posted next to the mural.

PLEASE NOTE:

ALL VISITORS TO OUR SCHOOLS
 MUST USE THE MAIN ENTRANCE
 AND OBTAIN A VISITORS PASS
 FROM THE MAIN OFFICE.



**THE DINOSAURS
 ARE COMING**

An up and coming trip for the Shaw Avenue School kindergartners is a visit to "Dinosaurs-Live!" at the Sands Point Preserve. This is a very special exhibition of 10 huge life-like dinosaur models that move and make appropriate noises. They will also visit the "Dino-Den," a hands-on learning center where they will be able to explore other aspects of these extinct creatures.

In preparation for the big event schools were invited to enter a Banner Contest. The four kindergarten classes (Mrs. Constance Cummings', Mrs. Marie Federici's, Miss Mary Clavin's and Miss Janet Fariel's) submitted a 3'x6' banner depicting some real and imaginary dinosaurs. The drawings were colored with fabric crayons and then ironed on the banner previously sewn by Miss Mary Clavin. The entries will be on display during the course of the exhibit on a rotating basis. In the meantime, the classes will be "bon-ing" up on dinosaurs through stories, pictures and activities.

ART & NATURE

March is the windy month as Mrs. Roslyn Scheidt's and Mrs. Susan Moskowitz' kindergarten students have discovered. With the help of their art teacher, Mrs. Susan Baron, the children have made pinwheels and collaged discs to add to their wind machine.

When this project is completed, it will truly be art and nature combined to make a "Wind Sculpture." The children collected, with the help of their parents, all sorts of materials for this project, including scraps of cloth, ribbon and wool, pieces of broken jewelry, toys and many types of plastic discs. Pictured is Mrs. Baron and some students who anxiously tried out their partially finished project.

They plan to place this sculpture in the kindergarten yard and see how all of its parts are affected by the wind. It will also be on display in the front corridor of Forest Road School during the Art Exhibit on May 3rd.



1 - 2 - 3 blow!

SPECIAL OLYMPICS

The week of March 13-16 was designated as "Run For The Gold" Week at Shaw Avenue School. Under the supervision of Mr. Thomas Rouse, physical education teacher, the boys and girls ran laps around the gym to help raise money for the New York Special Olympics. A total of 956 sponsors were garnered by the children who ran a combined total of 4,463 laps. The total dollar amount pledged by sponsors was \$6,739. Brian Ciarvolo was the top student collecting 40 sponsors and will receive a Sony Walkman from the Special Olympics Committee. In addition, other students will receive Special Olympic tee-shirts, watches, and duffel bags. Congratulations to all the boys and girls who participated to help a very worthy cause.

GUNG HAY FA CHOY

Gung Hay Fa Choy! Happy New Year! Did you know that it is the year of the snake? If you were born during this year, you would possess great wisdom, be very determined and successful.

These are just some of the things Miss Mary Clavin's kindergarten class, at Shaw Avenue School, learned while celebrating the Chinese New Year. They also made Chinese lanterns, snake masks and a Chinese calendar. In addition, the children tasted traditional New Year foods such as shrimp chips, fried noodles, sweet candies, fortune cookies and oranges. The children received red envelopes inscribed with good luck messages and filled with candy coins. It was truly an enjoyable time for all!

OFF TO WASHINGTON

Last year's trip to Washington, D.C. was such a success that this year's 5th graders, including several teachers and parents as chaperones, embarked on the adventure. It included an overnight stay at a motel, which was a first for many. Among the visits of historical sites planned were the U.S. Capitol, National Air and Space Museum, a part of the Smithsonian Institute, Lincoln, Vietnam and Jefferson Memorials. Joseph Rittenhouse, from Shaw Avenue, Jennifer Lewis, from Clear Steam Avenue and Jill Krakowski, from Forest Road, represented District 30 in the wreath placing ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery.

This memorable, educational trip enthralled everyone and is sure to remain in the minds of each pupil.

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As stated in the March issue of **The Friendly Schools**, with the assistance of Mrs. Susan Wasserman, a rock concert featuring "The Blaze" was presented to raise money for the trip. A huge raffle was also held, under the direction of Mr. Carl Riccobone. Thanks to the assistance of Mr. Ernie Manley, at Granada Appliances in Valley Stream, the prizes were spectacular. The raffle was a great success, which also helped to curtail expenses for the students.

SEEING AND LEARNING



Mr. Dennis Carr, science teacher at Shaw Avenue School, demonstrates to students soil erosion by pouring water on a mini landscape.

BEYOND THE 3 R'S



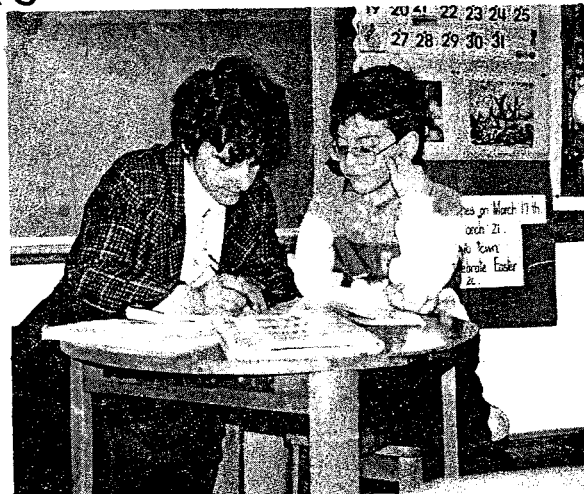
Discussions with other personnel can be the key to a student's educational growth. Seen is Mrs. Clarke with Mrs. Melone, reading specialist.

Most educational observers would agree that an essential element of a school system is the classroom teacher. On the shoulders of a classroom teacher rests the major responsibility for academic progress and the general growth of the child. To do this, the teacher must do more than teach the 3 R's, consideration must be given to selecting techniques that will interest and motivate the children and meet grade requirements. Such strategies as statewide polls; group reading, poster contests, pupil book authoring projects; arranged trips, use of hands-on materials are selected. These techniques are intended to reach the learner and maximize his growth.

The classroom teacher is also concerned about the growth or guidance of the child - personal and social, as well as educational. In order to teach a child effectively, the teacher must know and understand the student. The teacher helps in the development and strengthening of a child's character traits, such as good

sportsmanship, cooperation, kindness, courtesy, respect, patience, good work habits and good study skills. It is for this reason that the teachers of District 30 work closely with parents. Through parent conference, the teacher gains much needed insight into the child. In turn, since the teacher observes the youngster in many situations, the teacher can help the parents understand their child's actions.

The teacher is not only concerned with knowing the child, but with helping the child to know himself and his potential. It is common practice in District 30 to see a teacher giving a student the extra help needed on a one to one basis. Many times this is done before or after school hours. Based upon the classroom teacher's experience with many children, the teacher can be instrumental in identifying a child's specific weakness which is then shared and discussed with other school personnel, such as, speech or reading teachers, the guidance counselor or the school



Giving that extra personal help is essential, as demonstrated by Mrs. Barry.

psychologist. Together they work out a recommended educational plan or strategy in helping the child.

When the dismissal bell rings, the day does not end for the teacher. Much time is required by the classroom teacher in planning - daily, weekly and long-range. There are parent conferences, faculty meetings, workshops and committee meetings. Many of our teachers further their education by taking evening or weekend courses.

In a nutshell, a classroom teacher wears many "hats" - teacher, counselor, mediator, even friend.

Teachers play an intricate role in teaching their pupils effectively, but as mentioned previously, it takes **many** elements to make an education system work most effectively. The cooperation extended by the various team members in District 30 has made our schools something to be proud of and has provided quality education for our children.



Mrs. Cabral has experience sitting with group reading, beneficial.

PLANNING ON MOVING?

If you plan to move out of District 30 area, during the summer, please inform us as soon as possible. This will assist us in planning classes for next year. Your cooperation is appreciated.

BETTER SPEECH AND HEARING MONTH

May has been designated as National Better Speech and Hearing Month for nearly half a century. Over 22 million Americans have speech, hearing or language problems which affect their ability to communicate. Among elementary and secondary school age children, communicatively impaired youngsters form the largest disability group.

The ability to communicate is probably the most important skill your child will acquire. Communication skills help children learn, make sense of their world and express themselves. These skills are central to a child's success in school, therefore, early identification of a problem is essential.

When a youngster with a communication problem is identified, the appropriate assistance from a speech-language pathologist and the involvement of parents often make the difference between failure or frustration in school and a successful school experience.

Speech disorders include articulation problems (making sound correctly), voice problems and stuttering or fluency problems. Language disabilities include difficulty in understanding or using language or an inability to convey an idea to others. Hearing disorders, while most common among the elderly, can be detected as early as infancy by a quick and painless hearing test.

By kindergarten, a child should be able to carry on a conversation, hear and understand most speech, answer simple questions and speak in a way that sounds like other similarly aged youngsters. Usually, children do not "outgrow" communication disorders. It is therefore crucial to identify and begin treatment of the problem as early as possible.

If you have any concerns about your child's communication skills, please contact your school's speech-language pathologist. At Clear Stream Avenue School contact Mrs. Sharon Schulman, at Forest Road School, Mrs. Jill Luba and Mrs. Schulman and at Shaw Avenue School, Mrs. Mary Kay Ficarrotta.

(Excerpts of this article are based on material taken from ASHA Journal, January 1989)

SAFETY PROGRAM



"Do you know what Child Abuse means?"

If you pick up the newspaper, or listen to the news, there is always a headline referring to child abuse. Children are aware of this, too. Since child abuse is part of the 5 Town Y Safety Program, the students at Forest Road School were very inquisitive when the subject was discussed.

Representative Cheryl Karp spoke to Mrs. Suzanne Walsh's 5th graders. It was surprising how relaxed and outgoing the pupils were with their questions and answers. Mrs. Karp stressed the importance of talking to someone if you are troubled about anything, and not to just keep it to yourself.

Board Members, Administration, Teachers and Staff of District 30 wish everyone a healthy, relaxing and most enjoyable summer.

LIGHTS ON FOR EDUCATION



Do you recognize the posters Mrs. Alice Dorb and students are displaying? They were part of the Clear Stream Avenue School Library-Media display at "Lights on for Education." It was one of the numerous exhibitions and hands-on activities presented by various members of District 30.

YEAR LONG FRIENDS



Debbie Varellas and Richard Smith reading to 1st graders.

There has been a great deal of sharing between Ms. Edith Yelland's 6th grade and Mrs. Maureen Spiess' 1st grade class during the school year at Clear Stream Avenue School.

At Halloween the 6th graders planned and constructed a haunted house complete with ghost and ghouls in the classroom and they invited the 1st graders for a scary experience!

For Mrs. Spiess' class play, "Safety Circus," the 6th graders willingly gave up their playing time at lunch to help with the scenery and props. They also assisted with costumes and distributed programs at their play.

During December the younger children wrote letters to Santa Claus as part of their language arts program. Santa's helpers in the 6th grade answered them using vocabulary the 1st graders were learning to read.

Ms. Yelland's class play, "Valentine Rock," in February needed a Cupid to jump out of a box. The 1st grade class lent one of their own who willingly gave up his playtime during lunch in order to participate in rehearsals.

During March, Mrs. Spiess' class found green footprints on their ceiling! Leprechauns must have visited! (Guess where they came from?) The

1st graders were learning how to write out questions and had many questions to ask the leprechauns who left footprints behind. Each of them wrote out his question. These inquiries were answered individually by the "special" leprechaun helpers in the 6th grade.

During the year, on Thursdays at 11:15 a.m. some 6th grade visitors came to read to Mrs. Spiess' 1st graders during "story time." Many times the story was followed by a reading activity designed by the 6th grader. The younger children look forward to having their older schoolmates read to them and show enthusiasm as they're being read to and during the reading activities that follow. This program builds the confidence of the older children and motivates the younger ones to be successful in their reading.

These experiences between the 6th and 1st graders have certainly added to the enjoyment of both groups, but perhaps, more important, it has fostered a spirit of understanding, friendliness, and cooperation among the two age groups.

Perhaps we will have some "future teachers of America" among them who will one day say that they were inspired when they were in 6th grade.

RENT-A-READER

Mrs. Gail Sherman's 6th graders and Mrs. Joanne Lufrano's 1st graders, at Shaw Avenue School, have paired up in a "Rent-A-Reader Program." The children meet once a week and read to each other. The 1st graders bring a library book of their choice to share with their partner and they read aloud to each other.

The story is discussed and questions are asked. The 1st grader then illustrates his/her favorite part of the story and writes about it with the encouragement of his partner. Rent-A-Reader has captured the minds of both 6th and 1st graders and everyone looks forward to their next meeting! Below are some comments from the 6th graders:

"I think it is fun and interesting. I am surprised at how well they can draw, read and write." *From Kerry Doyle who reads to Jennifer Clark.*

"I think that it's fun. It makes me feel proud that me, out of anyone, is helping someone to learn." *From Mike Loughran who reads to Nicky Gurrieri.*

"I like it because I don't have any younger brothers or sisters." *From Frankie Cutrone who reads to Joey Gambino.*

"I think it is fun because you get to know a lot about someone younger than you are." *From Sandra DellaRussa who reads to Vinny Staffa.*

"I enjoy working with the 1st graders because they teach us something and we teach them new things. They say new things that surprise me." *From Kim O'Keefe who reads to Brian Imbriani.*

"I'm helping someone learn to read and it's fun!" *From Jennifer Romano who reads to Kimberly White.*

"I think that it is fun to read to the 1st graders. It is also fun to talk to them and see that they are interested in some things that I am." *From Michael Korczynski who reads to Milisa Golfo.*

"I really enjoy working with the 1st graders. It reminds me of when I was in 1st grade. They really get a kick out of it." *From Carolyn Diamantonio who reads to Nicholas Werbeck.*



SPORTSMAN WINNER

Each year the Nassau County Officials Association (L.I. District Board 41), who are members of the International Association of Approved Basketball Officials, polls its 280 active officials and requests that they rate all schools which they have observed during the current season. They rate all levels (varsity and sub-varsity) and regardless of win or lose the criterion utilized is those traits which best exemplify sportsmanship and attitude toward the game.

District 30 has been informed that V. S. Central High School is the winner of their annual award for sportsmanship. We are very excited about this award, for our physical education teacher at Shaw Avenue School, Mr. Thomas Rouse, is part of that winning team. Mr. Rouse has coached Junior Varsity (10th and 11th graders) at Central High School for the past 5 years.

Mr. Rouse, along with Central High School's Principal, Dr. John Glynn and Mr. Harry Schloss, Athletic Director and Varsity Coach were presented with a beautiful trophy at a special dinner to symbolize this achievement.

"Here at Shaw Avenue I have seen Mr. Rouse teach his children about sportsmanship and encourage them to treat people fairly and to have an attitude consistent with good sportsmanship; what an honor it is!" stated Dr. Patricia Callow, Principal at Shaw Avenue School.

SPECIAL WORKSHOPS

Forest Road School hosted a day of ceramic workshops given by Esther Tollen of Earth Designs in Northport. All of the 4th, 5th, 6th and LC II and III classes were guided through the production of a stenciled tile design. The green-ware tiles will be taken back to Esther's studio, fired and then delivered back to the school. "The students were very enthusiastic and are looking forward to seeing their finished products," stated Mrs. Susan Baron, art teacher at Forest Road School.

FISH TALE

Third graders in Mrs. Susan Stiefel's and Ms. Lucille Maresca's classes at Forest Road School experimented with meld media in their art class to create an underwater scene of tropical fish and plant life. With the assistance of Mrs. Susan Baron, art teacher, the students used cray-pas and black paint, to create a paper batik effect.

When Amanda Strauss, from Mrs. Stiefel's class, told her father about the art project he was so impressed he decided to exhibit these paintings in his tropical fish store, Scott's Aquarium.

EXCEL STUDENTS WIN AGAIN!

EXCEL students once again brought home trophies from the "Odyssey of the Mind Competition." Students performed in plays they had written, constructed scenery, solved on-site problems and built a small balsa structure to withstand weight. All the students worked diligently and should be commended.

2nd Prize Winners for their skit "Baseball World Series" are (see photo, back row): Jonathan Eisenberg, Anne Seelig, Joe Rittenhouse, (in front) Jill Krakowski, Morgan Chen, Sal Ferro and Sal Visone, (not pictured).

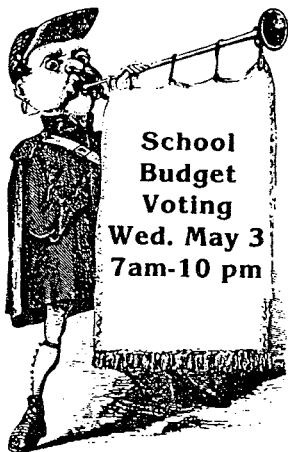
3rd Prize Winners for their "Party Time" skit (see photo) are Michael Rick, (front row) Brigid Tobin, Kristen Governale and Dina Tsiorvas.

The Ranatra Fusca Award for Creativity went to Carlos Rios.

Other District 30 competitors who deserve an honorable mention are:

Brian Fletcher, Matthew Mitgang, Joseph Romanelli, Donald Elivert, Thomas Albano and Shaun McGrath who performed their "Hockey" skit. Performing "Charlotte's Web" were Carlos Rios, Matthew Galin, Joshua Klein, Anastasia Tzortzatos, Jaclene Begley and Jeff Chen. "Ye God's" was presented by Matthew Ritenhouse, Adam Schechter, Dana Rosenbloom, Priti Kataria and Russell Weiss. Neel Panchal was unable to attend the competition, but was helpful with the preparations.

(Not you must be registered in order to vote.)



Mr. Ed Fare, Miss Gail Starler and Mrs. Angela Nicolini with the 2nd place winners.



3rd place winners.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- May 3 - School Budget Voting - 7 A.M. to 10 P.M.
 3 - Art Exhibit - 7:30 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.
 16 - District 30 Committee Board of Education Meeting - 8 P.M.
 23 - District 30 Board of Education Meeting - 8 P.M.
 29 - Memorial Day - SCHOOLS CLOSED
- June 20 - District 30 Committee Board of Education Meeting - 8 P.M.
 23 - Last Day of School
 27 - District 30 Board of Education Meeting - 8 P.M.

HOP-N-ING 1989*Hop-n-ing participants.*

The kindergartners at Shaw Avenue School have been participating in activities to help them develop an understanding and acceptance of children and adults with disabilities. Some activities involved using a wheel chair, wearing "cloudy" eyeglasses, wearing an arm sling and even learning some sign language. As a culmination of this lesson, the kindergarten classes of Mrs. Constance Cummings, Mrs.

Marie Federici, Mrs. Mary Clavin and Miss Janet Fariel, participated in a "hop-n-ing" to raise funds for The New York Easter Seals Society. This is the second annual Hop-n-ing, which has been organized by Mrs. Cummings. The children have done something good for themselves as well as others! (Note this year's addition on the right, "Dolly Doll" in her wheelchair.)

MUSIC NOTES

What were you doing March 9th at 1 PM? At that moment an estimated 8 million people world-wide tuned in their TV sets to the World's Largest Concert (WLC). Shari Lewis and Lamb Chop and the MacDonald's All-Star Band led their audience through "God Bless America," "This Land is Your Land," and several other songs that had everyone snapping, clapping and singing along.

At Clear Stream Avenue School, 350 students and staff members, many wearing special WLC tee-shirts, crowded into the gym to sing along and watch for glimpses of

their own 5th and 6th graders, who sang in the audience of the prerecorded TV program. Thanks to the 46 community members who watched at home and reported to Clear Stream Avenue School, their third year of participation was their biggest and best so far, with a total of 356 singers.

For the first time, Forest Road School (225 participants) and Shaw Avenue School (425 participants) sang along, which gave District 30 a grand total of 1,006 singers in the WLC 1989!!

**TOUGH BEE CONTINUES***Teacher, Mrs. Susan Wasserman and Frank Shea.*

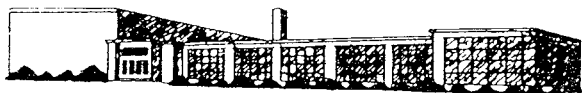
As stated in the March issue of **The Friendly Schools**, 5th grader, Frank Shea, from Shaw Avenue School, won the preliminary round in the National Geographic Geography Bee. Frank then went on to the next step - he took the qualifying exam to participate in the state competition. Frank has successfully completed this step of the Bee and has qualified to participate at the state level of the National Geographic Bee. His mother, Mrs. Susan Wasserman, will escort Frank to Liverpool, N.Y. on April 7th as he continues on this exciting trek.

To celebrate this prestigious event, Mrs. Wasserman baked brownies for all the 4th, 5th and 6th grade students at Shaw Avenue. "We are all very excited! To my knowledge out of the 5 qualifying students from Nassau County, Frank is the only one from an elementary school - the others are from middle and junior high schools," stated Mrs. Wasserman.

Only one winner from each state and territory will advance to the national competition, which will be held in May at the National Geographic Society headquarters in Washington, D.C.

Note: At the time of printing, Frank was busy brushing up on his geography and the results of this stage of the competition was unknown. Whether Frank advanced to the final competition, or not, we at District 30 are very proud of his achievements. *Congratulations, Frank!!*

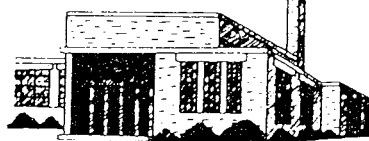
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OLYMPIC CLASS ATHLETES VISIT SCHOOLS

Sixth graders in our three schools were honored by visits from two very special athletes: Dennis Oehler and Todd Schaffhauser. Dennis currently

ses function and their different types. Most important, they demonstrated that disabled people are not "different" and should not be treated as such. At Shaw

lose, you'll be among the stars!" This special program received numerous praises from students and faculty throughout our District. The lessons they taught the students are sure to remain with all of them. District 30 wishes Dennis and Todd the best in their endeavors to reach their new goals.



Dennis Oehler talking to the students at Shaw Avenue School.

holds three world records in the 100, 200 and 400 meter sprints. Just last month, Todd broke a world record during his sprint. Both are gold medal winners in the "Paralympics." These world record winners are amputees: Dennis, below the knee and Todd, above the knee. They explained to the students about their lives and demonstrated how their prosthe-

Avenue School, students sat in amazement as Dennis ran across the gym (not even at top speed due to limited space). Dennis and Todd stressed that their achievements were the results of setting goals for themselves. Goals, no matter what they are—homework, sports, etc.—should be set by everyone. Dennis Oehler stated, "Reach for the moon and if you

ATTENTION COMMUNITY, ALUMNUS AND TEACHERS:

From the Editor:

1990 marks a new decade in our lives. With hope and enthusiasm we should all look ahead, but, also reflect on the good moments of our past. I would like to compile an article of past memories our community, students, parents and teachers have of the years they spent in Clear Stream, Forest Road and Shaw Avenue Schools—fond memories of events, people and experiences in elementary school. It doesn't have to be elaborate, just jot it down and mail it to Marie Stone, Clear Stream Avenue School, Valley Stream, N.Y. 11582, before November 20, 1989. Please include your name, school and year(s) you were in the school. I'm looking forward to hearing from you and hope you will look for this special article in our next issue.

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**MEETINGS WITH
THE SUPERINTENDENT**

For the third year, Mr. William Van Ness, Superintendent of Schools, has scheduled meetings referred to as "Breakfast With The Superintendent." As in the past, these will occur several times during the school year and are hosted on a rotation basis among our three schools. Residents are welcome at whatever building the meeting is scheduled to take place.

The basic intent of these informal meetings is to provide a channel of communication between the public and the school district. In many cases, individuals have experienced considerable anxiety regarding questions concerning their children and the school programs, as well as the district's instructional goals. These concerns can be expressed and clarified at these meetings. What you hear on the corner of the schools is not always the correct information, so join Mr. Van Ness and other concerned parents at these special meetings. The next meeting is scheduled for Dec. 6th at 9:15AM, at Forest Road School.

INTRODUCING NEW MEMBERS

New members who attended the special gathering: Linda Bunting, Grace Guttman, Caasi Glass, Andrea Graham (back), Debra Goldberg, Richard Trafficando (back), Virginia Soka, Vincent Manzo, Patricia Phillips, Nancy Lowenkron (back), Noeleen Douglas, Lane Griffin (back), Nancy McInerney and Eric Spier.

Mrs. Nancy Lowenkron has joined the Clear Stream Avenue School Reading Department as Core Skills Reading Teacher. For 3 years she has taught reading and worked as a Special Ed Teacher. The last 2 years she taught reading in Rockville Centre schools. Mrs. Lowenkron commented, "Glad to be joining Valley Stream District 30!" We're glad to have her energetic personality as part of our team.

With 3-1/2 years of experience, **Mrs. Patricia Phillips** has been added to Shaw Avenue School as a Speech and Hearing Handicapped Teacher. She has also worked with deaf and multiply handicapped students from 5 to 21 years old. Mrs. Phillips' experience and eagerness are sure to be beneficial for our students.

Physical Education Teacher, **Mr. Thomas E. Graham**, who lives in Valley Stream, has joined our District. He taught for 2 years, which included working as a Teacher Assistant for the Valley Stream High School District. Mr. Graham is the Adelphi University record holder in Cross Country (5 miles in 24:17 min.). He was All Mid-East in cross country and ran for the Puma track and field team. Mr. Graham's vigor and zest will keep our students on their toes.

Another Valley Streamer, **Mr. Vincent Manzo**, who recently graduated from Adelphi University, is now the Physical Education Teacher at Forest Road School. His interests are body building, health, and nutrition. He has been involved in several afterschool community programs. Mr. Manzo's

enthusiasm will surely overflow into his classes.

Ms. Virginia Soka, with 5 years of experience, has joined the Forest Road School as the Learning Center II teacher. She has traveled extensively around the world. Ms. Soka's interests range from calligraphy, aerobics and reading to being an avid baseball and football fan. Her worldwide experience should be an added treat for her students.

... and introducing,

At Clear Stream Avenue school, Computer Aide **Noeleen Douglas** and **Lane Griffin**, new member of office staff. At Forest Road School, **Nancy McInerney** joined the Reading Department and **Andrea Graham**, Kindergarten Classroom Aide; plus, **Caasi Glass**, Contractual Substitute Teacher; **Debra Goldberg**, Teacher Assistant and **Maria Clark**, part time Resource Room Teacher. In Shaw Avenue School, **Peggy Wakely**, Teacher Assistant, and **Linda Bunting** and **Wendy Gross**, Contractual Substitute Teachers. **Eric Spier** and **Richard Trafficando** are additions to their custodial group.

At a special gathering held on September 26th, members of the District 30 Board of Education were introduced to some of the new faculty members (which included some members who joined us late in the 1988-89 school year). This was followed by the regularly scheduled Board Education Meeting.

We welcome them all and look forward to their additional enrichment to our school system and pupils.

FAREWELL TO OUR RETIREES

As the school year begins, our thoughts drift to our teammates who retired in June. We wish them all the best, for they have been part of District 30 for numerous years:

Mrs. Marjorie Marie Lazar, 1st grade teacher at Shaw Avenue School. She graduated New York University, as an early childhood major. Mrs. Lazar has been a classroom teacher at District 30 for 38 years, of which 23 years were in 1st grade, which she considers her favorite, although she also taught 2nd and 3rd grades. Upon retirement, Mrs. Lazar is planning to spend her time reading, swimming, acrylic painting, traveling and doing volunteer work.

Mr. Al Stevens, after receiving his Master's Degree in Physical Education from Teachers College, Columbia University in 1954, joined District 30 and has been a part of our family for the past 35 years. He was a physical education teacher at Forest Road School and was also assigned to teaching primary physical education to students at Clear Stream Avenue

School. For the past two years, Mr. Stevens served as the Head of the Physical Education Department in District 30. He is looking forward to his retirement when he will be able to spend more time with his family and traveling during "the off season."

Mrs. Lazar and Mr. Stevens were honored at the Twenty-First Annual District 30 Retirement Party, where Mr. William Van Ness, Superintendent of Schools, served as Master of Ceremonies.

Another long-time member of District 30 staff retired—**Mrs. Ruth B. Kane**, Library Aide at Clear Stream Avenue School. What makes her retirement so noteworthy, is she has had this position for the past 16 years—possibly a record breaking time for the longest library aide in District 30! For numerous years, prior to working in the Library, Mrs. Kane worked in District 30 at various positions. Upon retirement, Mrs. Kane plans to do additional traveling, reading, continue volunteer work, swimming and fast-paced walking.

FIELD TRIPS—EXTENSION OF CLASSROOM LESSONS

As we all know, pupils are taught numerous lessons in their classroom. To broaden their knowledge and experiences, lessons are extended by field trips. Trips provide pupils with first-hand experiences of what they have learned, such as local trips to the fire house and hospitals, where they can "see" their community helpers as "real" people. Other examples: 6th graders

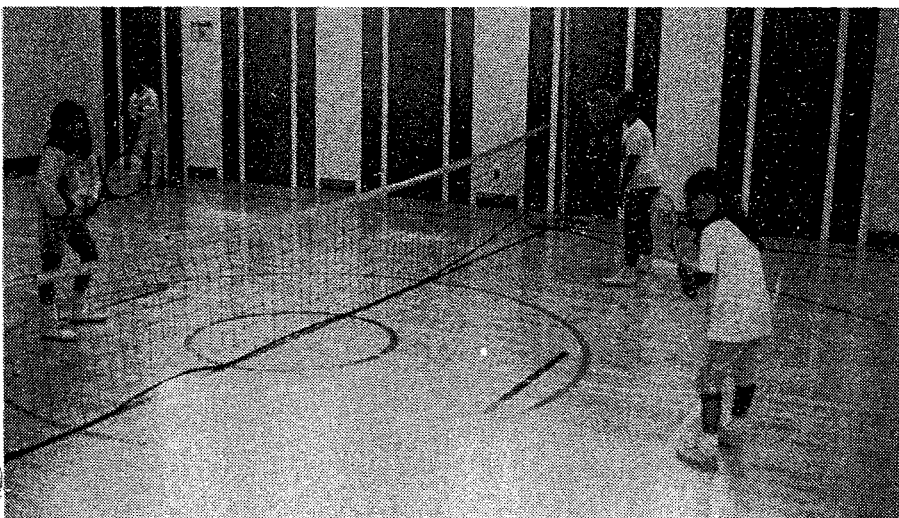


Students had an overall view of the "old time" village, from a tallship.

trip to Caumsett to view and experience the marvel of nature in action; or other classes visiting the zoo where animals they have read about in books "do in fact exist." Many of our students have traveled out of state to broaden their scope of education. The annual District Thirty 5th grade "Washington, D.C." trip has made learning history more exciting and meaningful as the pupils visit the Capitol, museums and The National Archives, to name a few. Last year, 6th graders from the Shaw Avenue School gained insight to our independence with a visit to Independence Hall and the Liberty Bell in Philadelphia. Sixth graders from the Clear Stream Avenue School traveled into the past as they journeyed to the Mystic Seaport in Connecticut. There the 6th graders saw the tallships, were provided with interesting lectures by characters in dress and visited local shops of the time period. "The ships exhibition and demonstration of a typical 1800 fishing and harbor life was exhilarating," stated Mr. David Cooper, 6th grade teacher.

Upcoming 1989-90 school trips are sure to be an exciting and enlightening experience for our students. (For further information about upcoming science trips, read the article "Outdoor Education—Agenda.")

WHAT A RACKET!



Under the instruction of Mrs. Joan Stein, Phys-Ed Teacher at Shaw Avenue School, 4th, 5th and 6th graders have formed a Tennis Club during lunchtime. They choose partners and the best 2 out of 3 games win for that day. In June, trophies will be given out.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION OF CLEAR STREAM AVENUE SCHOOL

First day of school: Children all excited, eager for new experiences, sun shining brightly—and to make it complete, a birthday celebration! Amid balloons and banners, the entire Clear Stream Avenue School, students and faculty, assembled on the front lawn to celebrate the 65th birthday of their school.

Village Trustee, Mr. Jack Sharkey, presented Mr. Richard Burbell, Principal, with a citation



Clear Stream Avenue School's 65th Birthday!

marking the occasion. Greetings were extended to all by Superintendent of Schools, Mr. William Van Ness and Board of Education President, Mrs. Leanore Egan. To top it off, under the direction of music teachers, Mrs. Linda Pratt and Mr. Henry Kohlmann, the en-

tire student body sang "Happy Birthday."

As reported to the audience, children and adults, by Principal Mr. Burbell, a brief history of the Clear Stream Avenue School was given:

Any visitor to the school should quickly become aware of three plaques: two in the main vestibule, the last in the hallway outside the gymnasium/auditorium. It was in 1923 that Community Trustees constructed the original three floor building to meet the needs of the growing student population. It should be noted that this replaced a former, temporary wooden structure that had belonged to an old time resident, Mr. Buscher. Five years later (1928), in order to meet the growing demands for more space, additional rooms were constructed at both ends of the floors facing the main entrance. At that time the All Purpose Room and the present lunch room were utilized as a gymnasium. In addition, Room B (a basement room) was used to house bicycles that the students rode to school. However, after World War II, the Valley Stream Thirty School District, as well as most other school districts, had to face an exploding migration of

families coming out to Long Island in the '50's. Therefore, in 1958 the new wing was constructed which now houses the present



Mr. Sharkey, Mr. Van Ness, Mrs. Egan and Mr. Burbell at the ceremony.

music room and gymnasium.

It is a credit to the long range thinking of the Board of Education and the community that the District has kept pace with changing needs. Our schools, including Clear Stream Avenue, the oldest of the three schools in District 30, are meeting the challenges by modernizing the facilities and updating the curriculum, too.

This is just the beginning! Other special events have been planned throughout the school year. It should also be noted, that through the efforts of Clear Stream Avenue PTA, a "65" flower box has been placed in front of the school.

CONCERT DATES ANNOUNCED

The Music Department is pleased to announce the concert schedule for the year. Each building will be presenting combined band, orchestra and chorus concerts for the winter and spring. The public is invited to attend and admission is **free**. Shaw Avenue School will present concerts on Thursday, December 14th and Tuesday, April 3rd. Forest Road School will make music on Wednesday, December 13th and Thursday, April 5th. Clear Stream Avenue School has scheduled Tuesday, December 12th for their Winter Melodies and Friday, March 30th for Spring. (The school calendar has this concert incorrectly listed for Fri., April 6. For those who have the calendar, please make this correction.)

AWARD WINNER



Mrs. Alice Dorb, Library/Media Specialist at Clear Stream Avenue School, is a recipient of WNET/ Channel Thirteen's UTIE Award. The award recognizes effective and imaginative use of television in education. Mrs. Dorb received the award for using the "Reading Rainbow" TV series as a vehicle for establishing and operating a Student Publishing Center at Clear Stream Avenue School.

PTA's BEGIN A NEW YEAR

The three Parent Teacher Associations of District 30 have begun their 1989-90 school year. The presidents for each of the units are as follows:

Clear Stream Avenue School:

Rosemary Miller and
Cynthia Dattoli

Forest Road School:

Carol Spigner

Shaw Avenue School:

Annette O'Keefe and
Chris Vessely

Our PTA units traditionally have been most effective in contributing to the success of the school system and have planned interesting programs throughout the year for students and parents. We urge your support of your local unit and extend our best wishes and congratulations to the new presidents and their executive boards.

AN EXCITING START

Kindergartners are off to a good start. The children have been learning all about their schools. They started out by attending school for half a day, then moved up to eating their lunch in the school cafeteria before going home. All the children started their full-day program on Oct. 2nd.

Exciting adventures and experiences await our kindergartners, especially at Forest Road School. During the month of October, the Valley Stream Fire Department will be visiting the kindergartners, complete with a fire engine and their Robot. Ron Garifalo, the former Valley Stream Fire Chief, will be giving them his expert tour. They will also take a trip to Green



Meadows Farm to learn more about farm animals, take a hay ride, a pony ride, and of course, pick their own Halloween pumpkins, too! One thing you can always count on, is a lot of happenings in Kindergarten Rooms 201 and 202 with Mrs. Roslyn Scheidt and Mrs. Susan Moskowitz!

OUTDOOR EDUCATION — AGENDA

Our 6th grade students will be braving the wilds of **Caumsett State Park** once again. The students will experience the variety of ecosystems which are available for study at the park, as well as activities which build self esteem, confidence and cooperation.

The studies include pond, seashore, forest, field and all time favorite salt marsh. The Naturalists who lead our motley crews provide insights to the development of each, their importance and the interdependence of the organisms which inhabit each sys-

tem studied. The complexity of the environment will be clearly demonstrated through varieties of motivational activities designed and presented by the Caumsett staff. It is expected that each of our students will depart Caumsett with the insight and sensitivity necessary for the preservation of these habitats, and will contribute significantly to the support of conservation efforts so important to the survival of wildlife. "I believe the Caumsett experience may be one of the many highlights of our

students in District 30," stated Mr. Dennis M. Carr. Science teachers, Mr. Carr (Shaw Avenue School) and Mr. Richard Kaufmann (Clear Stream and Forest Road Schools) will be accompanying the students on their learning experience.

Other science trips, which you will be hearing about, include:

Old Brookville—Hands-on environmental education, social studies and science integrated programs.

Little Jenny—Oceanographic Research Vessel.



Cold Spring Harbor Whaling Museum—Discovery of historic ways of life and the environment in which Long Islanders live.

Jones Beach—Exploration of the South Shore Long Island Beach, its terrain and wildlife.

The Science Department appreciates the support of our Board of Education, our teachers and especially our parents who are called upon to brave the cold, wet wilds of Long Island as the students research and explore the environment which surrounds us.

SUMMER READING

The Shaw Avenue School Reading Department organized a summer reading project to continue good reading habits that were established during the year. Almost one hundred students participated. Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grade students read four books with their parents and created posters, bookmarks and bookcovers. Third, 4th and 5th grade students read five books and created bookmarks, reports and dioramas.

Reading teachers, Mrs. Ann Glynn and Mrs. Rene Herman, would like to thank Mrs. Mary Mathews, Library/Media Specialist, who assisted in compiling the bibliographies and for displaying the pupils' reading projects in the library.

The culmination of this project



An added treat for Summer Reading!

was an "Ice Cream Sundae Extravaganza" held at the school on Friday, September 22nd. This extravaganza was made possible through the funding of the Shaw Avenue PTA. The children thoroughly enjoyed creating their sundae masterpieces.

GETTING TO KNOW KOKO



Alan Dancyger of Forest Road School is showing reading teachers, Mrs. Ada Keaney and Mrs. Nancy McInerney a letter he received from the Gorilla Foundation in California. As part of the Core Skills Program, Alan read and wrote about Koko, the gorilla trained by Dr. Francine Patterson. He became very interested in Koko and wrote to Dr. Patterson hoping to be able to visit Koko when he traveled to California.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

November 7	Election Day/Superintendents' Conference Day – NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
November *21	District 30 Committee Board of Education Meeting – 8:30 PM
November 23–24	Thanksgiving Recess – SCHOOLS CLOSED
November *28	District 30 Board of Education Meeting – 8:30 PM
December 6	Breakfast With The Superintendent – 9:15 AM at Forest Road School
December *19	District 30 Board of Education Meeting – 8:30 PM
Dec. 25–Jan. 2	Holiday Recess—SCHOOLS CLOSED

*Note time change

A "HEALTHY PERSPECTIVE" ON EDUCATION

District 30 has been chosen to be part of a state funded development project which is designed to provide an innovative model for the implementation of a new curriculum. Fourteen Shaw Avenue School teachers were trained in a day-long session on September 13th. They are: Mary Clavin, Mary Kay Ficarrota, Dorothy Nolan, Eileen Haydock, Josephine Harper, Josephine Ferranti, Miriam Sweet, Irene Stuto, Janet Fariel, Anne Marie Homer, George Beyer, Carl Riccobono, Gail Sherman and Ralph Laudano. The project, "Healthy Perspectives," is jointly sponsored by the State Education Department, Bureau of Health Education and Services, and the Bureau of Curriculum, and managed by the Southern Westchester BOCES Instructional Services Division. Shaw Avenue School is one of nine elementary schools in New York State that will be participating in piloting an instruction guide for integrating elementary health instruction with social studies, science and other content areas. There are three rural, three suburban and three city schools, one each, in each of three regions. The goals of the project are three-fold: To provide a mechanism which will help ensure quality health instruction in the elementary school; to develop a model for teacher skill development which will support classroom teachers in designing integrated instruction; and to conduct an extensive pilot test with field-based input and suggestions for improvement. We'll keep you informed about this exciting project!

NOON-HOUR AIDES NEEDED

Noon-hour aides are need to supervise the children during lunch time at each of our schools. If you are interested, please call Shaw Avenue School, 825-9131, for details.

STAFF AND FACULTY CHANGES

To continually meet our educational needs, some internal changes in our staff have been made. They are listed below according to schools:

Clear Stream Avenue School: Second grade teacher, Mary Maclean, has gone from 2nd to 3rd grade. Two new aides have joined the Library/Media Center: Fay Marino, formerly an Office Aide, who replaced retiree Ruth Kane, and Marge Croak, Noon-Hour Aide, who has taken over for Geraldine Sullivan, who resigned. Judy Neary is now the Permanent Substitute Teacher. Carolyn Biscardi, Computer Aide, will be expanding her knowledge directly into some of the classes throughout our district. Joining the Noon Hour Aide group are Angela Cussen, Ellen DeRienzo, Mary Kaszubski and Bernadette Lakovits. Jack DiPiazza and John Duffy have joined the custodial team.

Forest Road School: Rosemary Decker is now teaching the LC/1 class. Susan Stiefel has moved from 3rd grade to 4th

ARE SCHOOLS CLOSED?

Should weather conditions make it necessary to close the schools, the Valley Stream Fire Department will sound the alarm **10 times at 7:05 AM** and the following stations will make early morning announcements:

WGBB (1240) WGLI (1290)
WGSM (740) WHLI (1100)
WKJY (98FM) WINS (1010)
News 12 (Cablevision)

USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES

The Board of Education encourages the use of school facilities for community purposes when such use does not interfere with scheduled school programs. 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.

grade. Sherrie Lewis is teaching 5th grade. Former Contractual Substitute Teacher, Laura Vogel, is now a Teacher Assistant. Joining the Noon-Hour Aides are Sheryl Galatolie, Ali Friedman and Carol Ann Kerr, and in the Cafeteria, Joanne Rhodes.

Shaw Avenue School: Prior to taking over a Kindergarten class this year, Mary Kay Ficarrota was part of the Speech Department. Also teaching a Kindergarten class is Madelyn Schweigert, who taught in Clear Stream Avenue School. Marie Federici has moved from Kindergarten to 1st grade. Now a 1st grade teacher, Dorothy Nolan previously taught the LD class, and the new LD teacher is Gloria Weeks, returning from a maternity leave. Formerly a Teacher Assistant, Georgene Rogers is teaching 2nd grade. RoseMarie Patterson has moved from 4th to 3rd grade. An addition to 4th grade is Janet Fariel who previously taught kindergarten. Grace Pisano has joined the secretarial staff in the Business Office. Steven Ostop is now a member of the group of custodians.

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*May your heart and home ring with the joyful sounds of the Holiday Season
and each moment be warm and wonderful for you.
May the New Year bring peace, joy and good health to your entire family.*

Happy Holidays

*from District 30 Board of Education,
Administration, Faculty and Staff.*



MUSIC FESTIVAL PARTICIPANTS ANNOUNCED

The Music Department proudly announces this year's entrants in the Nassau Music Educators' All-County Music Festival. These students were recommended by their teachers on the basis of their musicianship, participation in the school music organizations and their reliability, and then selected by a county committee to perform in the festival. The students will be performing in a county band, chorus and orchestra at C.W. Post College on January 14, 1990. Selected for the chorus were Erica Friedman and Andrea Jetter from Forest Road; Tricia Hubbard and Elan Santiago from Shaw Avenue; Danielle Dierna and Charisse Richardson from Clear Stream Avenue. Band members are Gina Taliercio from Clear Stream Avenue; Jonathan Eisenberg from Forest Road; and William Li from Shaw Avenue. Orchestra members will be Andrea Flynn from Forest Road; Bernadette Culotta from Clear Stream; and Alison Shorter from Shaw Avenue. Members of District 30 schools are proud of them all.

FRIENDLY SCHOOLS WINS AWARD

The Friendly Schools publication has earned a Certificate of Merit Award in the 1989 New York State School Public Relations Association's (NYSPRA) Annual Publication Contest, the largest school publication contest of its kind in the country. NYSPRA sponsors the contest to recognize professional excellence in the field of school public relations. Awards were presented during the New York State School Boards Association Convention, which was held in Niagara Falls. District 30's Board of Education Vice President, Mr. Richard Eisenberg, accepted the award in behalf of District 30 and Marie Stone, editor of *The Friendly Schools*. The feature article that was acknowledged was "Beyond the 3 R's," which appeared in the May 1989 issue.

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**NEEDLEPOINT
CLUB**



Every Monday afternoon, some Clear Stream Avenue School 4th and 5th graders gather to make projects and have lots of fun at their Needlepoint Club meeting. The members of the club, supervised by Mrs. Jane Voss (4th grade teacher), are taught basic stitches that enable them to design and make useful projects like decorative signs, bookends and tissue box covers. Some of these projects will be given, with much pride, as holiday gifts to family members.

SAVE ENDANGERED EARTH

In celebration of National Geography Awareness Week, the students and faculty at Shaw Avenue School devoted their efforts to a program of environmental studies. This year's theme is "Geography—Key to Our Environment."

Two special assemblies were held on Tuesday, November 14th, where every student participated. Their main goal was to pass the word—S.S.E. (Save Endangered Earth). Donned in her "map" jacket, Mrs. Susan Wasserman, 5th grade teacher and District 30 Social Studies Coordinator, welcomed the students, teachers and parents to these special assemblies.

Third to sixth graders participated in the first assembly: Third graders represented the continent of Africa; fourth graders represented North America and the Caribbean countries; fifth graders Tropical Rain Forests of South America; and representing Europe were 6th graders.

The second assembly consisted of students representing the following: Kindergartners represented Antarctica; the problem in Australia was demonstrated by first graders; second graders represented the largest continent, Asia.

Each group explained the environmental problems of each area

(such as deforestation, acid rain, destruction of wild life). The classes made posters and sang songs to further express their concerns for our planet. Earth. Music teacher, Mrs. Barbara Briker-Kreeger, accompanied them on the piano.

It should be noted that this special program was sponsored by the fifth graders, who participated in both assemblies and ended the program by naming our 50 states.

A special commendation was made to Mrs. Lois Benedetto's 4th grade class, who had 100% participation in the "Soccer in Geography" program sponsored by Mr. Thomas Rouse and Mrs. Susan Wasserman for grades three to six.

Upon conclusion of the program, Dr. Patricia Callow, Principal, praised Mrs. Wasserman for the enlightening extravaganza and the cooperation of students and teachers.

Our planet is a fragile place which needs our help concerning our most valuable surroundings—the air, land, water and energy resources, as well as plants and animals. A study of geography helps to give us an understanding about what is good to Mother Earth and what threatens her survival. This program brought these problems to the attention of students and parents, alike.



Kindergartners asked, "What will happen to the penguins when their food supply is threatened?"

THANKSGIVING — 1621/1989

Wednesday morning, November 22, 1989, proved to be a busy time for teachers and students in our three schools. Many of the classes had their own celebrations of this holiday. Among them was the Annual Thanksgiving Breakfast at Forest Road School. Prepara-

hectic first Thanksgiving in 1621.

This annual event at Forest Road School has become one which many look forward to. It highlights the truly American holiday, Thanksgiving, and lets us all reflect on the many things we have to be thankful for.



In Forest Road School, students turned back time to 1621.

tions for this "feast" were taken care of by Mrs. Linda Kessler and the Student Council members, along with 6th graders. Breakfast consisted of juice, bagels, stuffed celery and milk for the students and tea or coffee for the adults.

Following the breakfast, 53 members of the student body from kindergarten through 6th grade participated in a Thanksgiving play, *Unexpected Guests*. Under the direction of Mrs. Mary Ruschin, 2nd grade teacher, and with music provided by Mrs. Frances Gibson, music teacher, the children portrayed Pilgrims and Indians preparing for the

At Shaw Avenue School, a special assembly was held. Second graders from Mrs. Josephine Ferranti's class told their story about the first Thanksgiving and all the delicious food that will be served on Thanksgiving—including all the leftovers!

Meanwhile, at Clear Stream Avenue School the kindergartners had their feast, which was prepared by their teachers, Mr. Vincent Libertini, Mrs. Arlene Sacks and class mothers. Dressed as Indians and Pilgrims, the students, teacher and parents reenacted the first Thanksgiving.

MONSTERS EVERYWHERE

Earlier this year, the kindergarten children in Miss Mary Clavin's class had a "Monster Party." This event at Shaw Avenue School was a final celebration of their study of monsters. Their monsters were friendly and lovable and showed up everywhere—from the math area to the snack table.

Each child made his own monster and served "monster cookies" and read out loud "The Monster's Party," recited "My Pet Monstersaur," and danced to the "Monster Mash." It was a monstrous good time for all!!

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

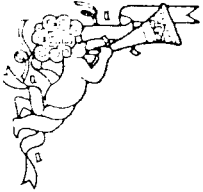
Fire Prevention Week was a real hit among kindergartners at Forest Road School. They waited anxiously as Valley Stream Fire Department ex-Fire Chief Ron Garofalo drove up to Forest Road



Mrs. Moskowitz, Ron Garofalo and Mrs. Scheidt during Fire Prevention Week.

School in a "real" fire truck. He discussed the special clothing firemen wear and fire prevention. Children saw a film and learned how important it is to "drop low and go" when you smell smoke. When students were asked if they would like to climb on the fire pump truck, they enthusiastically said "YES!"

Kindergarten teachers, Mrs. Roslyn Scheidt and Mrs. Susan Moskowitz would like to thank Ron Garofalo for all that he does to educate Valley Stream children about fire safety. Before he departed from the classroom, he gave each child a coloring book, pencil, badge and placemat to help remind them of the importance of practicing good fire safety. Mrs. Scheidt and Mrs. Moskowitz were presented with a certificate for their participation in Fire Prevention Week. (Note: Clear Stream Avenue and Shaw Avenue Schools also participated in Fire Prevention Week. They would like to extend their thanks to their local Fire Departments and volunteers).



Memories of Past Decades



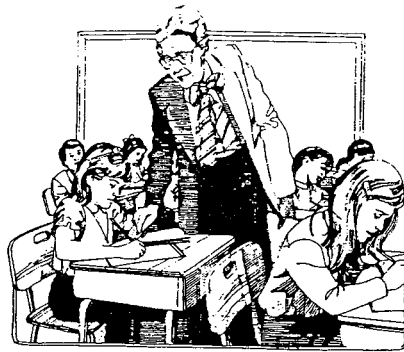
As we bid farewell to 1989, and greet the new decade—1990, some of our community members and faculty have reflected on past memories. We at District 30 would like to share them with you and take you on a trip into the past:

• From Marie Reilly: "When I recall the years my daughter, Christine spent in Clear Stream Avenue School, I think of a gala event in 1976. It was a medley of patriotic songs, led by music teacher, Mrs. Linda Pratt. It was performed so professionally—it was as good as a Broadway show. Between the music and chorus, you just wanted to get up and march! I hope programs like that have continued. We had a *great* time and it was an enjoyable event that *both* parents and their children could *share*." Mrs. Reilly added: "Many times I think of Mr. Burbell, the principal. His amazing ability to remember each child's name is unbelievable—even if he hasn't seen them for years. As an afterthought, Mrs. Reilly recalled: "When Chris was a pre-schooler, we were all asked to participate in a screening of a new educational television show at Clear Stream. The children really enjoyed the show, and were attentive. It was a huge success. The program was *Sesame Street*. (Note: Chris is presently studying to become an attorney at Brooklyn Law School.)."

• From Genie Melone: "When I began my career in District 30 as a classroom teacher, I had the honor of meeting Rosemary Williams, a reading teacher at the Shaw Avenue School. Over the next few years, I observed the way Rosemary dealt with the remedial students from my classes. The children enjoyed working with Mrs. Williams—I think much had to do with the way she built their confidence by limiting their

failures and encouraging their successes. For the past six years I have been a reading teacher at Clear Stream Avenue School. I reflect often on my mentor's teaching style and hope to inspire my students to achieve the way Rosemary Williams has inspired me."

• From Rosalind Strumpf: Mrs. Strumpf taught 1st grade at Clear Stream Avenue School and 3rd grade at Shaw Avenue School between 1958–1983. She recalled several of the class activities that



she enjoyed. (Do some of the students and families remember these?) "Supermarket shopping at A&P, where I gave students a shopping list and money to actually buy food items for me. The students had to show arithmetic calculations, especially correct change." (What a great math lesson!) She also recalls: "Planning and practicing for plays, such as *Peter Pan*, *Wizard of Oz*, *Hansel & Gretel*, and *Boy From France*. All were performed at the Senior Citizen Lincoln Hotel in Long Beach. It was a great event for the elderly and for the children." Mrs. Strumpf's memories are numerous, unfortunately our space isn't, but to bring back memories for her ex-students, do you recall: The class restaurant; writing plays during lunchtime; Eskimos display for Art Exhibit Night; "Rain Forest" filmstrip; Social Studies Unit par-

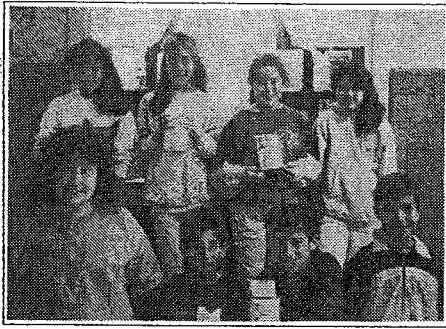
ties; Folk Dancing—Lolly Lo Melody; plus formal debates such as, "Should children have homework?"

• From Sharon Scheffler Hittman: She attended Forest Road School from the middle of 2nd grade until graduation in 1963. "My memory of my days at Forest Road School are fond ones. They are ones I wish my children were able to experience. Attending Forest Road was like going to a private school. No one was bussed to school and therefore all your friends from school were readily accessible for after school activities and playtime. The playground was our own private backyard during after school hours—something my brother, Michael, and his friends took full advantage of. I hope the children currently attending Forest Road School can look back on their elementary school days with the same warm, wonderful feeling that I still have after almost 27 years." (Note: Mrs. Scheffler Hittman presently lives in Rockland County, is a mother of two and involved in PTA and the Board of Education.)

• From Doris Pritchard: "I recall all the class plays my children, Lois, Bob and Karen, have been in, especially the musical extravaganza entitled, *Pirates of Penzance*. It was 1961, Bob was in 6th grade, and he played Frederick. What made this event very special to me, was it was the first time I "really" heard him sing. I couldn't believe that was *my* son up on stage singing soprano. His music teacher was Ms. Bunny Stevenson. Bob also participated in the band and orchestra—recitals were held at Shaw Avenue School. (Note: Bob Pritchard has recently gone into accounting, but

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CANNED CRITICS



Sixth grade critics.

Sixth graders from Forest Road School displayed their "canned critic" book reviews, an interdisciplinary art project featured in the lobby showcase during Children's Book Week.

After selecting and reading a novel, each student designed a book cover for the outside of a coffee can and created three dimensional figures representing book characters which are stored inside. Using the word processor, each student's book review was printed out in a narrow strip and then illustrated. The review was threaded through the lid in a pull-out format for viewing.

The book reviews will be permanently displayed in the library for all to enjoy. Coordinating this project were: Art teacher, Mrs. Susan Baron; art student teacher, Mrs. Linda Shedlock; computer aide Mrs. Lydia Rosen; Library/Media Specialist, Mrs. Carole Tolle; and classroom teachers, Mrs. Linda Kessler and Mrs. Cathy Wood.

FOLK FESTIVAL

At the recent "Folk Song and Dance Festival" at Clear Stream Avenue School, each grade presented a song and dance that were coordinated with the social

4-Best Diction; Grade 5-Most Enthusiastic Dancing; Grade 6-Most Interesting and Original, Best Singing Quality and Volume.



Fifth graders enthusiastically performed the "Mexican Hat Dance."

studies curriculum. Under the direction of Mrs. Linda Pratt, music teacher, every child in grades 1 through 6 had an opportunity to perform. The dances ranged from play-party songs and dances (1st graders); Indian rain dance (3rd graders); Civil War song and dance (4th graders); South American song and Mexican dance (5th graders); and Polynesian Stick dance (6th graders).

Several of the teachers acted as judges and the following awards were given: Grade 1-Best General Appearance; Grade 2-Most Skillful Dancing; Grade 3-Most Enthusiastic Singing and Cooperative Dancing, Best in the Show; Grade

COMFY FEET

We all have a favorite pair of "knock around" shoes and Mrs. Ellen Totten's 5th graders, in Clear Stream Avenue School, have written poems about theirs. Here are two of them.

MY SNEAKERS

My sneakers are like a friend to me.

I wouldn't ever want to give them up.

They're dirty, old, ripped, worn, and smelly

But, they're warm and comfortable.

They take me camping in the woods.

At home they keep me company
As I watch TV.

When I go out and play,

My sneakers run fast like a rabbit.

I don't wear them to school

No-one would understand that

We're such good friends.

By: Daniela Scrozzo

MY FAVORITE SHOES

My favorite shoes are my L.A. Gears

They are blue, black and white.

They are falling apart—they are a wreck.

They are cozy and comfortable to my feet.

When I am in games, I win or almost win.

The bottoms of my shoes are coming off.

I really like my shoes.

By: Wayne Barreto

VIEWING OTHER LANDS

Mr. Horowitz, a friend of Mrs. Susan Wasserman at Shaw Avenue School, visited her class and shared slides of his trip to the Galapagos Islands. Here are some comments the 5th graders wrote:

"I think the film was wonderful because of all the animals and scenery. I feel sorry for the people that are there. I think the film was nice because of the reptiles and snakes. I wonder how they got there. I think Mr. Horowitz was nice enough to bring the slides in. Thank you."

(Written by Timothy Erbig)

"One thing I learned about the Islands is that they have beautiful scenery. From the rocks to the ocean it was very pretty to look at. The animals added a finishing touch to all the things, such as the sea gulls flying over the water or the scarlet crabs crawling on the rocks. I think it was a beautiful island."

(Written by Lauren Puccio)

READING PALS PROGRAM BEGINS



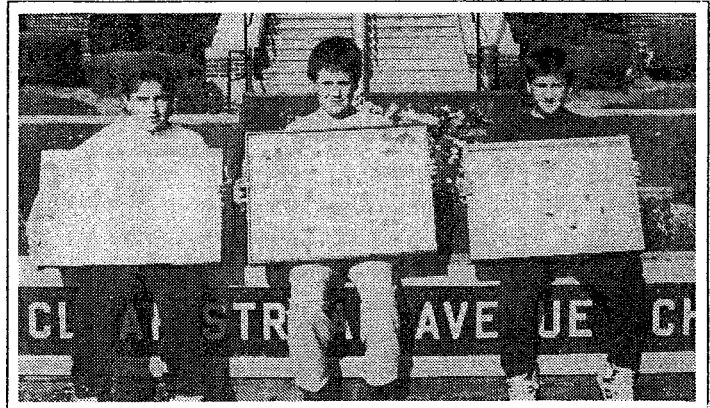
Kindergartners listen attentively to Mr. Wohl's story.

Primary grades (K-3) at Forest Road School have started a "Reading Pals Program." During this special program, each child in kindergarten will have his/her reading pal from the second grade, and the first graders will have their own reading pals from the third grade. At least once a week, for about ten minutes, the older child will come into the younger child's classroom and read a story. The children will have a chance to discuss the story. During the course of the year, both partners will be involved in projects together, which will tie in with their curriculum units of study. Students from the following classes will be involved in this program: Kindergartners in Mrs. Roslyn Scheidt's and Mrs. Susan Moskowitz' classes; First graders in Mrs. Marie Barry's and Mrs. Vivian Cafiso's classes; Second graders in Mrs. Grace Guttman's and Mrs. Mary Ruschin's classes; and third graders in Ms. Lucille Maresca's. The teachers involved feel that this program is a way to stimulate more reading among the pupils and allow them a chance to further develop comprehension and critical thinking through discussion of what is read. It is also a way to make both the older and younger children feel "special," because he/she has a reading pal of

his/her own.

To launch this program, Mr. Clifford Wohl, from Rabbit Hill Children's Bookstore at 1235 Broadway in Hewlett, visited the pupils in their classrooms. He read them stories and poems which came alive with his enthusiasm and expression. Mr. Wohl stirred the pupils' eagerness to read, and the Reading Pals Program began.

L.I. FAIR WINNERS



Three students from Clear Stream Avenue School won ribbons at the annual L.I. Fair, for their outstanding insects displays. Science teacher, Mr. Richard Kaufmann, is proud to announce the winners: Thomas Albano (2nd place), Chris Okpych (1st place), and Eddie Miller (3rd place). Congratulations to them all.

THE GREATEST THING IN THIS WORLD IS NOT SO MUCH WHERE WE ARE, BUT IN WHAT DIRECTION WE ARE MOVING.

—Oliver Wendell Holmes

Just How Do Children Feel About School?

Mrs. Rose Marie Patterson's 3rd grade class at Shaw Avenue School participated in the *Weekly Reader National Survey* on schools.

Most of the classes agreed they liked school and thought that their schoolbooks were excellent. When asked what they felt were the most important subjects, the boys responded "mathematics and social studies." The girls agreed with social studies, but thought

"reading" was more important.

The boys' favorite subject was "mathematics," while the girls' favorite subject was "writing."

The hardest subject, both boys and girls agreed, was "social studies." But when asked, "How hard is your schoolwork," all agreed "just right."

Ninety-nine percent of the class agreed it was important to do well in school. However, the boys felt

the most important thing to learn in school was "to be good at math;" the girls thought "to speak and write well" was more important. Twelve of the twenty children participating in the survey would like to be teachers when they grow up.

The class is eagerly awaiting the results of the survey to compare their responses with the other 3rd grade children in our nation.

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his heart still belongs to music, and he continues to write and record music and songs.)

• From Mrs. Dorothy Winik: "I noticed your request (in Oct. *Friendly Schools*) for anecdotes and soon after an incident, that had occurred when our son, Jeffrey, was in the 4th (?) grade, was recalled and laughed about. He attended Forest Road School and was an independent boy. When I noticed him struggling with homework I offered help, which he refused. The next day I caught him writing something over and over, but again he refused help, saying he had misspelled a word and had to write it 10 times. The next day the same, except now he had to write the word 25 times. Again my help was refused. The following day I noticed that he was teary as he did his homework and he said he had to write the word 100 times. I stopped him and asked what the word was—it was "curious," except that he had spelled it "queerous," "queerious" and "queerios" previously, and was now spelling it "querious." He said the teacher kept telling him to "look it up in a dictionary." (Note: Jeffrey has gone on to become an attorney in Boston.)

• From Mary McDowell: Mrs. McDowell, who retired from her secretarial position at Forest Road School 12 years ago, reflected on a very special event that started in 1964. "The children and faculty of Forest Road School 'adopted' a young Chinese girl through the Foster Parent Program. Her name is Lai Suk Fong from Hong Kong. Students raised money in various ways to contribute to the monthly support. Part of this program was the monthly exchange of letters. As secretary, I corresponded with Suk Fong. Approximately 3 years later the Foster Parent Program was discontinued, but I continued to correspond with Suk Fong. When retiree, Ms. Marilyn Clarke (who taught in Forest Road and Clear Stream Avenue Schools) went to Hong Kong, she visited

EXCEL NEWS

"We're off to an exciting start for our EXCEL year!" stated Ms. Gail Starler, EXCEL Teacher.

• In November, the 6th graders visited the American Museum of the Moving Image in Astoria, Queens. The program is designed to examine motion pictures and television

as cultural and industrial phenomena. One of the topics that was investigated is called "Production, Promotion, and Exhibition." There were many hands-on

activities, including the opportunity to create their own commercials.

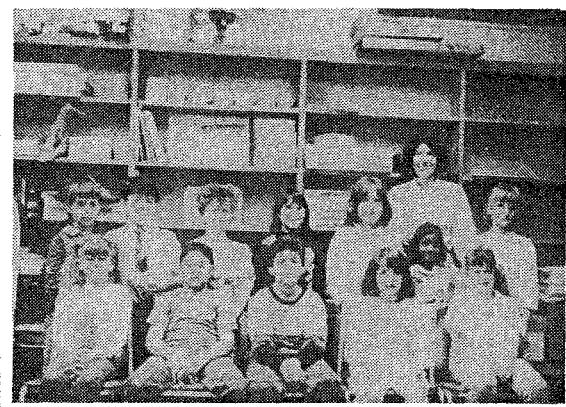
• Both 5th and 6th graders ventured to the Brookhaven National Lab. They visited the Brookhaven Graphite Research Reactor, which is the world's first nuclear reactor built to study peaceful uses of the atom. From 1950 to 1968 the reactor operated as a giant tool for scientists; today it houses the Exhibit Center/Science Museum. As a result of this tour, the students were exposed to an advanced understanding of the physical and life sciences, environmental problems and energy technology.

• On their first day in EXCEL, the third graders posed for pic-

Suk Fong and brought back photographs of their far away friend. Suk Fong's English name is Laetitia Lai."

The story continues: After corresponding with Laetitia for over 25 years, and following her growth into a beautiful woman, Mrs. McDowell and Laetitia are going to meet. Laetitia will be meeting her American friend, Mary McDow-

ell, the beginning of this month. She is also hoping to visit Forest Road School, where she long ago received support for herself and family members. This holiday season is extra special for Mrs. McDowell, as she anxiously awaits meeting Laetitia. (Editor's Note: A follow-up story of this meeting will appear in the next issue of *The Friendly School*.)



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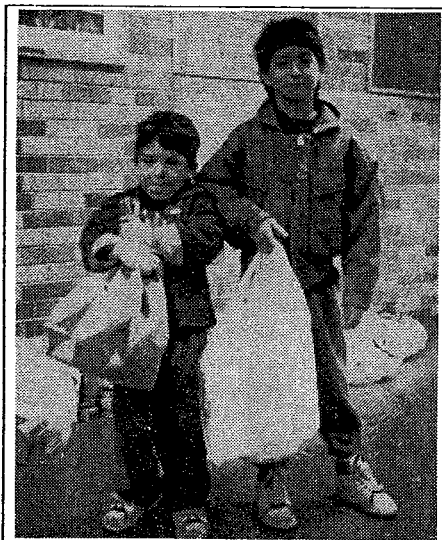
December 19	District 30 Board of Education Meeting— 8:30 PM
25-29	Holiday Recess—SCHOOLS CLOSED
January 1-2	New Year's Recess—SCHOOLS CLOSED
15	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day—SCHOOLS CLOSED
16	District 30 Committee Board of Education Meeting— 8:30 PM
23	District 30 Board of Education Meeting— 8:30 PM



CARING ABOUT OTHERS

Filled with concern for the families affected by Hurricane Hugo in South Carolina, the 6th grade classes of Shaw Avenue School formed a Charleston Committee to organize the collection of non-perishable foods and other necessities for these victims. A similar effort by the students of East Lake School in Massapequa led to the coordinating of both projects under the supervision of Principals Dr. Patricia Callow from Shaw Avenue and Mr. John Callow from East Lake. Due to the generosity of the Roadway Express Trucking Company of Deer Park, free shipping was provided. Shaw Avenue

families rose to the occasion, and dozens of cartons of supplies were donated. Credit is due to Mrs. Lorraine Brooks, PTA Grade Representative Coordinator, and her team of class mothers who



Everyone helped—even Anthony Ferreri's (right) younger brother Frankie.

NOT A BUGGING PROJECT!

On November 10th, the Long Island Center for Arts and Sciences presented a unique program to the 2nd graders at Clear Stream Avenue School.

Mrs. Carol Ventura and Mrs. Chris Murray hosted the Center's "Build a Bug" project which focused on insect anatomy and their special adaptations for survival. Each class created an insect and then each child constructed their very own "bug" with recycled materials. The interdisciplinary approach of this program encouraged science, math, reading and thinking skills as well as stimulating the imagination of its young participants.

organized a telephone chain to remind parents of their project.

Shaw Avenue's Charleston Committee members were invited to East Lake School to help oversee the loading of the goods collected onto the truck bound for Charleston. The Shaw Avenue students enjoyed visiting 6th grade classrooms and having lunch with their East Lake counterparts. It was a wonderful day with the sharing of ideas for a common goal. Congratulations to all on a job well done.

TEACHERS' DEFENSIVE DRIVING A "SMASHING" SUCCESS

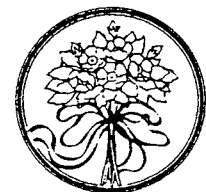
The Valley Stream Teacher Center recently offered two courses in Defensive Driving. They were presented by Mr. William Feeley of Defensive Driving Program, Inc. From the five school districts which comprise the Valley Stream Teacher Center consortium, 58 teachers and their families completed the course.

People who complete the course are eligible for a 10% per year reduction on both auto liability and collision insurance for three years (a savings of \$50 to \$500). It can also remove up to three points from a driving record. The main focus of this course is to allow drivers to discover their driving attitude and the effect it has on the way they handle themselves on the highway.

Because of the popularity of the course, the Valley Stream Teacher Center is planning to offer the course again in March 1990. For further information call the Teacher Center at 561-1492.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Recently, Ms. Dale Schindelman, 4th grade teacher at Clear Stream Avenue School, married. Her family at District 30 would like to say: "Congratulations and best wishes for a bright and happy future, Mr. and Mrs. Ehrenreich!"



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 name and addresses to The Business Office, V.S.U.F.S.D. #30, Shaw Avenue School, Valley Stream, New York 11582.

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? WHY? WHY? WHY? ? COME JOIN US AND FIND OUT!

Why are school taxes so high? How are my taxes being spent? What does austerity mean to my child and community? Where do we go from here? These are some of the questions taxpayers are concerned about and with just cause. Are you aware that the portion of the school budget supported by the State becomes smaller every year, while the "mandated cost" required by law continues to increase?

To assist taxpayers to better understand the budget, a presentation of the proposed budget has been arranged for **Wednesday, April 4, 1990** at Forest Road School. The presentation will begin at 8 P.M. and will include the Central High School and the District 30 Elementary proposed budget. Any organization or individual from the district is invited to this presentation. We feel the taxpayer **should** know how their tax dollars are being spent and encourage them to ask questions at this meeting, so be sure to join us. The actual voting on the Valley Stream Elementary and High School District Budgets will take place on Wednesday, May 2, 1990 from 7:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M.

IMMUNIZATION UPDATE AND SCHOOL REGISTRATION INFO

* **IMMUNIZATION UPDATE:** During the past few years new patterns of illness have become apparent in N.Y. State. It has become necessary to amend the Public Health Law, and the education law, in relation to the immunization of school children. Specifically, the outbreak of measles has been noted in the college age population. The reasons for this are not entirely agreed upon by the health officials, but it appears that a single measles inoculation does not guarantee lifetime immunity. As a result, by September 1990 **all** children entering kindergarten **must** have received **two** doses of measles vaccine (M.M.R. preferred for both doses).

Haemophilus influenza type b (Hib) is a common childhood disease that is most common in young children up to 3 years old. However, Hib is also the cause of several diseases, including arthritis, pneumonia and is the leading cause of meningitis in children. Fortunately, safe vaccines are available to protect our children from these diseases. As a result of these findings, Hib vaccine is required for children entering kindergarten. For further inoculation requirements for school registration, read below.

(NOTE: As of Jan. 1, 1990 Hib vaccinations are required for all children between 18 months and 5 years old, who are entering day-care centers or pre-school classes. As of Aug. 1, 1990, if your child is entering college, two measles, mumps and rubella vaccines will also be required.)



* **SCHOOL REGISTRATION INFORMATION:** Registration for next year's kindergarten

children, and first graders entering school for the first time, will be held on Friday, April 27, 1990 between 9 A.M. and 11 A.M., at all District 30 schools. No registration will be accepted without a birth certificate as proof of date of birth. A child must have been born on or before December 1, 1985 to be eligible for kindergarten. **NO EXCEPTIONS ARE EVER MADE TO THE ENTERING AGE REQUIREMENTS.** Children entering school for the first time must also present one or more certificates indicating that they have received the following immunizations: 3 D.P.T. (Diphtheria, Pertussis and Tetanus); 3 O.P.V. (oral polio vaccines); *2 measles; mumps, rubella and *Hib. (*Note: The extra measles and Hib immunizations are only required for children entering kindergarten.)

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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.

**SCHOOL BUDGET
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 Thirty was adopted by the Board of Education: Every person registered to vote in the May 1986-87 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.

PLEASE 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 further registration.

REGISTRATION DATE: Registration for voting on the budget and for Board members will be at all three schools (Clear Stream Avenue, Forest Road and Shaw Avenue) on Wednesday, April 25, 1990, 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.

TIME CAPSULES BURIED

Through the efforts of Shaw Avenue School's PTA, funds from PTA have been utilized to purchase kindergarten playground equipment.

As custodians, Mr. Luke Basile and Mr. Richard Traffi-

canda prepared to pour the foundation for the new equipment, they paused in their duties for a special event. The four kindergarten classes had prepared two time capsules to be buried in the foundation. The students chose "important and interesting" items for their capsules. The capsule from Mrs. Constance Cummings' and Ms. Mary Clavin's classes contained: a birthday cookie, empty small milk container, a picture of pizza (which they were to have for lunch), a photograph of Mrs. Cummings' class, and drawings of the students' favorite things from Ms. Clavin's class.

Mrs. Madelyn Schweigert's and Mrs. Mary Kay Ficarrotta's capsule contained: stones used in making stone soup in Mrs. Ficarrotta's class, a lost mitten, plus a mini bagel (marking their "B" day) and a class photograph of Mrs.



Teachers and students prepare to bury their time capsules.

Schweigert's class.

In time to come, who will find these treasures of the kindergarten class of 1990?

**PETITIONS FOR BOARD CANDIDATES
AND PROPOSITION INFORMATION**



Petitions for Board Candidates: Petitions are available at the Main Office of the Shaw Avenue School, but must be filed before 5 P.M. on Monday, April 2, 1990. Twenty-five resident signatures are required on this petition in accordance with Section 2018 of the State Education Law.



Propositions: For a proposition to be considered to be placed on the ballot, it requires 51 registered voters' signatures, which is 5% of the number of those who voted in the previous annual election, and must be received by the Board of Education no later than Monday, April 2, 1990.

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. This transportation is provided only when the following conditions are met:

1. A written request for a specific school is made by the parents to the school district no later than April 1, 1990.
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, 1990.

New York State Education Law specifically states that applications must be made annually for each new school year.

If your child meets the above requirements, please send in your request for transportation for the 1990-91 school year no later than April 1, 1990. Send your request to: Business Office, Shaw Avenue School, Valley Stream, New York 11582.

PTA REFLECTION PROGRAM

WHERE DOES THE SKY END? This challenging question was answered by several of our District 30 students who participated in this year's National PTA Reflection Program. Students in kindergarten through 6th grade expressed their talents and creativity in four categories: Music, Photography, Visual Arts, and Literature. Although it was a difficult decision to choose the finalist, our PTA representatives have chosen the following students to represent their school on the Nassau District Level of competition:

From Shaw Avenue School (Chairperson, Mrs. Judy Dello Russo):

Music: Kathryn Miller and Allison Lievre

Photography: Teri O'Keefe and Theresa McGrady

Visual Arts: Jonathan Bjelland, Yitool Pradith and Nicky Hall

Literature: Andrea Dello Russo, Kerri Parisi and Alicia Esposito

From Forest Road School

(Chairperson, Mrs. Susan Vigi-
giano):

Photography: Charles Muratore

Visual Arts: Jared Spigner, Sal Ferro and Jamie Jeuda

Literature: Douglas Cohen, Jennifer Schwartz and Jill Krakowski

From Clear Stream Avenue School (Chairperson, Mrs. Kathy Russo):

Music: Gina Marie Taliercio and Kathleen Trimboli

Photography: Scott Fowler, Elena DeCandia and Andrew Manger

Visual Arts: Denise Diaz, Rosalie Ranello and Christopher Bastardi

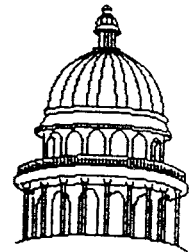
Literature: Laura Brennan, Jessica Liou and Nicholas Ciano

By the time this issue of *The Friendly Schools* is printed, the Nassau District Level of competition will have taken place. Whether they go on to compete in the State and National competition, we are proud of all these students for their efforts.



ANNUAL WASHINGTON, D.C. TRIP

On Thursday, March 15th, fifth graders from District 30 will board a Motor Coach and start their two day venture to Washington, D.C. Their itinerary will include the Federal Bureau of Investigation Headquarters, the Capitol, and the



National Air and Space Museum. Prior to their arrival at the Quality Inn Colony 7 in Maryland, our young voyagers will visit the Jefferson Memorial. After a good night's sleep, students will visit the Lincoln and Vietnam Memorials. Their route will then take them across the Potomac River, into Virginia and the Arlington National Cemetery, where they will participate in the wreath-placing ceremony. The list of activities goes on and on, and so do the excitement, experience and knowledge that our fifth graders will gain.

Fund raisers were held to help curtail the expense of this trip. One of which was the return performance of "The Blaze Concert," the other a raffle, which included a compact disc player, color TV, VCR, stereo system and microwave oven, as prizes. The drawing was held at our Forest Road School on March 6th. Congratulations to the winners! Everyone's support and participation in these fund raisers was greatly appreciated.

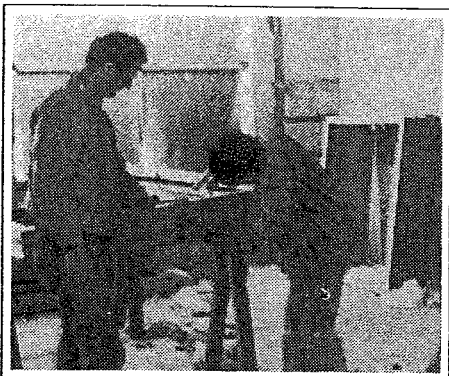
Bb DAY!



The kindergarten class at Shaw Avenue School brought in a bunch of bears, who brunched on baby buttered bagels, and then were burped. Their teacher, Mrs. Madelyn Schweigert (center) also got into the swing of things and wore a bear shirt. Among this bunch of bear bearers are (right) Mrs. Sandy Loheide, teacher aide, and (left) Mrs. Jeanette Manno, noon hour aide.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES NEAR COMPLETION

District 30 has always met the needs of the student population. Our District began in 1925 when Clear Stream Avenue School was



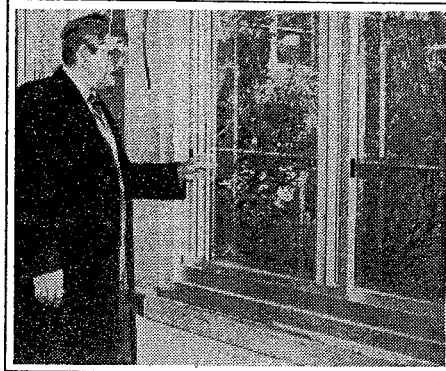
New windows were required. Pictured are workmen assembling the window units prior to installation.

opened, then Shaw Avenue School, followed by the opening of the Forest Road School. In 1956, the Washington Avenue School was then opened to meet further enrollment in our District. (Note: District 30 and their first school building, Clear Stream Avenue School, are celebrating their 65th birthday this year.)

As times and needs changed, all of our students were placed in our three present schools. Washington Avenue School was then utilized by the Valley Stream Vil-

lage for youth programs and then leased to the Wooden Shoe Nursery School.

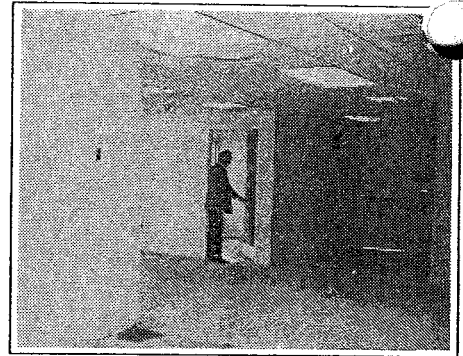
With enrollment increases expected to continue in the next few years, the District 30 Board of Education and Superintendent of



Mr. Gregory Abbate examining the windows and security system.

Schools found it necessary to utilize the Washington Avenue building. To provide more classroom space in our District, the District 30 administrative offices will be relocated to the Washington Avenue building.

After careful consideration, the floor plans of Mr. Gregory Abbate,

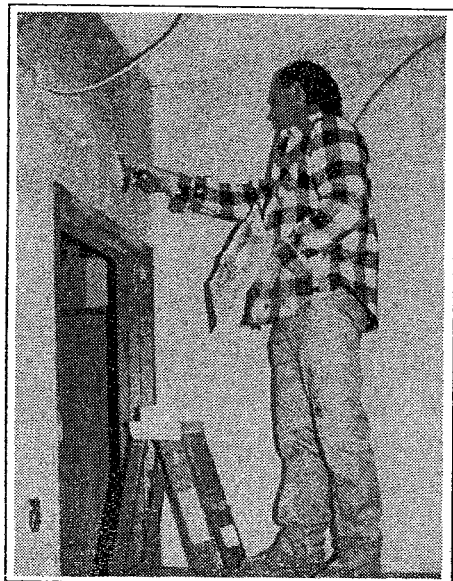


Walls finished, light fixtures installed—project near completion.

District 30 Director of Facilities and Operation, was chosen, and the architect John Grillo and Viron Construction Co. (general contractors) were employed to reconstruct the building into offices.

The progress of this project was monitored by Mr. Abbate and reported to the Board of Education and Mr. Van Ness, Superintendent of Schools.

Construction at the "Washington Avenue Administrative Office for District 30" is now near completion. The District plans to move into the building during the Spring recess.

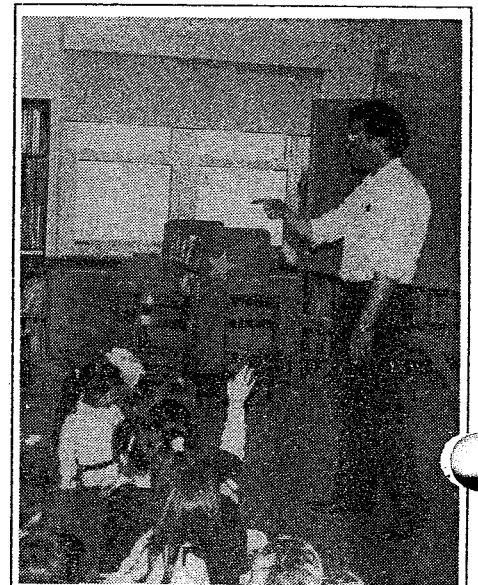


New walls and doors to separate the offices were constructed and plaster work was necessary.

AUTHOR VISITS SCHOOL

At several sessions, grades 1 to 6 met in the Forest Road School's library to greet an author of several books they have read—David A. Adler. Mr. Adler is best known for his Can Jansen Adventure Series and The Fourth Floor Twins Series. This talented man has also written science, math and economics books, and biographies of Golda Meir and George Washington, among others. Mr. Adler explained to the pupils how he writes a book; gets his ideas (he often bases his fiction on incidents in his life); the illustrations; and how much research must be done prior to writing.

The students were eager to participate in his discussions and enjoyed pointing out his books on the Forest Road School library shelves. With the assistance of Mrs. Carol Tolle, Library/Media Specialist, this meaningful experience was sponsored by the Forest Road School's PTA.



MATH CLUB SCORES HIGH

Everyone at Shaw Avenue School is very proud of their Math Club's performance in the first meet of the Continental Mathematics League.

The club, sponsored by 5th grade teacher, Mr. Carl Riccobono, participated at the 5th and 6th grade competition levels. Their 5th graders were ranked among the "Leading Schools of this Meet," receiving the fifth highest score obtained. Their 6th graders were also among the "Leading Schools of this Meet," scoring the 6th highest among all 6th grade teams. Congratulations to all of our participants and their coach.

EXCEL NEWS



Assisting Mr. Nicolini in his demonstration are Matthew Galin and Chad Katoff.

Mr. Rick Nicolini, a community member and assistant manager for New York Telephone Co., held a demonstration and discussion for the 4th and 5th grade EXCEL students. He displayed equipment and important aspects of telephone installation. Then the children had the opportunity to engage in a dialogue concerning how to help their family identify and resolve certain telephone problems. "The children were enthusiastic and left well-informed," stated Ms. Gail Starler, EXCEL teacher.

MOST POPULAR MONTH?

Mrs. Christine Murray's 2nd grade class conducted a survey in January, which involved all teachers and children in Clear Stream Avenue School. Each class was asked to vote for their favorite month of the year. The Survey Staff was Christine Mundy, Richard Laurita and Rosalba DiBartolo. They tabulated the results and announced the winning month at their class play, "The Naughty

Months of the Year," which was held on February 9th.

Apparently children and teachers found June to be the most popular month of the year! I doubt if it has any relationship to the end of school and the beginning of vacation, do you??? "It was great fun to combine all our math and language arts skills in our stage production," stated Mrs. Murray.

12 HOUR READ-A-THON A BIG HIT, AGAIN!



Mrs. Burgess' and Mrs. Totten's 5th graders in their Read-A-Thon t-shirts.

For the second year, Clear Stream Avenue School's 5th graders, in Mrs. Ellen Totten's and Mrs. June Burgess' classes, participated in a twelve hour Read-A-Thon. The objective was to involve students in reading and reading related activities. Because of the great success last year, which was a result of a mini grant from the V.S. Teacher Center, Clear Stream Avenue School's PTA sponsored this year's Read-A-Thon. It began at 7 A.M. with silent reading, followed by breakfast. The day continued with constant activities, including dissecting a frog, gym activities, sing-a-long, storytelling by Mr. Rosenthal, library, reading games, computer activities, "Reading is Magic" by Jim Snack, and t-shirt decorating. Their PTA also supplied the shirts for each participant. A contest was held and the design of Anthony Ciano was imprinted on the shirts. Still wide-eyed and eager to read, the day

ended at 7 P.M.

Below are some comments from parents and students concerning this special activity:

"I feel the Read-A-Thon is a wonderful experience. It is thrilling to see Wayne, and his friends, so enthusiastic about school and specifically about reading." (From Mrs. Linda Barreto)

"It showed the children that learning can be both fun and interesting by exposing them to a variety of subject matters." (From Mr. Dennis Coleman)

"The things I liked about the read-a-thon were silent reading and reading games. It was so much fun." (From Carla DiBartolo)

"It was super and even better than a field trip." (From Steven Cohn)

"The PTA and teachers picked fun filled activities for us. I loved all the activities. We should do it again!" (From Annemarie Kowalczyk)

VISITING FRIEND FROM HONG KONG

In the article entitled, "Memories of Past Decades," in the December 1989 issue of *The Friendly Schools*, a story appeared concerning Forest Road School's "adopting" a girl from Hong Kong in 1964. Laeticia Lai finally came to the U.S.A. and met her "pen pal," Mrs. Mary McDowell.

Laeticia, who is a supervisor of The Royal Hong Kong Jockey Club, is an attractive, outgoing, gracious young woman. During her two day visit with Mary, Laeticia visited Forest Road School, where the teachers and students greeted her at a special gathering in the auditorium. Dr. Raymond Brodeur, principal, explained to the students who Laeticia was and introduced staff members who were involved in the "1964 adoption": Mrs. Vivian

Cafiso, Mrs. Connie Cummings and Mrs. Ada Keaney. Laeticia and Mary were then given the opportunity to visit individual classes and view an

received a letter from Laeticia which she would like to share with us: "During the two days of my visit, you (Mary) have made me very happy. The school assembly was a surprise and made me feel very happy. Forest Road School is a very good place for children to learn. They have good teachers and a kind principal. One day I hope to come back to visit you again. God bless all the Forest Road School people and the children." Laeticia also sent a package containing firecracker decorations, a card,

small New Year's greeting posters for each class, plus an album of photographs she had taken during her tour. Forest Road School will always remember her warm visit and looks forward to one day seeing her again!



Laeticia Lai finally meets Mary McDowell and Mr. St. Mary, among others.

American school. As an added surprise, former teacher, Ms. Marilyn Clarke and Mr. Maurice St. Mary, principal of Forest Road School in 1964, also showed up at the school to greet her.

Recently, Mary MacDowell

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. HONORED

District 30 students participated in an audition for "Youths on Parade," which was sponsored by the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Celebration Committee of Nassau County, Inc.

Andrea Floyd, a 5th grader from Forest Road School, placed third in the instrumental music category of the competition. Andrea's performance of Beethoven's Ode to Joy was recognized at an awards ceremony on January 11th at Hofstra University and Andrea received a certificate and plaque. Also entered in the competition were a 6th grade vocal group from Clear Stream Avenue School, with Gina Taliercio playing the piano and Danielle Dierna playing

guitar, and 2nd graders, from Ms. Georgene Rogers' class at Shaw Avenue School, singing "When You Wish Upon A Star." These groups won first place in

their school competition, and will receive certificates for participating at the County level. Mrs. Linda Pratt, Head of the District 30 Music Department, stated: "3,800 students participated in this county-wide competition. District 30 is proud of our entrants."

On January 9th, Mrs. Rogers' class performed their song

at an assembly for their schoolmates. They were accompanied by Mrs. Barbara Briker-Kreeger, music teacher, and scenery was provided by Mrs. Judith Neary.



Mrs. Rogers and her 2nd graders prior to their performance honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHY BEE

For the second year, the National Geographic Society is sponsoring a school-level geography bee for students in the 4th through 8th grades. The National Geographic Society developed the National Geography Bee to broaden geographic knowledge among young people in the United States. In more than 30,000 schools



National Geography Bee

across the United States, students will be participating in this bee. Shaw Avenue School, once again, was part of this competition, under the supervision of Mrs. Susan Wasserman. On January 30th, the preliminary round was held in the classrooms and the following students advanced to the final school championship round on February 6th:

4th Graders: Maria Sarro and Jeffrey Chen (both from Mrs. Lois Benedetto's class); Michael Esposito (from Ms. Ann M. Homer's class); and Sean Anderson (from Mrs. Janet Fariel's class).

5th Graders: Matthew Rittenhouse (from Mrs. Susan Wasserman's class); Michael Aucone (from Mr. George Beyer's class); and Hannah Kang (from Mr. Carl Riccobono's class).

6th Graders: Joseph Rittenhouse (from Ms. Carol Lanell's class); Marc Kutik (from Mrs. Gail Sherman's class); and Brian Nastasi (from Mr. Ralph Laudano's class).

On February 6th, these students were asked oral questions, and the winner is Michael Esposito, 4th grader. The runner-up was Joseph Rittenhouse, 6th grader. Michael will advance to the next level of competition, a written examination, and has the potential to win the national championship and its first prize, a \$25,000 college scholarship, at the finals in May in Washington, D.C.

EXOTIC CLASS PETS



One of January's pets—a white ferret.

Should you visit Mrs. Mary K. Ficarrota's class at Shaw Avenue School, the children would tell you about many exotic animals. These kindergartners have been celebrating "The Animal of the Month." A different animal is invited to their class each month to be their class pet. The program started in November with a European hedgehog. Students learn first hand that pets are living things and share in caring for them. They are responsible for cleaning and feeding their pets, which promotes responsibility for other living things. In December, the class had

two white bunnies, and just in time for "F" week, they had two friendly ferrets. Through observation and fun activities, these pets have stimulated language and learning.

This exciting program has been made possible by the Springfield Gardens High School Animal Science Program. A sincere thank you goes to the lab specialist, Diane Hughes, for lending Mrs. Ficarrota's class these unusual pets. Some upcoming pets are: snakes, chinchillas, iguanas, mice colonies, birds and a one-day visit from Benny, the monkey.

EXPLORING OUR ISLAND

The Shaw Avenue School 4th grade classes of Mrs. Lois Benedetto, Mrs. Janet Fariel, and Mrs. Anne M. Homer, paid a visit to Garvies Point Museum and Preserve on February 1st. All three groups participated in three rotating programs. The first was on "Indian Culture of Long Island," which looked at cultural stages of eastern Indians on Long Island. The session was conducted by a professional archaeologist. "The students made us proud by being able to contribute often to the discussion," stated Mrs. Benedetto.

The second program was "Tools and Artifacts of the Long Island Indians." This included hands-on activities, a lecture and demonstrations on how the Indians made and used tools, as a means of adapting to their environment.

They enjoyed grinding corn, handling spears and axes over 600 years old, drilling with primitive tools and dressing in war paint.

The final program dealt with "Investigating Minerals and Rocks," which was a complete hands-on lab activity. The students worked to identify characteristics of known mineral samples, streak test, hardness testing and examining for luster, etc. They even had to record and discuss their results.

These programs reinforced the required State Social Studies and Science curriculum and guidelines, as well as methods encouraged by our own school labs.

It was a busy day! They came home tired, but with lots of new ideas and information that will now be followed up in an integrated manner in their classrooms.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- March 20 District 30 Committee Board of Education Meeting—8:30 P.M.
- 27 District 30 Board of Education Meeting—8:30 P.M.
- April 4 Proposed School Budget Hearing—8 P.M., held at Forest Road School
- 9-17 Spring Recess—SCHOOLS CLOSED
- 24 District 30 Board of Education Meeting—8:30 P.M.
- 25 Budget Voting Registration—7-9 A.M. and 4-9 P.M. at all District 30 schools
- 27 Kindergarten Registration—9-11 A.M. at all District 30 schools

TAX EXEMPTION FOR SENIORS

Senior citizens with incomes of \$15,625 or less may qualify for a property tax exemption. The Board of Education has provided the maximum exemption as per-

Income	Exemption %
Less than \$12,025	50%
At least \$12,025, but less than \$12,625	45%
At least \$12,625, but less than \$13,225	40%
At least \$13,225, but less than \$13,825	35%
At least \$13,825, but less than \$14,425	30%
At least \$14,425, but less than \$15,025	25%
At least \$15,025, but less than \$15,625	20%

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, 1990. Applications and informa-

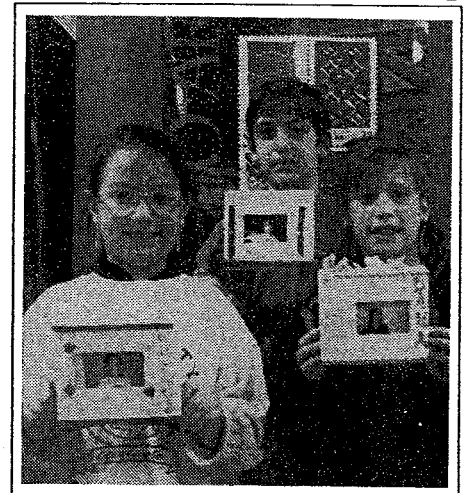
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First grade teachers holding the Big Books and some illustrations the children have made.

ORIGINAL WORK OF ART



The Polaroid Education Program offered to teachers by the Valley Stream Teacher Center, provided inspiration to Mrs. Susan Baron, Art Teacher at Forest Road School. The children in her Art Enrichment class decorated the styrofoam packing that the Polaroid cameras came in, and made them into picture frames. Mrs. Baron took a photograph of each child with her new camera and placed it in the recycled frame.

MINI-GRANT STIMULATES READING

Thanks to the Valley Stream Teacher Center, first grade teachers at Clear Stream Avenue School are using Big Books to stimulate writing and reading skills. (See photo at left.) The Big Books are fun for the first graders to read and the teachers (Mrs. Carmela Lopez, Mrs. Paula Franklin and Mrs. Maureen Speiss) are enjoying helping the children to write their own stories based on the exciting illustrations. The teachers are hoping these lovely books will assist in developing true joy in reading for the students. Thanks to a mini-grant from the Teacher Center this is possible.

THE FRIENDLY SCHOOLS

APRIL, 1990

VALLEY STREAM THIRTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

SPECIAL BUDGET ISSUE

A LETTER TO OUR PARENTS AND TAXPAYERS

This special issue of THE FRIENDLY SCHOOLS contains information regarding the district's proposed budget for the 1990-91 school year. Registered voters will have the opportunity to vote on the budget on Wednesday, May 2, 1990.

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 to the well-being of our children and our community. Ever aware of the increased costs on taxpayers of the district, 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's budget work sessions were conducted in public so that taxpayers could be privy to the Board's discussions and concerns. And on March 4, before finalizing the budget, the Board conducted its last public work session soliciting comments and answering questions. 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, April 4 at 8:00 P.M., and that will go to the voters on May 2, grew out of this process.

Thus, after much thought and deliberation, we are presenting for voter determination a proposed budget in the amount of \$12,030,532. This represents an increase of \$581,759 (+5.1%) in the operational budget which will be offset by an anticipated increase in non-property tax revenues for an overall estimated decrease in the tax rate of \$.47 per \$100.00 of assessed valuation. We believe the 1990-91 proposed budget is fiscally responsible and will enable the district to continue to provide its children and future citizens with an educational program of quality.

If you have any questions on the budget, please feel free to call the office of the Assistant Superintendent for Business at 825-9131.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF EDUCATION



VALLEY STREAM UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT #30

PROPOSED BUDGET 1990-1991

DESCRIPTION	1990-1991 PROPOSED BUDGET	1989-1990 ADJUSTED BUDGET	CHANGE
Board of Education	\$ 8,250	\$ 8,250	\$
District Clerk	12,775	12,575	200
District Meetings	8,700	8,375	325
Central Administration	155,759	149,288	6,471
Business Administration	244,598	240,689	3,909
District Treasurer	18,300	18,300	
Legal Services	26,700	26,700	
Negotiations	2,000	2,000	
Public Information	17,930	12,250	5,680
Operations & Maintenance	945,281	882,625	62,656
Liability Insurance	120,200	140,200	- 20,000
School Association Dues	5,500	5,000	500
BOCES Administrative Charge	55,880	45,000	10,880
School Admin. & Curriculum	505,349	471,396	33,953
Instructional Program	5,007,177	4,626,278	380,899
Special Educational Program	860,080	826,923	33,157
Learning Assistance Program	67,834	62,094	5,740
Library & Media Services	282,077	249,124	32,953
Computer Education Program	132,793	121,091	11,702
Health & Psychological Services	194,855	177,992	16,863
Extra Services	42,735	40,485	2,250
Transportation	285,205	275,575	9,630
Community Lectures & Census	9,500	12,000	-2,500
Employees' Benefits	2,266,054	2,323,563	-57,509
Interfund Transfers	510,000	466,000	44,000
Debt Service, Interest	245,000	245,000	
	\$12,030,532	\$11,448,773	\$581,759

HOW THE SCHOOL DOLLAR IS SPENT

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INSTRUCTION

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**BUILDING MAINTENANCE,
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS**

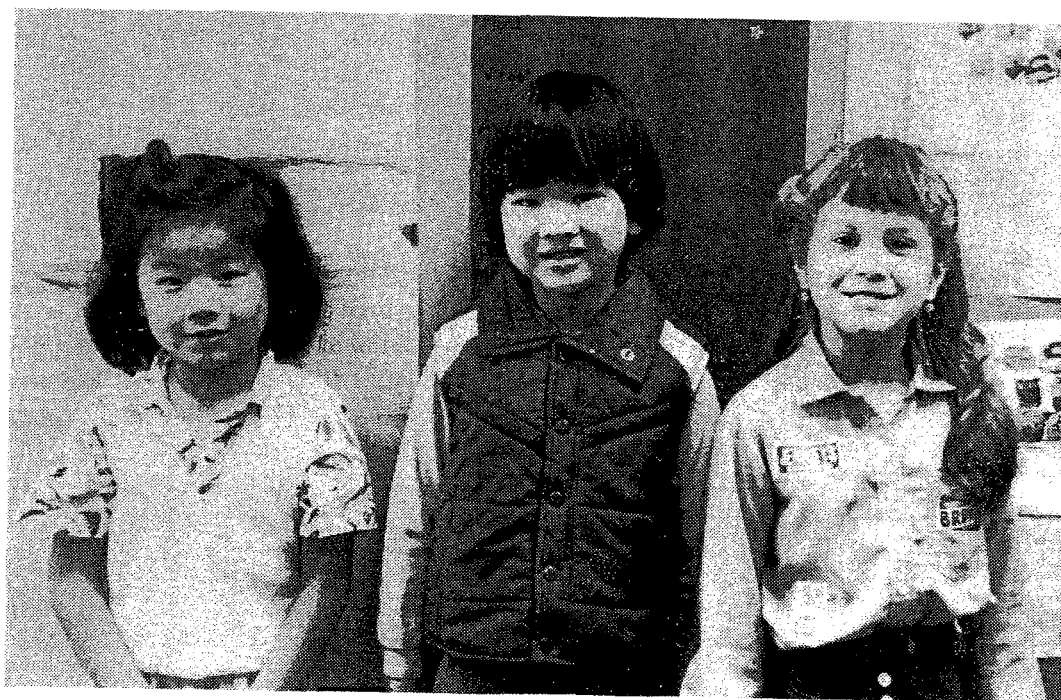
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**DISTRICT
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LIABILITY INSURANCE

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**BUILDING ADMINISTRATION,
PUPIL PERSONNEL SERVICES**



EXPLANATION OF BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE 1990-1991 SCHOOL YEAR

BOARD OF EDUCATION -----	\$ 8,250
Includes expenditures incurred by members of the Board of Education for attendance at educational conferences.	
DISTRICT CLERK -----	12,775
Includes salaries, supplies, materials, and legal advertising for the part-time District Clerk and Ledger Clerk.	
DISTRICT MEETINGS -----	8,700
Includes salaries, supplies, materials, and legal advertising for the budget vote and special meetings.	
CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION -----	155,759
Includes the salaries of the Superintendent of Schools and Central Office personnel. Also includes supplies and materials for the Central Office.	
BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION -----	244,598
Includes the salaries of the Assistant Superintendent for Business and Business Office personnel. Also included are payroll costs, supplies, materials, equipment, the cost of the annual audit, and computerized accounting system costs.	
DISTRICT TREASURER -----	18,300
Includes the salary of the part-time District Treasurer, supplies, materials, and costs of banking services.	
LEGAL SERVICES -----	26,700
Includes the salary of the part-time School Attorney and litigation fees.	
NEGOTIATIONS -----	2,000
Includes the cost of shared negotiation services. Additional provisions for participation in BOCES Negotiation Information Service and litigation fees are not included.	
PUBLIC INFORMATION SERVICE -----	17,930
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 -----

945,281

	<u>1990-91</u>	<u>1989-90</u>
Salaries	418,721	377,261
Materials for Repair and Upkeep of Buildings	66,885	61,375
Utilities	251,060	233,560
Contractual Repairs, Service Contracts, Security, and Equipment	208,615	210,429

The increase 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. An increase in the provision for fuel oil is carried in the new budget based on current industry trends.

LIABILITY INSURANCE -----

120,200

A continued reduction in this budget appropriation is planned for 1990-91. Increases are not expected in this area as a result of the district's participation in the New York Schools Insurance Reciprocal.

SCHOOL ASSOCIATION DUES -----

5,500

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

BOCES ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGE -----

55,880

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 -----

505,349

Includes salaries for Assistant Superintendent for Instruction, 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, inservice training, and mini-grants for special instructional projects.



INSTRUCTIONAL SALARIES, SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT -----

5,007,177

	<u>1990-91</u>	<u>1989-90</u>
Salaries	4,731,327	4,328,357
Equipment	18,485	20,201
Contractual Services	38,365	35,265
Materials and Supplies	106,990	95,395
Textbooks	86,965	126,110
BOCES Services	25,045	20,950

Salaries include teachers, specialists, substitutes for teachers and assistants, teacher assistants, teacher aides and noon aides.

Decreases in the areas of furniture and equipment include 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 increases for consumable materials and supplies and textbooks for all instructional areas reflect 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 increases determined by BOCES. The portion of the science program for student living expense is reimbursable.

SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM -----

860,080

	<u>1990-91</u>	<u>1989-90</u>
Salaries	440,990	409,023
Materials, Supplies & Contractual Services	41,295	40,580
Tuition - Other Districts and Private Schools	124,800	121,040
Tuition - BOCES	252,995	256,280

The increase in salaries reflects adjustments made in accordance with negotiated settlements. The district, in addition to operating four special education classes, provides specialists for students who are mainstreamed into regular classes.

The changes in the area of out-of-district tuition are a direct result of an upswing in both the cost and enrollment of special education pupils in other district public school classes, BOCES classes and in private residential and/or non-residential schools.



LEARNING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM ----- **67,834**
 Includes the salaries and supplies for the instruction of identified pupils requiring additional assistance in reading and mathematical skills. This program generates an additional 25% weighting for state aid.

SCHOOL LIBRARIES AND MEDIA SERVICES ----- **282,077**
 Includes the salaries for librarians, library monitors and clerical staff, library and media equipment, library books, periodicals, materials and supplies for the three schools.

COMPUTER EDUCATION ----- **132,793**
 Includes the salary for the Director/Teacher of Computer Education and the salaries of three laboratory aides. The appropriation for computer equipment reflects the continued expansion of our program into each of the third grade classrooms.

HEALTH, SCREENING AND PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES ----- **194,855**

	<u>1990-91</u>	<u>1989-90</u>
Health Services	101,094	93,291
Psychological and Screening Services	93,761	84,701

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 ----- **42,735**
 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 ----- **285,205**
 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 increase in this code is a direct result of increases 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. 90% of the cost of basic transportation is returned as state aid to the district in the following year.

COMMUNITY LECTURES AND CENSUS ----- **9,500**
 Includes the funds for the district sponsored Peer Pressure Program and other lectures and for the state mandated annual census.

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS -----

2,266,054

	<u>1990-91</u>	<u>1989-90</u>
N.Y.S. Employees' Retirement System	66,500	84,008
N.Y.S. Teachers' Retirement System	652,687	699,096
Social Security	480,309	424,248
Worker's Compensation	30,250	30,250
Medical & Dental Insurance	1,036,308	1,085,961

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 premiums. 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 -----

510,000

In 1990-91 the Interfund Transfers appropriation will permit the Board's commitment to its plan for improvements to your District's facilities. Projects scheduled for 1990-91 include mandated ecological replacements at the Forest Road School and safety improvement renovations at the Clear Stream Avenue School. Funding, in the amount of \$90,000, for reimbursable agency approved projects is accounted for in this category.

DEBT SERVICE -----

245,000

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 an estimated rise in interest rates and is partially offset by the interest income generated through the investment of idle funds.

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 2nd

SUMMARY OF ANTICIPATED REVENUES

REVENUES	<i>ESTIMATED RECEIPTS 1990-91</i>	<i>ESTIMATED RECEIPTS 1989-90</i>
Surplus	\$ 900,000	\$ 600,100
Use of Money and Property	110,000	130,000
Textbook Aid	37,000	32,000
State Aid	1,723,000	1,130,000
BOCES Aid	53,000	53,000
Services to Other Districts	10,000	10,000
Other Revenue	10,000	10,000
	\$ 2,843,000	\$ 1,965,100

Total General Fund Appropriation	\$ 12,030,532	\$ 11,448,773
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Estimated Revenue	\$ 2,843,000	\$ 1,965,100
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Amount to be Raised by Taxation	\$ 9,187,532	\$ 9,483,673
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Actual Tax Rate 1989-90	\$18.35
Estimated Tax Rate 1990-91: Proposition No. 1	\$17.88

The estimated tax rate is based upon the August 1, 1989 assessed valuation of \$51,376,510. Any change in the assessed valuation as of August 1, 1990 will affect the estimated tax rate.
Changes in the laws affecting state aid could change the amount of aid to be received.

SCHOOL TAX DECREASE

AN ESTIMATED DECREASE

IN YOUR SCHOOL TAXES OF

\$.47 PER \$100.00 OF ASSESSED VALUATION

IS PLANNED FOR THE 1990-91 SCHOOL YEAR

SAMPLE BALLOT

You will be asked to vote on the following on May 2, 1990

**Member, Board of Education
Term ending June 30, 1995
To succeed Thomas M. Galgano**

1) _____

2) _____

**PROPOSITION NO. 1: Valley Stream Union Free School District #30 Budget
RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of Valley Stream Union Free School District #30,
Town of Hempstead, Nassau County, New York
is hereby authorized to expend the sum of \$12,030,532
for the 1990-1991 school year, and to levy the necessary tax therefor.**

**PROPOSITION NO. 2: Valley Stream Central High School District Budget
RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of Valley Stream Central High School District,
Town of Hempstead, Nassau County, New York,
be and the same hereby is authorized to expend the sums
in the General Fund Appropriation (\$39,587,320) to be raised through taxation in
the several districts included within the Central High School District.**

VOTING INFORMATION

Voting will take place on Wednesday, May 2, 1990 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 last day of registration for the May 2, 1990 election is Wednesday, April 25, 1990. 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 2 if your name appears in the General Election Lists of the County, the process of voting on May 2 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 2nd ... 7:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday, April 4	Combined Budget Hearing, Forest Road School - 8:00 p.m.
Tuesday, April 24	Board of Education Meeting, Shaw Avenue - 8:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 25	Voter Registration, All Schools 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Friday, April 27	Kindergarten and First Grade Registration, All Schools - 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
Wednesday, May 2	Budget and Trustee Vote, All Schools - 7:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. District Art Exhibit, All Schools 7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

1990-91 ESTIMATED SCHOOL TAXES FOR PRIVATE HOMEOWNERS

ASSESSED VALUATION OF HOME	ESTIMATED ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TAXES	ESTIMATED DECREASE OVER 1989-90
\$ 1,000.00	\$ 178.80	\$ - 4.70
4,000.00	715.20	-18.80
5,000.00	894.00	-23.50
6,000.00	1,072.80	-28.20
7,000.00	1,251.60	-32.90
8,000.00	1,430.40	-37.60

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QUALITY EDUCATION — YOUR CHOICE

Everyone is aware of the severe burden being placed on the local homeowners by rising school taxes, but, also know that it is unrealistic to expect these costs to remain the same. Just as the expenses of homeowners increase for heating, lighting, repairs, etc., so does the cost of maintaining a school and educating children. This situation is compounded by the fact that the portion of the budget supported by the State becomes smaller each year, while the "mandated costs" required by State law continue to rise.

In preparing the budget, District 30 has exercised every possible means to keep cost as low as possible, while still ensuring the continuation of our quality educational program. Year after year, we (District 30's Board of Education, staff and community) have made possible the uninterrupted forward movement of the educational program. BUT, what of next year? Will District 30's education continue to move ahead? On May 2nd, the decision is up to YOU!

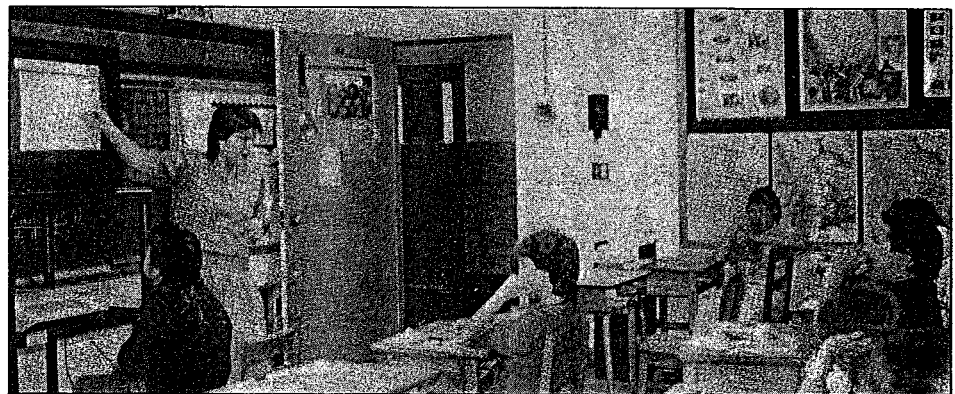
ART EXHIBIT

WED., MAY 2, 1990

7:30 PM-9:00 PM

You are invited to attend the annual District 30 Art Exhibit. (Note: Children attending must be accompanied by their parent or guardian.)

EXPANDING OUR COMPUTER PROGRAM



Mrs. Carol Biscardi, Computer Technician, instructs individual classes on the use of computers.

During the 1989-90 school year District 30 is furthering the use of the computer as an educational tool through legislative grant funds made available through the office of Senator Dean Skelos.

The grant has been used to place computers in each of the intermediate grade classrooms throughout the district. In addition, the grant has allowed the district to provide weekly, in class training, for teachers and students on the many uses of the computer. This training introduces computer software that teachers integrate into their regular classroom curriculum. Teachers then have their students use this software on a daily basis. In this type of an environment, the computer is used as another tool to study math, language arts, social studies, science, and health; to prac-

tice and apply thinking skills; to learn the use of reference materials such as almanacs and encyclopedias, and to help in the creative writing process.

Teachers, being teachers, have taken this combination of training and access to the computer and expanded the scope of the program. Using the "What if..." approach, teachers and their students are exploring many ways of using the computer in their classrooms. This has led to computers being used for everything from practicing basic multiplication facts to magazine publishing. "A tool is only useful when you learn to use it well. This grant and the initiative of our district staff have helped students learn well. This learning is making the computer a very useful tool," stated Mr. Gerard Camilleri, Computer Education Coordinator.

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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.

**NEW NURSE AT
SHAW AVENUE**

After serving as school nurse at Shaw Avenue School for several years, Mrs. Donna Langer, R.N., resigned to take a position in a hospital. Mrs. Esther Tucker, R.N., as of March 12th, has filled that vacancy. She has numerous years of experience in the nursing field, and she formerly worked as a Special Education Nurse for N.Y. City, per diem. She has been involved in the Senior Citizen Day Care Center in Queens and a combined program with senior citizens and students from junior high school. Mrs. Tucker enjoys working with children and we welcome her as a member of our District 30 team.

ANNUAL HOP-N-ING

The kindergartners Annual Hop-n-ing at Shaw Avenue School once again was a big success. Funds were raised for the N.Y. Easter Seals Society and the children enjoyed doing something good for themselves as well as others.

SECOND GRADE VISITOR

Mrs. Mary Ruschin's 2nd graders, at Forest Road School, were delighted with a visit from one of their dads, Mr. Ira Kaye, Jaime's father. He brought along his computer and gave the class a fantastic lesson showing the use of computer graphics. Mr. Kaye explained his laptop and desktop monitors which he brought to class, were machines, tools that are capable, with our directions, to do many jobs.

The class conducted a survey of their favorite ice cream flavors. Immediately, Mr. Kaye presented a computer graphic showing a large circle with the percent (or part) colored to match the flavor (chocolate was the favorite, vanilla came in second and strawberry the last).

Mr. Kaye's last, but most of the

class thought the *most* interesting were the maps of the United States on the computer. The class decided to "test" the computer and asked it to find New York City. They



Mr. Kaye shared his expertise.

all thought it was in New York State, of course, but they discovered through the genius of the computer, there are actually FOUR New York Cities in the U.S. The computer then immediately pinpointed the cities. UNBELIEVABLE!

THOMAS M. GALGANO SEEKS REELECTION

Mr. Thomas M. Galgano will be a candidate for the School Board Trusteeship which will be vacated as of June 30, 1990. This will be a five year term.

Mr. Galgano has been a resident of District Thirty for more than twenty years. He is the father of three children: Michael is an 8th grader at South High School, Susan is a 5th grader and Carolyn is a 1st grader at Forest Road School. Mr. Galgano, his wife, Eva and their children live at 53 Southgate Road, Valley Stream.

Mr. Galgano received a Bachelor of Engineering Degree from SUNY at Stony Brook in 1971, and his Law Degree from St. John's Univer-

sity in 1974. He is a member of the Nassau County and New York County Bar Associations and is currently a patent and trademark attorney with the firm of Collard, Roe & Galgano, P.C., in Roslyn, N.Y.

Mr. Galgano is presently a member of the District 30 Board of Education and President of the Central High School Board of Education. He was appointed in September, 1983 to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Trustee Tornatore. He was elected by the voters to complete the unexpired one year term remaining, and reelected in 1985 for a five year term. He is again seeking reelection.

LOCAL VET VISITED

As part of their health curriculum, kindergartners at Forest Road School learn a little bit about hospitals. Mrs. Roslyn Scheidt's and Mrs. Susan Moskowitz' classes did this in a very non-threatening, yet meaningful way, by visiting Central Veterinary Hospital, on Merrick Road in Valley Stream.



Dr. Alario and Karen Guzza, assistant, examines "Joey."

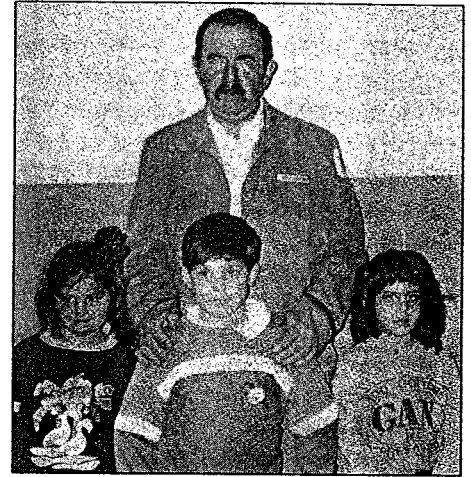
Dr. Anthony Alario was one of the Veterinarians who gave the children their tour. He gave a complete physical examination to "Joey" (a Boston Terrier). Dr. Steven Fox, another Veterinarian, showed the children several x-rays that had been taken of animals with broken bones, and one of a cat's stomach who had swallowed a needle.

They also watched a video about how important it is to choose the right pet for you.

A big thank you to all the staff at Central Veterinary Hospital, even Rock, a friendly dog, and his owner, another member of the staff, Dr. Charos.

PARENTS, NATURAL RESOURCES

The kindergarten classes of Mrs. Roslyn Scheidt and Mrs. Susan Moskowitz have just completed their Community Helpers Unit. As kindergarten teachers, they feel it is very important that social studies come alive. "We accomplished this by using some of Green Acres best natural resources, our students' parents!" stated Mrs. Scheidt and Mrs. Moskowitz. The boys and girls learned about Doctors from Dr. Douglas Kiviat and Dr. Stuart Feinstein; Dentists from Dr. Larry Verasco and Dr. Andrew Jacobson; Podiatrists from Dr. Michael Friedman; Nurses from Mrs. Ellen Lawrence and Mrs. Michelle Feinstein; Postal workers from Mr. Charlie Egbert, who is also their school mailman; Architects from Mr. Donald Hickey; and Lawyers from Mrs. Michelle Farhi. Each parent explained his or her profes-



Mr. Egbert was among the community helpers who visited the kindergartners.

sion and brought in numerous visual aids.

We want to thank each parent who participated in this program at Forest Road School.

DINOSAUR DESCENDANTS

Dino-what? Forest Road School became the host for a gathering of fantasy ceramic beasts during a one day Artist-in-Residence program.

John Fink, ceramic artist, spent the day in the art room. With Mrs. Susan Baron, art teacher, looking on, he introduced his "Dinocritters" to students in the 4th, 5th and 6th grades. Mr. Fink, a Professor at Nassau Community College, demonstrated to the students the creative process involved in producing one of his friendly mythological critters. In Mr. Fink's personable dialogue, he talked to the children about getting good at something you like to do and building self-esteem through achievement. As the students listened and watched, Mr. Fink transformed a shapeless piece of clay into a unique creature. "Everyone enjoyed the time spent watching an artist at work," stated Mrs. Baron.

'HOWDY' FROM BONHAM SCHOOL

Mrs. Rose Marie Patterson's 3rd graders at Shaw Avenue School have been corresponding with their pen pals in Bonham Elementary School in Bryan, Texas, which is 100 miles from Houston, Texas. The children in the Bonham School were surprised by the difference in weather when they compared N.Y. weather with Texas', and the children in Mrs. Patterson's class were surprised to learn the children in Texas were studying the same units in health and science. They were fascinated that they were writing to real cowboys and cowgirls and are eagerly awaiting their next letters. Mrs. Patterson's class will share their favorite mystery stories with Mrs. Falconer's third graders in Texas.

**SCHOOL BUDGET
VOTING
WEDNESDAY
MAY 2, 1990
7:00 A.M. TO 10:00 P.M.**

WASHINGTON, D.C. 1990

Darkness turned to daylight and the 5th graders began their exciting adventure to Washington, D.C. at 5:30 A.M. on March 15th. Over 160 students, parent chaperones and teachers boarded the buses.

Their first stop was the FBI Building, where they had a wonderful tour of the facilities, including the pistol range; Ford's Theater, the place where Lincoln was shot; and the Peterson House, where Lincoln died.

The Capitol was their next stop where they met with Representative Ray McGrath and presented him with a shirt and hat from District 30. They questioned him about important issues and entertained him with a song. President Bush was also visiting the Capitol that day, and they witnessed the Presidential motorcade.

Next was a visit to the National Air and Space Museum. They saw Skylab and the movie, *To Fly*, while some faculty members were invited to participate in a brief workshop at the Education Resource Center.

After dinner, our travelers visited the Jefferson Memorial at night. ("Did you know that there is a misspelled word on the wall of the Jefferson Memorial? Ask

one of our 5th graders!" stated Mrs. Susan Wasserman.)

The next day, their buses headed to the Lincoln and Vietnam Memorials and then off to Arlington



ton National Cemetery for the Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Alison Shorter (Shaw Avenue), Priti Kataria (Clear Stream Avenue) and Josh Leventhal (Forest Road), represented District 30 in this most moving ceremony. Unbeknownst to our travelers, the

funeral of a Vice Admiral was taking place at the same time and cannon fire broke through the air at the most appropriate time. As they were leaving Arlington, the Navy Band, funeral caisson and entire military cortege were in evidence and the students and teachers were witness to another moving ceremony. After lunch, they arrived at National Geographic, where they saw a film, played with the computers, visited Earth Station, answered the geography questions on the computerized joystick and saw an exhibit of Kronan, a Swedish warship from the 17th century.

The last stop before heading north was a visit to the American History Museum, where they discovered Dorothy's red shoes, Archie Bunker's chair, as well as a glass reproduction of the Capitol.

On their way home they stopped at Maryland House for dinner and arrived in Valley Stream about 11:30 P.M., a very sleepy but happy, group! A good time was had by all, and an experience they will long remember!

(Added comments from Mrs. Sherrie Lewis' class: "We also enjoyed seeing the original American flag and what life was like in the 1800's for black Americans.")

QUESTIONS PRESENTED TO REPRESENTATIVE RAY McGRATH

"Is there anything that you could do to help prevent people from killing animals, especially the endangered ones?" (Mr. Riccobono's class-Michael Buffalin)

"Since there are a lot more low income families than ever before, what kind of plan is there to get more affordable housing for them?" (Mr. Beyer's class-Adam Schecter)

"Congressman McGrath, do you think the U.S. government is doing enough to control the spread of the AIDS virus, and is the government spending a satisfactory amount on finding a cure for AIDS?" (Mrs. Wasserman's class-Jonathan Ghassemi)

"What is your reaction to the capturing of Manuel Noriega?" (Mrs. Totten's class-Priti Karatia)

"How do you think that drugs affect our economy?" (Mrs. Burgess' class-Kenneth Coleman)

"What are your feelings about how we should take care of the homeless people in the U.S. and what steps can we take to remedy the situation?" (Ms. Soka's class-Michael Gamba)

"With all the attempts and failures to make peace in the Middle East, should we use the military power we have, or make more attempts for a peaceful solution? Explain." (Mrs. Lewis' class-Brandon Sachs)

"Many police officers, especially in N.Y.C., have been shot and/or killed in the line of duty. What is Congress doing to deter this from happening?" (Mrs. Walsh's class-Brian Fletcher)

READING IS FUN

Reading is an important part of the curriculum in District 30. Many of our teachers and parents are involved in additional activities to stimulate students' interest in acquiring important reading habits and abilities.

READING PALS PROGRAM: The Reading Pals Program at Forest Road School is moving along nicely. The 2nd graders in Mrs. Grace Guttman's class have been reading to the kindergartners, in Mrs. Roslyn Scheidt's class, from story books or



poems they have prepared. They keep the same reading pals all during the school year.

As an outgrowth of the program, the children have done several projects:

1) Unfinished pictures (older children drew half and the younger children finished them) made after a story had been read.

2) The younger children have done some scribble writing and inventive writing, in which they tell what they like about the Reading Pals Program.

3) Their latest project is a joint winter mural. This came about after the 2nd graders read winter poems to the kindergartners. Each child was assigned something to make for the mural, and they cooperatively put the mural together.

PARENTS AS READING PARTNERS: Clear Stream Avenue School is involved in the Parents as Reading Partners Program, sponsored by the PTA. This is a statewide voluntary program, developed by the State Legislature, to encourage parents to read with



their children. By so doing, parents can foster an appreciation for reading in the early years, which will serve to develop a whole generation of good readers. In order to participate, each child had to read 15 minutes for a minimum of 5 days each week. The parent then initialed the appropriate mushroom on the "Mario Sheet." PTA raffled off prizes during this 8-week program and at the end of each month, the class with the highest average number of days read received an ice cream party. Reading Teacher, Mrs. Eugenie Melone, remarked: "This program has received a great response. Whether a student received a prize or not, the teachers, students and partners know they are already winners for participating in this special program."

S.P.O.R.T.: As part of the Parents As Reading Partners, Forest Road School sponsored a 3 week program called S.P.O.R.T. (Smart People Often Read Together). Participants and their partners signed weekly contracts stating the amount of time they read to-

gether. With prizes as incentive, the program was a fun and sharing experience for all.

RENT-A-READER: Once again the Shaw Avenue School Rent-a-Reader program is in full swing. Mrs. Joanne Lufrano's 1st graders selected their partners from "personal advertisements" containing information about interests, hobbies, and family written by Mrs. Gail Sherman's 6th graders. Once a week, the two classes get together to share a book. The 1st graders usually read to the 6th graders, but it is not uncommon to hear the older students reading



to their younger partners. Summaries of the books are written by the pairs to add to the "Reading Train" in the 1st grade room. This train is now beginning its second circuit around the room. A project will be developed by each pair using their favorite book.

R2D2 WATCH OUT!



Earlier this year, fourth graders in Mrs. Janet Fariel's class read about a mechanical man, which prompted each student to make their own. Some lit up, some smiled, others moved or offered you a drink. No matter what they did, they were all imaginative and unique.

PTA FOUNDERS' DAY, PLUS MORE

This year is the 93rd birthday of PTA nationwide, but has significance to District #30, in that it is the 65th birthday of our school

district. Teachers, PTA and the school district made special plans in honor of the occasion. The program was hosted at the Clear

Stream Avenue School.

After a warm welcome by principal Mr. Richard Burbell, co-presidents, Mrs. Rosemary Miller and Mrs. Cynthia Dattoli, introduced invited guests, all who have played an important part in the "school community" and the children. Their message also made note of the early history of PTA, its original objectives and the important contributions made by parents and teachers. Board Trustee, Mrs. Elinor McAuliffe, commented nostalgically on the early days when Clear Stream Avenue School was the only school in our District.

During the celebration, the 5th graders in the classes of Mrs. June Burgess and Mrs. Ellen Totten then presented an original travelogue of their study of their upcoming trip to Washington, D.C. The "guides" introduced and detailed their understanding of our nation's Capitol, it's important buildings and monuments, early leaders, and important concepts for which America is world recognized. The following day the program was presented to children in the other grades, as well as to all 5th graders in the district.

COMPUTERS ARE FRIENDLY



These students are becoming computer friendly and experiencing that the computer is also their "friend." By using the computer, they are learning English. Edwin and Janet DeJesus enjoy going to the computer room and receiving assistance from Mrs. Noleen Douglas, aide. Each week a program is selected, which is designed to improve English skills. "Computer is one of their favorite activities at Clear Stream Avenue School," commented Mrs. Carolina Bertalli, ESL teacher.

EXCEL NEWS

ONCE AGAIN, WINNERS!

March 22nd was a special day for our EXCEL students, as this was the day of the Odyssey of the Mind Competition. All activities for the regional competition were performed as a team with emphasis on divergent "thinking." The following teams won first place and will travel to Syracuse for the State competition: "Seven Wonders of the World" (Priti Kataria, Hannah Kang, Kristen Governale, Brigid Tobin, Anastasia Tzortzatos and Lauren Puccio) and "Structures in Harmony" (Shaun McGrath, Carlos Rios, Chad Katoff, Matthew Mitgang, Neel Panchal and Thomas Albano).

Students from Shaw Avenue, Forest Road, Clear Stream Avenue and Blessed Sacrament were all represented. All of the EXCEL students in grades 3-6 are deserving of praise and recognition, along with their coaches, Miss Gail Starler, Mr. Ed Fare and Mrs. Angela Nicolini, aide.

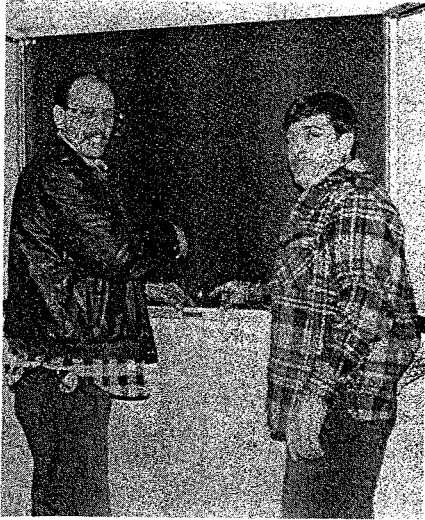


"EXCELASAURUS"

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Third graders are very proud of their "EXCELASAURUS" t-shirts. Jaime Begley (front, left in the photograph) designed these special t-shirts, and they all wear them proudly, including Miss Gail Starler, teacher (right) and Mrs. Angela Nicolini, aide (left).

MEN AT WORK



Constructing cabinets, general repairs, installing display cabinets, mixing cement for the installation of playground equipment are only part of the jobs our "Maintenance" crew is responsible for, as demonstrated by Mr. Luke Basile and Mr. Richard Trafficardo.

"FAMOUS PEOPLE" VISIT CLASSROOMS

Fourth graders in Mrs. Susan Stiefel's class each read a biography and came to school dressed as that prominent person. The children were prepared to be interviewed for "Mrs. Stiefel's Annual Talk Show." Interviews included such famous personalities as Captain Kidd, Harry Houdini, Lou Gehrig, Michelangelo, Annie Sullivan, to name a few. The interviews were videotaped and the show will be "aired" in Room 210 at Forest Road School on the evening of the Art Exhibit.

Also at Forest Road School, the students in Mr. Bruce Lesser's 4th grade class are busy keyboarding

their facts on famous New Yorkers and Colonial leaders into the computer. After researching for information on a selected person, the students had to generate a variety of questions about that



Keyboarding their facts.

person's life. The pupils will then dress up as the famous figure and be interviewed on a video talk show that the 4th graders will tape and then donate to the Forest Road School video collection.

At Clear Stream Avenue School, Mrs. Dale Ehrenreich's 4th graders also dressed up as characters they have been studying, which added enthusiasm to their lesson.

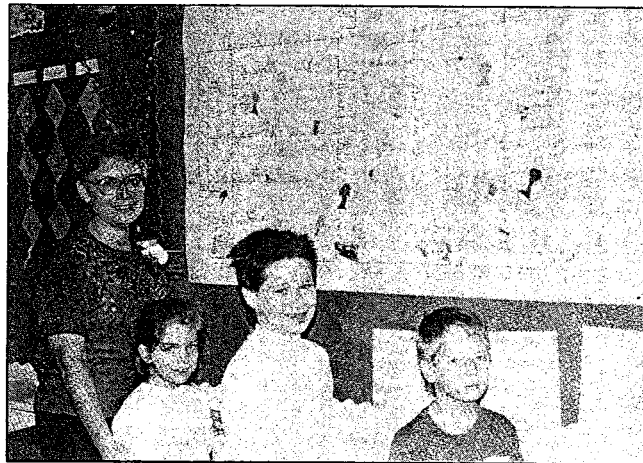
ACTIVITIES REINFORCING SKILLS

At Clear Stream Avenue School, Mrs. Maureen Spiess has involved her 1st graders in two exciting activities that reinforce several learning skills:

THIS IS WHERE WE LIVE!

Their class has been studying our Village of Valley Stream and listed each child's street and house on it. Also included were landmarks, such as Shaw Avenue School, Central High School, Henry Waldinger Memorial Library, V.S. Post Office and the L.I.R.R. This map will serve as a teaching tool for the rest of the school year. The project is an exciting and interesting learning experience utilizing many different areas

vowels and putting names of streets in alphabetical order.
 • Letter Writing: Children will invite a child over to play, and give that child directions.



This is where we live!

ANIMALS THAT HIBERNATE

For this activity, children brought in shoe boxes, and in groups of 3 or 4, they created a scene in the box to resemble an animal's natural hibernating place.

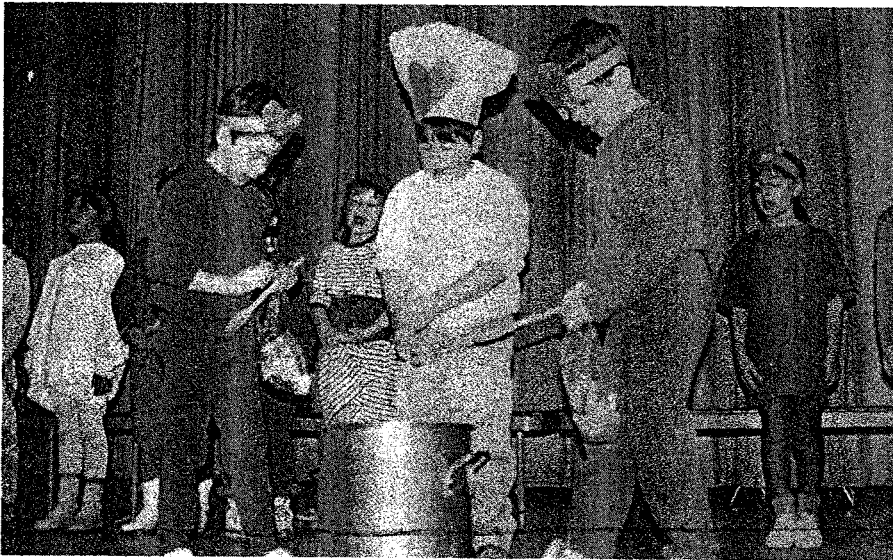
Some of the animals were: chipmunks, woodchucks, bats, snakes, box turtles, etc.

When the "scenes" were completed, the pupils wrote stories about their animals, and under the direction of Mrs. Noleen Douglas, Computer Aide, they put their stories into the computer. Next, with the assistance of Mrs. Alice Dorb, Library/Media Specialist, the stories were assembled, laminated and bound into a book. A special program is being planned to share these projects with other students.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- May 2 School Budget Voting — 7:00 A.M. – 10:00 P.M.
Art Exhibit — 7:30 P.M. — 9:00 P.M.
- 15 District 30 Committee Board of Education Meeting — 8:30 P.M.
- 22 District 30 Board of Education Meeting — 8:30 P.M.
- 25-28 Memorial Day Recess—SCHOOLS CLOSED
- June 19 District 30 Committee Board of Education Meeting — 8:30 P.M.
- 20 District 30 Sixth Grade Graduation
- 22 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

KISSES FROM THE "HEARTS"



On February 13th, Mrs. Josephine Harper's 2nd graders from Shaw Avenue School, shared Valentine songs and poems with the primary grades. As they sang "The Candy Man," they prepared a mixture that turned out to be a huge candy kiss. Everyone enjoyed the performance and left the assembly with an up feeling and feet tapping!

NOTHING FISHY HERE

The children in Mrs. Connie Cummings' kindergarten class at "Shaw" are lucky to have a friend like Joe—owner of Joe's Fish Market on Hendrickson Avenue. He was kind enough to donate a whole fresh flounder fish to the class for them to study. Each child made a fish print showing the different parts of the fish. Together they wrote a story about the fish and tried to fit in as many words beginning with the letter "F":

"On a Wednesday in February we had a real fresh fish in class. We got it for free

from Joe's Friendly Fish Store. It was a fifteen inch long flounder. We kept it in the refrigerator until we were ready to make our fish prints. The flounder was fat and flat. It felt smooth and firm. It had four fins. The face of the flounder looked funny because it had two eyes on one side. By Friday the fish began to smell so we had to get rid of it. Making fish prints was fun!"

(If you happen to be by Joe's, stop in and see the thank you card and fish print they gave him in appreciation.)

HOW SAFE ARE YOU?

After completing their unit on Safety and learning how to coll organize and tally information mathematics, Mrs. Rose Marie Paterson's 3rd graders at Shaw Avenue School participated in the Weekly Reader National Survey on Safety.

The class unanimously agreed:

1 - They would know what to do if there were a fire in the house.

2 - They would know what to do if a friend, brother or sister started to choke on some food.



3 - If they were lost, would be able to tell a police officer their address and telephone number.

• 68% of the class felt safe in their neighborhood most of the time.

• 64% felt safe at school all of the time.

• 79% said they would know what to do if a friend, brother or sister drank something that was poisonous.

• 100% of the girls, but only 88% of the boys, said they would know what to do if a stranger tried to bother them.

• When asked how they felt about wearing a seat belt in a car, 63% of the boys and 73% of the girls said they liked to wear a seat belt because they felt safer.

• 37% of the boys and 27% of the girls said they didn't mind wearing a seat belt if they had to.



• When asked to think about what their parents and teachers tell them about how to keep safe: 84% thought they were told what they need to know; 12% thought adults made too many rules; and 4% wished that they were told more.

More than half a million students across the U.S. are expected to participate in this survey. class will compare their responses with the responses across the U.S. when they are published.

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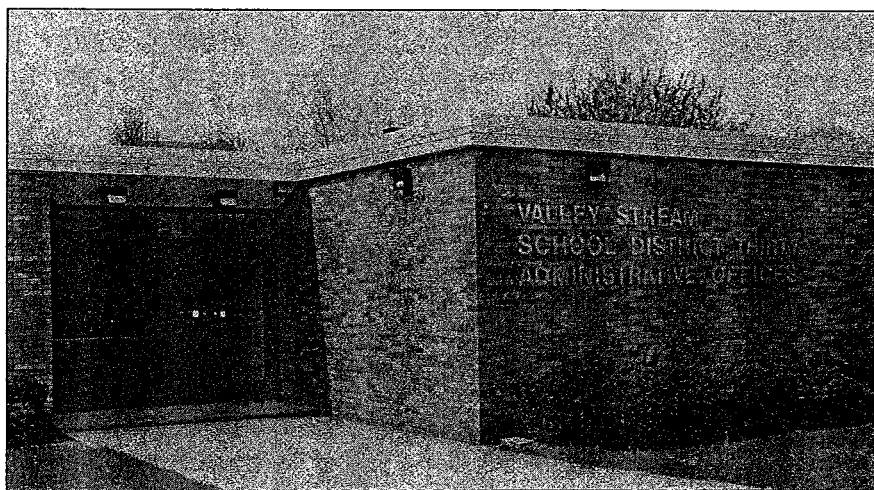
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WASHINGTON AVENUE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING COMPLETED

After months of planning and reconstructing, the offices at the Washington Avenue building have been completed. Files and equipment were moved into the building during the Spring recess, and the administrative offices of our District now occupy the building. The relocation of these offices does not change the manner in which we handle things: You will still contact the teacher if you have a problem with the instructional program; contact your Building Principal if there is something within the school building that concerns you. Here are the telephone numbers of the individuals who have been relocated at Washington Avenue Administrative Building: William J. Van Ness, Superintendent/secretary, Gloria Zweier—285-9881.



STANDARDIZED TESTING

During the later part of each school year, students are required to take the "Standardized Aptitude and Achievement Test." Aptitude measures a child's ability to do school work; Achievement measures what he/she actually is doing.

The same tests are given to school children all over the country, and the scores are based on the average performance of the children taking the tests, usually called the "norm." This "norm" has nothing to do with passing or failing—it is simply a middle point.

Test scores tell us how our students' performance compares to that of others in the same age

group or grade, and they help us identify the students' strong and weak areas.

This test measures certain things, but does not measure everything. Test scores by themselves do not give a full picture of a child as a student or as a person.

The Aptitude and Achievement testing provides a great deal of information that can assist us in giving an individual student the best possible education.

The results are expected this month. If you have any questions about the results of this test, contact your child's teacher. Remember, your school is always ready to assist you and your child.

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Vera Manzo, Secretary, Chapter I—285-9820.

Grace Pisano, Typist-Clerk (P/T)—285-9827.

The areas which were formerly occupied by these offices at Shaw Avenue School will be turned into much needed instructional use. Work in these areas will be done during the Summer months.

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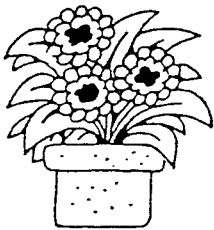
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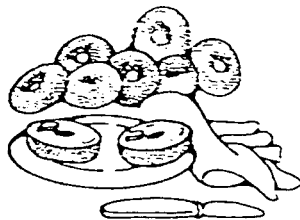
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**MOTHERS'
TREAT**

Some Moms might not have gotten breakfast in bed for Mother's Day, but the mothers of Mrs. Mary Ruschin's 2nd graders at Forest Road School got almost as good. It was served in Mrs. Rus-



chin's classroom. Each child invited his or her mother to a special "Mother's Day Breakfast," and served them orange juice, tea or coffee, and bagels, along with a special gift each child made for his/her mother.



Mrs. Ruschin also received a "special" thank you from her students— why not, after all, the class thinks of her as its "second mother."

THE BUDGET PASSED.....

This news continues to show the priorities the majority of our residents place on the education of the youth of Valley Stream. With all the outside influences, you have proven that you can make your own decisions about your child's future.

To all of you... members and leaders of the PTA, civic groups, parents and concerned citizens... I extend sincere thanks for your support of our children.

*William J. Van Ness
Superintendent of Schools*

"MATH MADNESS"

"Math Madness Day" for intermediate grades began with magic and ended with awards and prizes at Clear Stream Avenue School. This exciting day of math activities was made possible by a mini-grant from the Valley Stream Teacher Center. The grant was awarded to Mrs. Ellen Totten and Mrs. June Burgess (5th grade teachers), Mrs. Dale Ehrenreich and Mrs. Jane Voss (4th grade teachers), and Mr. David Cooper and Ms. Edith Yeland (6th grade teachers), and supplies were provided.

This special project assisted in developing students' creative math thinking skills and increasing their understanding and use of the metric system. Students spent the entire day involved in math related activities. Assistance was provided

by Mr. John Lufrano, Director of Math at the high school, the Clear Stream Avenue School PTA, a



Mr. John Lufrano inspired enthusiasm for exploring new approaches to math problem solving.

group of 15 students from Central High School and the teachers of the students involved.

FORMER STUDENTS WIN AWARDS

Students throughout Long Island participated in a science competition sponsored by the Long Island Science Congress. Two former District 30 students, who presently attend Memorial Junior High School, are recipients of awards from that competition. Helen Blamire won a trophy for the highest honors for her demonstration of water content in various foods. (Do you realize the ratio of water to food in canned goods?) She also received a \$50 Savings Bond from the Nuclear

Association, which supports the Long Island Science Congress.

Another winner was Melissa Cmar, who received an Environmental Merit Award plaque. Melissa demonstrated the electromagnetic field and the amount of rays given off by video monitors and television screens.

(Editor's Note: At the time of printing, it was brought to my attention that other former District 30 students received honorable mention in this competition, but the list was unavailable.)

5 RETIREES HONORED

At District 30's twenty-second annual Retirement Party, five of our fellow teammates were honored. Mr. Richard Burbell served as Master of Ceremonies and the following people made presentations: William Van Ness, Jean Coduri, Marilyn Clarke, June Burgess, Richard Burbell, and Annette O'Keefe and Chris Vessely (PTA). Our retirees have all been dedicated and caring people and we wish them the best of health and enjoyment. We shall miss them all.

CONSTANCE CUMMINGS:

Constance Cummings began her first teaching assignment in 3rd grade at Forest Road School, where she taught for 26 years. For the past 9 years she has been teaching kindergarten at Shaw Avenue School. Throughout her career, Connie has been active in the V.S.



Teachers' Association and held numerous positions at the building, district and village level. In 1971, she received a Life Membership from the Forest Road School PTA and the Jenkins Memorial.

Connie and her husband, Jack, plan to do some leisurely traveling across the U.S. and England.

"I have always been very proud of the fact that I was a member of District 30 during the past 3-1/2 decades, and I hope I contributed significantly to its success. To all of you remaining District 30 members, I wish you good luck and continued success in the 1990's. Be ready for the changes a new decade always brings!"

BARBARA NANCKEN: After graduating from Hunter College, Barbara's career began at District 30 in 1957. She taught at Forest Road School. In 1974 she joined the Clear Stream Avenue faculty, where she mostly taught 5th grade.

Barbara loves to bake, and shared many of her delicious goodies with students and fellow workers. She is hoping to develop a custom baking business called "But-



ton's Buttery." "After all," she said, "I don't have the children to bake for anymore!"

"I loved every minute in District 30, and my hope is that all my students will find occupations which they will enjoy as much as I did mine. My thanks and best wishes to all of you."

ELLEN TOTTEN: Ellen has been teaching at District 30 for almost 18 of her 20-1/2 years in the profession. Although she has taught 3rd, 4th, and 6th grades,



she has spent most of those years teaching 5th grade. She has been a recipient of many mini grants from the Valley Stream

Teacher Center for such programs as Math Madness and the Read-a-thon, and received a Life Membership from PTA.

Upon retirement, Ellen plans to

spend more time with her husband, Art, who has been waiting patiently for 2 years for her to retire! (Art Totten taught in Central High School). They plan to travel, visit their children and grandchildren more often and enjoy an extended summer at their home in Lake Placid.

"It's been a pleasure to have worked in District 30! I've loved teaching at Clear Stream Avenue School especially with a dedicated and caring staff, and PTA. I'll miss it all, but it's time to move on to those 'golden' retirement years!"

STELLA SCHLAEGER:

Stella was initially hired as a Library Monitor at Shaw Avenue School, and in 1974 was assigned as clerk-typist serving the Clear Stream Avenue and Forest Road Schools. After passing the Civil Service examination, Stella subsequently served as building secretary at Forest Road School for 6 years and since 1983 at the Clear Stream Avenue School. She has also served as Unit Leader for the Secretarial Association and sat in on many negotiations. While her children attended Shaw Avenue School, Stella served as PTA President from 1968-70 and was presented with a Life Membership by their PTA.



Stella has been a part of our District 30 Retirement Party Committee for the past 14 years, and finally became one of the "honorees." Her dedication and caring personality for children and school have truly been an asset to our district.

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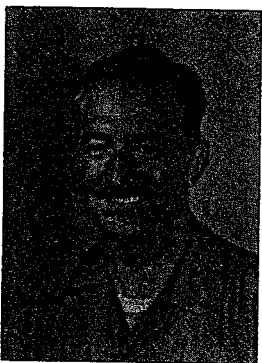
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RETIREES HONORED

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now allow her to spend more time with her newly arrived (and first) granddaughter. She enjoys crafts, knitting, crocheting, traveling and dancing. "It (retiring) was a very difficult decision to make, as I have been so involved in District 30 for so many years, not only as an employee, but also as a parent whose children had the good fortune of receiving their basic education at Shaw Avenue. I have made many friends, some of whom are more like family. The administration, faculty, staff, especially my colleagues, have been great to work with. I'll miss them all, but mostly I'll miss the children as they are what it's all about. Thank you for all the wonderful years of memories that will remain with me forever."

IVAN BARANOV: On July 1, 1974, Ivan joined District 30 as a cleaner. After passing the custodial examination in 1975, he was appointed to that classification. Ivan is a skilled worker, especially with wood. Some of his exquisite pieces have been displayed during our annual Art Exhibit, in the library at Shaw Avenue School.

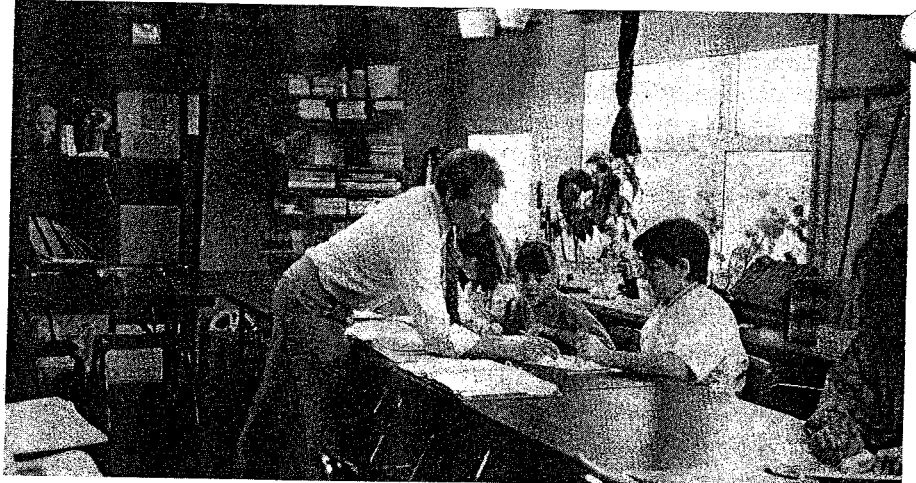


Because of his skills, Ivan became part of District 30's Maintenance crew in 1981. His pride and unique workmanship led him to become

Maintenance Supervisor, which he held until his retirement in 1990. Ivan's skill and warm personality will be missed.

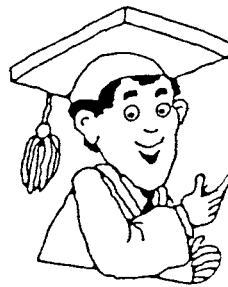
Ivan and his wife, Madelaine, plan to spend as much time as possible with their children and grandchildren. Ivan also plans to "help people in need of help" and occasionally find time to travel.

MATH & SCIENCE



Math comes alive with Mr. Richard Kaufmann in the Science Room as Forest Road School's 4th graders practice measurements, while learning the scientific method.

GRADUATES POEM



*Here's to our graduates
we will never forget you!
Here's to remembering where
your education first grew!
Here's to your health and
happiness, too!
Here's to a wonderful future
awaiting all of you!*

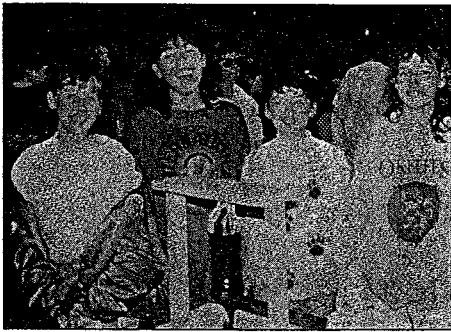
RECOGNIZE US?



Do you recognize this group? They are members of "Mrs. Stiefel's Annual Talk Show," held at Forest Road School.

CONVENTION SPECTACULAR

Recently, Shaw Avenue School presented to the community a celebration of events which have been on-going in the school



Inventions galore, i.e. unique punching bag, training chopsticks and car carry-all.

throughout the year. The idea began as a "Problem Solving Convention" where 6th grade students would be challenged to participate in activities that engaged children intellectually. The conception of that idea originated from Paul Luzzi, a 6th grader, in Ms. Carol anell's class.

Through the endeavors of Mr. Dennis Carr, Science Teacher, this "seed" of an idea led to the participation of all grade levels in a variety of ways. Every classroom was represented from kindergarten to

6th grades, in what blossomed into presentations which included: Earth Day Celebration, Life Sciences, Earth Sciences, Man's Impact on the Earth, Invention Convention, Computer Support Systems (problem solving activities), Impractical Problem Solving for Parents (directed by students) and Shaw Avenue Travel Log.

If you had attended you would have been challenged to partici-



Professionally beautiful butterfly displays.

pate in creative problem solving, challenged to take a political stand for planet Earth's future, observed the very creative inventions which their 4th, 5th and 6th graders produced, or be engaged by our team of computer wizards to survive being stranded on a

tropical island.

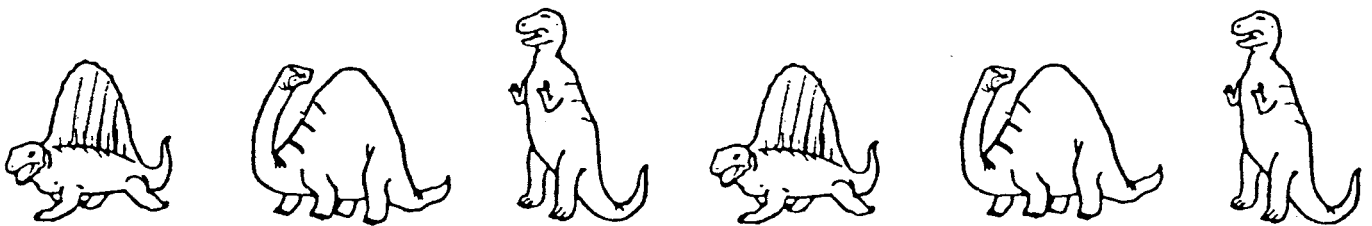
We are very proud of our children's endeavors. What this "convention" brought to the community



Snails, bird nests, snakes and more!

was work which occurs on a regular basis at the Shaw Avenue School. These works and prizes were not isolated projects brought to light on this one special evening, but rather a representation of the on-going, everyday activities in which the children are actively and consistently engaged.

"Special thanks to those of you who attended and a very special thanks to those who contributed and helped organize this wonderful exhibition," stated Mr. Carr.



RECYCLED DINOSAUR?

Art teacher Mrs. Susan Baron, together with Mrs. Roslyn Scheidt's and Mrs. Susan Moskowitz's kindergarten classes, created a unique creature. This creature was prompted by the kindergartners' extensive unit on dinosaurs. Through a cooperative effort, a silly toy-a-saurus was created. He is made from recycled materials. This is one small way in which the kindergarten classes and Mrs. Baron tried

to help save our Earth. You may think that dinosaurs are extinct, but one is living in the hallway between Room 201 and 202 at Forest Road School. He likes visitors— so why not stop by!

A very special thank you to Mr. Henry Ostop, one of our school custodians, for building the basic body for the silly toy-a-saurus.

SPRING FLING '90

Nearly 800 people crowded Central High School's Bert Keller Auditorium on May 8 for "Spring Fling '90—Movie Music." With the enthusiasm of indefatigable Mrs. Linda Pratt, Music Teacher, more than 200 of Clear Stream Avenue School's 1st through 6th graders performed selections from movies or musicals that became movies. The large faculty/staff chorus, aug-



mented by spouses, sang three selections from *Oklahoma*, with Mr. Richard Kaufmann and Miss Barbara Nancken as soloists.

The program included 1st graders singing "Animal Crackers" from Shirley Temple's *Curly Top*; 2nd graders performing "Hi Diddle Dee Dee" and "I've Got No Strings" from *Pinocchio*; selections from *The Sound of Music* by the 3rd graders, with Mrs. Mary Maclean as Maria; and *The Wizard of Oz*, complete with costumes, by the 4th graders.

Mr. Kaufmann assisted the 5th graders in their presentation of *Annie* by being a bald Daddy Warbucks, and Mrs. Sharon Schulman

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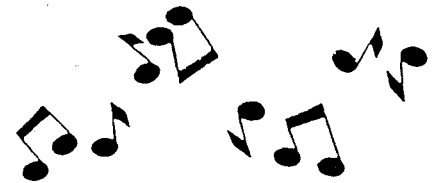
Mrs. Egan and 3rd graders.

Mrs. Leanore Egan gave a valuable presentation to the 3rd graders, in the EXCEL program, concerning the purpose of her job as a crossing guard. Her post is at Clear Stream Avenue School. Mrs. Egan and the class enthusiastically discussed the training and background necessary for this important work as well as ways in which the children and parents can promote their safety and the safety of others. (It should be noted that Mrs. Egan is also the President of our Board of Education.)

Some future events which Miss Gail Starler (EXCEL instruction), has planned include the 4th and 5th graders making pasta with Mrs. Klein and a 5th and 6th grade field trip to Brookhaven National Lab.

(Editor's Note: In the May

Friendly Schools all of the "Odyssey of the Mind" winners were unable to be printed. In recognition of the great efforts and achievement, they are: First place winners: Kristen Governale, Anastasia Tzortzatos, Brigid Tobin, Chad Katoff, Thomas Albano, Lauren Puccio, Priti Kataria, Hannah Kang, Shaun McGrath, Carlos Rios, Neel Panchal, and Matthew Mitgang. Also coming in 1st was Joshua Klein, Heather Davidowitz, Dana Rosenbloom, Dina Tsiorvas, Matthew Galin, Donald Elivert, Jeff Chen, Adam Schechter, Joanne Chan, Brian Fletcher, Michael Rick, Matthew Rittenhouse and Jaclene Begley. Second place winners: Adam Liebling, Morgan Chen, Sal Ferro, Anne Seelig, Joe Rittenhouse and Michael Luzzi.



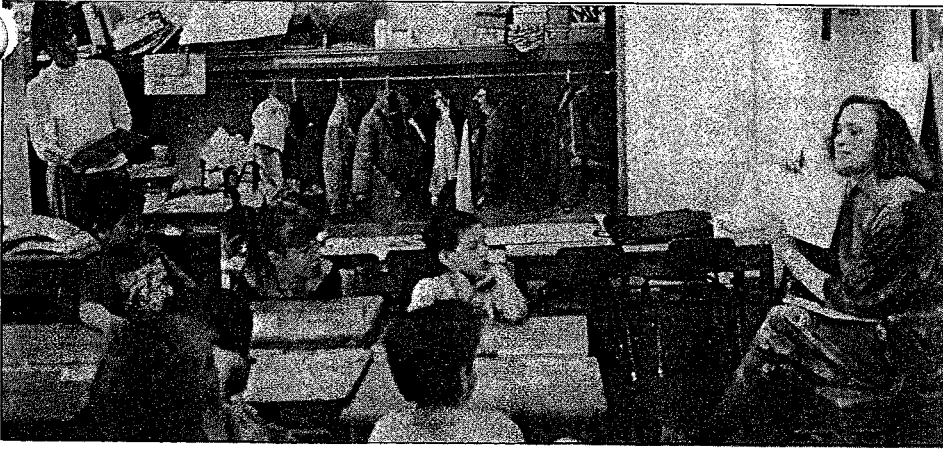
played a wonderful Miss Hannigan. Mr. Pratt assisted the 6th grade presentation of *Music Man* by being Professor Harold Hill.

The students' and staff's electrifying performance captivated their audiences. In high spirits, the audience finished the evening with a wonderful rendition of "Consider Yourself Part of the Family" from *Oliver*.

The following day the school was still buzzing with "music in their hearts." Mr. Richard Burbell, Principal, commented, "It is imperative that the school must foster an atmosphere where a spirit of love for learning is engendered and encouraged. Clear Stream Avenue School's fine reputation and high academic achievement will attest to the cooperative efforts and success of parents, faculty, and administration in working together to make Clear Stream Avenue 'a school of feeling.'"



YOUNG PUBLISHERS



Mrs. Fredericks gave insight to publishing.

Mrs. Wendy Fredericks, a graphic artist and mother of student Dawn Fredericks, visited the children in Mrs. Christine Murray's 2nd grade at Clear Stream Avenue School.

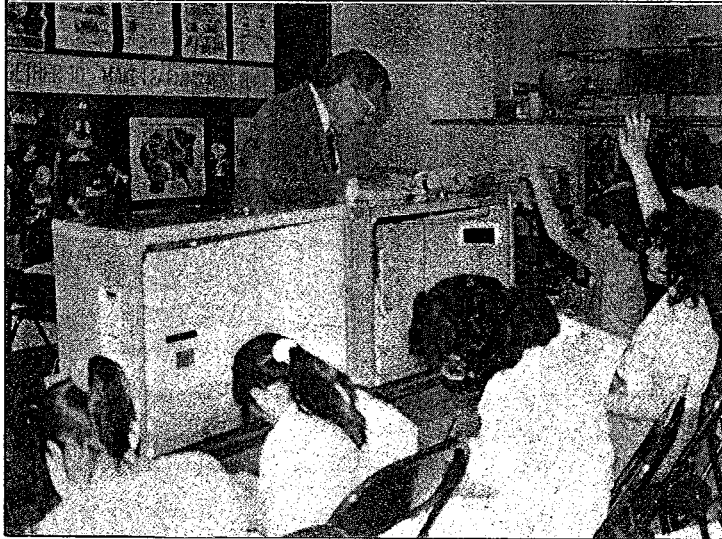
She gave the class a wonderful presentation on book publishing. Her visit served as a culminating activity for a writing project which the children were involved in. She helped the class design book jack-

ets for their stories and then she painstakingly prestyped the titles onto each book jacket.

The children gained an appreciation of the time and effort that goes into publishing books. "We all realized that writing, illustrating, and laying out each page of a book is truly an art. We thank Mrs. Fredericks, who donated two books concerning publishing to our library," stated Mrs. Murray.

GAS SAFETY

Mr. Frank Farkas, a LILCO representative, visited 4th graders at Shaw Avenue School to present a Natural Gas Safety Program. During his 45 minute presentation students learned the safety aspects of natural gas, as well as its origin, nature and properties. Mr. Farkas



Students eagerly answered Mr. Farkas' questions.

brought models, gas samples and a videotape to show the children. At the end of the program he presented each child with a gas safety puzzle and coloring book.

"This program was a fine culmination of the children's study of matter," stated 4th grade teachers Mrs. Lois Benedetto and Mrs. Anne Homer.

DENNIS OEHLER REVISITS

On Wednesday, May 9, 1990, Mr. Dennis Oehler, a Valley Stream resident and paralympic winner of gold medals in Korea, again met with the pupils in the 6th grade at Clear Stream Avenue School. This was his second presentation to the children. (As noted in the October *Friendly Schools*, Dennis visited all three District 30 schools.)

Anyone who has had the opportunity to hear (and see) Dennis in action is fully aware of the important contribution Dennis makes in "reaching out." Dennis sets the climate for positive thinking and action:

- *It is important for you (any individual) to set goals if you wish to reach (your) ultimate dreams.*

- *The development of self-esteem—how you feel about yourself—can be influenced by family and peers. The effect can be both positive and negative.*

- *No one has the right to deliberately make another person feel bad.*

- *You (like everyone else) have the right to "just say no," since involvement with drugs and alcohol will prevent you from reaching your dreams.*

Mr. Oehler is an exceptional individual who has a positive effect on those around him. A person is handicapped only by the limitations imposed upon himself. By setting goals and working towards their attainment, each of us can "aim for the stars." Dennis Oehler serves as a positive role model for us all.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- June 19 District 30 Committee Board of Education Meeting — 8:30 P.M.
- 20 District 30 Sixth Grade Graduation
- 22 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
- 26 District 30 Board of Education Meeting — 8:30 P.M.

September 5 School Opens

DANCE-A-THON BENEFIT



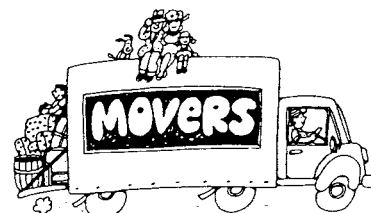
Dennis, you're #1 with us!

As part of a District 30 effort to raise money to send Dennis Oehler to the International Paralympic Competition in Holland, Clear Stream Avenue School's 5th and 6th graders held a Dance-a-Thon on April 20. The walls of their gymnasium vibrated with the music of "Spotlight Products" and many dancing feet. Fifth and 6th graders' effort and determination raised over \$1,200 at this Dance-a-thon. This tremendously successful endeavor was due to the efforts of the 6th grade dance committee, Gina Taliercio, Gina Marrero, Stephanie Caputo, Jennifer Lewis, Mamie Lynch, Maria Alexandratos, Danielle Dier-



na; Rene Marrero and Paul Petterino, who donated their time as D.J.'s; PTA, who provided refreshments and assisted in supervision; and the many teachers who donated their time to chaperone.

The highlight of the evening was the arrival of Dennis Oehler. The student committee presented Dennis with their own gold medal and as he danced along with everyone, his presence was an obvious inspiration. While many people contributed in various ways, the real heroes of the evening were the students from Clear Stream Avenue School dancing so their hero, Dennis, could run for the gold in Holland.



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.

IT'S YOUR MONEY

Vandalism costs our community money. To help us reduce this drain on our tax dollars, help keep a watchful eye on your local school. If you notice someone throwing objects at windows, starting any kind of fire on school property, destroying the grounds, shrubbery or playground equipment, operating mini bikes on the school grounds, or other suspicious or criminal acts, call the Nassau County Emergency Number 911. Give the name of the school, its location and a brief description of what is happening. A police car will be dispatched to investigate and appropriate school personnel will be alerted. School officials will prosecute the offenders whenever possible and attempt to secure restitution for damages. Don't waste your tax dollar!

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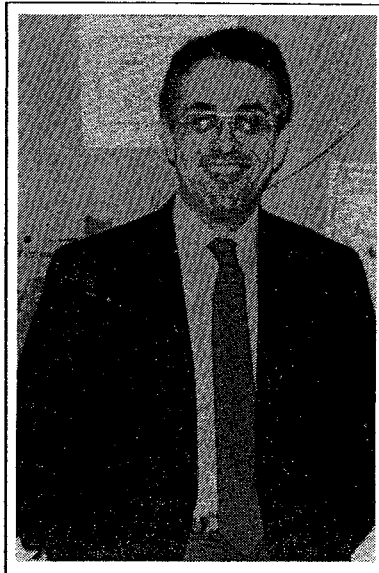
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DR. BRODEUR APPOINTED TO NEW POSITION

As of August 20, the District 30 Board of Education has approved the appointment of Dr. Raymond A. Brodeur to the position of Assistant Superintendent/Curriculum. The post, previously held by Mrs. Lyn Norberg, Assistant Superintendent/Instructions, has been revised, resulting from a reorganization of the total administrative staff. The position of principals as an educational leader has been strengthened to fulfill district responsibilities, which has been lessened during Mrs. Norberg's tenure.

The following description is now that which has been assigned to Dr. Brodeur, which fully encompasses his expertise in the area of curriculum development: Special Education (Committee for Special Education, LD Classes, Resource Room Program, Psychologists, Physical and Occupational Therapy); Central Services (Special Counselors, ESL, Speech Teachers, Core Skills, Computer Education, EXCEL); District Testing Program (Administra-



Dr. Brodeur

tion, Reporting); Program Coordination (Propose New Text and Pilot Program Adoptions, Instructional Material Budgeting, Inter District Committee Participation, Scheduling); Mandated State and Federal Programs (including Chapter I, II, Title II).

Prior to Dr. Brodeur's employment in District 30, he served as a Building Principal and Central Office Staff. He was appointed Principal at Forest Road School in the 1982-83 school year. Dr. Brodeur was awarded his Doctor of Education Degree in Curriculum Development, Evaluation and Supervision from the School of Education, Boston University.

(Editor's Note: At the time of printing, Dr. Brodeur's replacement as Principal at Forest Road School had not been decided.)

NEW PRINCIPAL AT SHAW AVENUE SCHOOL

After numerous interviews, the District 30 Board of Education has appointed Mr. Stanley E. Kaminsky to the position of Principal at the Shaw Avenue School. This position was made vacant by the resignation of Dr. Patricia Callow.

Mr. Kaminsky has been in the educational profession for 27 years, 15 of which he served as principal in P.S. 4, Bronx, N.Y. His credentials also include: Assistant Principal, Guidance Counselor and teacher, plus, an Adjunct Assistant Professor at the College of New Rochelle. He received both his Master's and Bachelor's Degree from New York University. Among his notable

awards are Outstanding Principal, Outstanding Educator of the Year and Proclamation of Excellence for ten years of perfect attendance. Mr. Kaminsky is married, has 2 children and resides in Bergen County.

Mr. Kaminsky's skill in communicating and working with youths in recreational programs and guidance have provided him with a fine background and is sure to be an asset to District 30. He enjoys, and still participates in, basketball, racquetball and tennis, and he feels his travel experiences have "broadened his views."

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Mr. Kaminsky

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NEW PRINCIPAL (Cont'd.)

"We need, and must have, the cooperation of every parent. Towards this end, one of my main goals is to welcome all parents to join us in this pursuit. Feel free to speak with me, at any time, about any concerns," stated Mr. Kaminsky.

**HANDS-ON
 GEOGRAPHY**

The fifth graders at the Shaw Avenue School are working on map and globe skills. They constructed a "human globe" showing the Equator, Tropic of Cancer, Tropic of Capricorn, Antarctic Circle, North Pole and South Pole. They are all concentrating on the five themes of geography: Location (absolute and relative); Place (physical and cultural); Human/Environmental Interaction; Movement (transportation, communication); and Region ("worlds" within worlds).

The 5th graders will be taking a walking trip in the school yard to determine the physical and cultural characteristics of this area.

Added Space Completed

District 30 has always met the needs of the student population. As stated in the March and June 1990 *Friendly Schools*, the Washington Avenue Building was converted into Administrative Offices to meet these needs. The results of the move benefited all our schools.

The area occupied by the Business Office at Shaw Avenue School was



Mrs. Carmela Lopez in her new Transitional Classroom.

converted into the following: Transitional classroom, LCI classroom, Guidance Office and ESL Room.

Relocating the Transitional Class from Clear Stream Avenue to Shaw Avenue allowed the area at Clear Stream Avenue to be renovated into a complete classroom, which is now

occupied by Mrs. Christine Murray's 2nd graders. Mrs. Murray's former 2nd grade classroom (Room B—"Ramp" room) is now occupied by Mrs. Linda Pratt, Music Teacher. The music room was located in Room 9. This move in turn allows the additional third kindergarten class to be placed in Room 9, which contains its own bathroom—an asset for kindergarteners!

Due to the population growth at Forest Road School, the need for an additional 3rd and 6th grade class was necessary. By relocating the LCI class to Shaw Avenue School, the space is now used for an additional classroom.

Placing the Assistant Superintendent/Curriculum and administrative secretary offices in Washington Avenue Building allotted the room at Shaw Avenue School to be utilized for the additional 4th grade class.

All the renovating was completed during the Summer months, and as the 1990-91 school year started, everyone is settled into their new rooms and routines.

STARTING RIGHT

Mrs. Roslyn Scheidt's and Mrs. Susan Moskowitz's kindergarteners are off to a great start. They are busy learning about colors and shapes.

The children, new to the school rules as they are, have been learning about school rules and acceptable behavior. They are being taught to "treat others the way you would like them to treat you."

Pretty soon, the kindergarten classes will be taking a trip to Green Meadows Farm, to learn about animals, and also to celebrate the arrival of Fall with pumpkins. They are busy noticing the changes taking

place outside now that Autumn has arrived. The leaves are beginning to turn color, and that helps to reinforce some of their classroom activities dealing with primary colors and secondary colors.

Ron Garafalo, the Ex-Fire Chief of Valley Stream, will be visiting the kindergarteners in early October in conjunction with Fire Prevention Week.

"All in all, we are on our toes every minute and loving it too! Look a future *Friendly Schools* for more updates on the doings in Rooms 201 and 202 at Forest Road School," stated Mrs. Scheidt.

WELCOME EIGHT NEW MEMBERS

As the 1990-91 school year begins we welcome 8 new members to District 30:

Phyllis Amalfitano has joined Clear Stream Avenue School as one of their kindergarten teachers. She is a graduate of Molloy College and received her MA at Stony Brook University. Mrs. Amalfitano has been in the teaching profession for 8 years and taught 1, 2, 3, and 5 grades, as well as art to K-8 in a parochial school. The last 2 years she served as Teacher Assistant at Clear Stream Avenue School. She enjoys bowling, paddleball and volleyball.

Rita Cohen is our new kindergarten to 2nd grade art teacher at Shaw Avenue School. She has been teaching intermittently for the past 30 years. Mrs. Cohen taught art at Suffolk Community College and is a lecturer-guide at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. She enjoys painting, reading, taking long walks and the theater.

Andrea B. Frisch has joined us as our new String Music Teacher and will be serving our three schools. She went to SUNY Potsdam College, where she attended the Crane School of Music. Throughout college, Miss Frisch taught general music at camps, Sunday school and local preschools. Outside of school she raises and shows dogs with her mother; in fact they own 7 show dogs.

Pamela Garvey joins District 30 at Shaw Avenue School as their new 4th grade teacher, but she is not new to Shaw Avenue School. She completed her student teaching requirements, became a Contractual Substitute for 1 year and Teacher Assistant for another year—all at Shaw Avenue School.

Debra Goldberg has taught for 2 years. She served as Teacher Assistant at Forest Road School for the 1989-90 school year and is presently appointed as one of their 6th grade teachers. Ms. Goldberg is currently enrolled in a Master's Degree program in reading at Hofstra University.

Susan Lipski is teaching 4th grade at Clear Stream Avenue School, but is also not new to our schools. When she first came to District 30 she worked as a Contractual Substitute at Shaw Avenue School and then spent 2 years as a Teacher Assistant at Clear Stream Avenue School. Some of you might know her as Miss Susan Mazelis—she was wed in June. She enjoys fishing, boating, bowling and loves animals. "I would like to express just how thrilled I am to be teaching and I am looking forward to my wonderful future at District 30," stated Mrs. Lipski.

Susan Lombardo, R.N. has 13 years of nursing experience and enjoys being around children. She has replaced Mrs. Esther Tucker as school nurse at Shaw Avenue School.

Peggy Wakely was a student teacher at Shaw Avenue School from January to May 1989, and was a 6th grade Teacher Assistant last year. Miss Wakely has been appointed as 3rd grade teacher at Forest Road School.

INTER SCHOOL STAFF CHANGES

Some internal changes of staff members' assignments are as follows:

At Clear Stream Avenue School:

Three of the teachers have changed grades: Barbara Clarke, who formerly taught 3rd grade is now teaching 4th; Jane Voss went from 4th to 6th grade; and Edith Yelland has moved from 6th grade to 5th grade, which was vacant due to Mrs. Totten's retirement.

Upon Mrs. Schlaeger's retirement, Lane Griffin, formerly their office aide, is now their building secretary. The new office aide is Annette O'Keefe.

Formerly the Transitional Aide, Josephine Ruggiero is now one of their Kindergarten Aides. On Thursdays and Fridays, Renee Peterman will be their Permanent Substitute.

Joining their Noon Hour Aides is Mary Furina and Theresa Giordano. Margaret Farrell and Frances Pepe

now join Mary Cangemi in the cafeteria.

At Forest Road School:

Caryn Eisenberg has joined District 30 as their Contractual Substitute teacher. Formerly an LC/II teacher, Virginia Soka is now teaching LC/III. Catherine Wood who taught LC/III is now our LC/IV teacher. Reading teacher Nancy McInerney is presently their CORE teacher.

At Shaw Avenue School:

Upon Mrs. Cummings' retirement, Georgene Rogers (formerly 2nd grade teacher) is now their kindergarten teacher.

Mrs. Judy Neary, who was a Permanent Substitute for our District, is now our Language Experience Teacher for the primary grades.

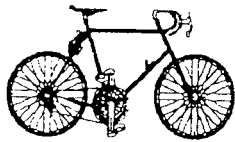
READING CHAMPS

Pictured are the recipients of a Reading Achievement Certificate awarded by the Henry Waldinger Memorial Library for participation in their Summer Reading Club.



Congratulations, reading achievers!

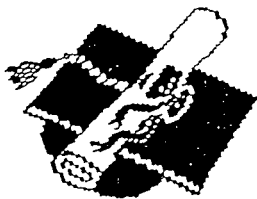
"Each read and reported on seven books. We are very proud of them," stated Mrs. Mary Mathews, Library/Media Specialist at Shaw Avenue School. They are: Hannah Kang, Nancy Li, Allison Shorter, Teri O'Keefe, Anne Marie Lachmeyer, Melissa Golfo, Andrea Kang, Garrett Shaw, Nicole Luzzi, John Lachmeyer, Lizzie Schechter, Christina Giacalone, Jimmy Shea, Michael Piacentini, Susan O'Brien, Alexandra Barnett, Frankie Spadaro, Jackie Raimondi, Lyn Mangiere and Billy Mugno.

WANTED

Wanted: Any bicycle, tricycle or roller skates that your child has outgrown. Mrs. Joan Stein, Physical Education Teacher at Shaw Avenue School, can use the bicycles for her Safety Town Unit and the skates for after school clubs.

SENIOR PROJECT

The 6th graders, with the assistance of the PTA, are leaving a legacy to Clear Stream Avenue School. They have made ceramic tiles under the direction of Ms. Esther Tolan.



These tiles will be around the display case on the first floor outside Mrs. Paula Franklin's room (Room 3). It is hoped that similar projects will be carried out by future 6th graders until their halls are aglow with the art of former students.

STUDENT PLAYS FOR RENOWNED VIOLINIST

Violinist, Alison Shorter, presently a 6th grader in Ms. Carol Lanell's class at Shaw Avenue School, performed with a youth orchestra from Queens College at Carnegie Hall in New York City. The young musicians were selected to play at a special birthday celebration to honor world renowned violinist Isaac Stern. At one point during the program, Isaac Stern joined the student musicians and played the violin with them. Alison has been studying the violin for three years.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

October 16	Dist. 30 Board of Education Committee Meeting—8PM
23	Dist. 30 Board of Education Meeting—8PM
November 6	Election Day/Superintendent's Conference Day— NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
12	Veterans' Day—SCHOOLS CLOSED
20	Dist. 30 Board of Education Committee Meeting—8PM
22-23	Thanksgiving Recess—SCHOOLS CLOSED
27	Dist. 30 Board of Education Committee Meeting—8PM

N.Y. ARTIST VISITS SCHOOL

The Forest Road School will be host to New York artist Randi Chalpin in early November. The PTA is bringing Ms. Chalpin to Forest Road School as part of an artist in residence program for the 4, 5 and 6 graders.

Ms. Chalpin is a professional painter and a teacher in the city school system. She has worked extensively with schools in New York City and Long Island creating murals. This should be an exciting and rewarding project for Forest Road students.

Mrs. Susan Baron, Forest Road School Art Teacher, and Ms. Chalpin will be working with the intermediate students developing a mural based on the theme "neighborhood." The students are making self-portraits in their art class now, which will be incorporated in this collage mural.

COMPUTER ED

As part of our District 30 Computer Education Program, the 4th graders at the Forest Road School are receiving hands-on keyboarding instruction from Mrs. Marsha Iverson. Mrs. Susan Stiefel and Mr. Bruce Lesser are working closely with the students, and Computer Aide Mrs. Lydia Rosen, to integrate this program into all curricula areas.

RUNNING FOR FITNESS

Steven Ostop, Custodian, is not satisfied with the exercise he gets running around Shaw Avenue School doing his job. He recently participated in the Half Marathon in Philadelphia. He completed the 13.1 mile trek through Fairmount Park in 145 minutes, and placed 123 out of 693 competing in the 40-45 age category.

Steven belongs to the New York Roadrunners Club, Sandpipers and the Valley Stream Running Club. Steven emphasized that he "runs for fitness reasons, everything else is secondary." He presently runs 60-70 miles a week and is striving for 90 miles. His goal is to compete in the Boston 26 mile marathon on April 15. Steven has already qualified by running in the L.I. Marathon last May.

MATH SYMPOSIUM

The Nassau County Mathematics Teachers' Association and the Nassau County Association of Mathematics Supervisors co-sponsored the Twelfth Annual Student Symposium in Mathematics. Approximately 1,000 students throughout Nassau County attended the Symposium held in June.

Many 5th graders from Clear Stream Avenue School, and their teacher Mrs. June Burgess, had a rare opportunity to investigate and enjoy a wide variety of new and exciting mathematic topics. The metropolitan area's leading educators and mathematicians presented hourly workshops designed specifically to enrich and enhance the students' appreciation of mathematics.

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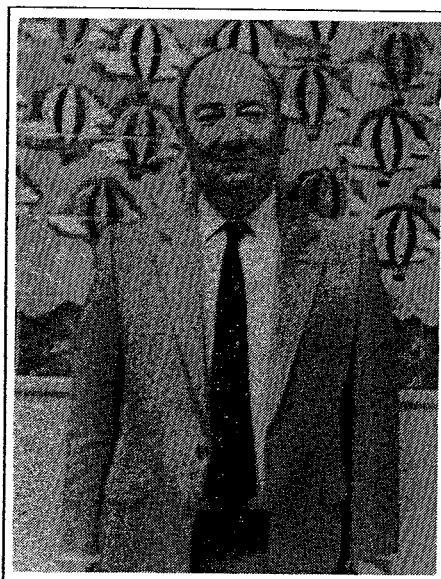
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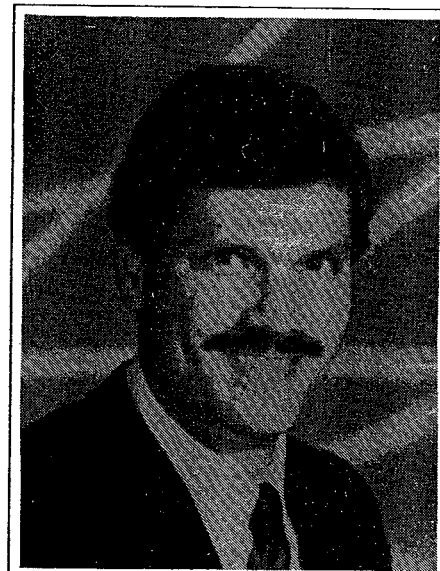
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**Mr. Cohen New Clear
Stream Avenue Principal**



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*Seasons Greetings
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EMERGENCY CLOSING

Should weather conditions make it necessary to close the schools, the Valley Stream Fire Department will sound the alarm 10 times at **7:05 AM** and the following stations will make early morning announcements:

WCBS (88)
WHLI (1100)
WGBB (1240)
WKJY (98FM)
WGSM (740)
WINS (1010)
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Music Notes

"District 30 Music Department is proud to announce that we have had twelve children selected to participate in the Nassau County Music Educators' All-County Festival," gleefully stated Mrs. Linda Pratt, Music Teacher. The children will attend rehearsals at the Mineola High School and perform with other children from Nassau County at a concert at C.W. Post College on Sunday, January 20, 1991.

The students selected are as follows:

Chorus: Priti Kataria and David Russer (Clear Stream Avenue); Michael Rick and Kerri Salomon (Forest Road); Christine Paragas and Diane Paugh (Shaw Avenue).

Band: Paul Mendez (Clear Stream Avenue); Susan Galgano (Forest Road); Sean Anderson (Shaw Avenue).

Orchestra: Elena DeCandia (Clear Stream Avenue); Andrea Floyd (Forest Road); Alison Shorter (Shaw Avenue).

Mrs. Barbara Kreeger, Music Teacher, announced that the Shaw Avenue School Chorus is planning a Holiday Assembly Program December 20th at 1:30 p.m., and features: "Holiday On Ice," "Here In My House," and " 'Twas the Night Before Christmas." It promises to be a gala event for the entire school!

Dr. Cronin, New Forest Road Principal

Dr. Barbara W. Cronin has been appointed as Principal at Forest Road School, effective November 26, 1990. As stated in the October 1990 *Friendly Schools*, Dr. Raymond Brodeur formerly held this position and was appointed Assistant Superintendent/ Curriculum.

Dr. Cronin has five years experience as an Elementary School Principal, and ten years experience as an elementary classroom teacher. She graduated cum laude from St. John's University, where she received her Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education. Dr. Cronin is a recipient of

a Doctoral Fellowship and Scholarship for advanced graduate study in educational administration at Hofstra University. She received her doctorate degree in 1988. Her professional experience includes: a member of the Committee on Special Education; member of Early Childhood Education Committee; District Director of Testing; plus a wide variety of computer experience.

We at District 30 welcome Dr. Cronin and are confident she will be a well qualified addition to our administrative team.

Mr. Cohen, New Clear Stream Avenue Principal

From January 14, 1991 to January 31, 1991, Mr. Robert A. Cohen will serve as Assistant Principal at Clear Stream Avenue School. Upon Mr. Richard Burbell's retirement, February 1, Mr. Cohen will assume the position of Principal at Clear Stream Avenue School.

Mr. Cohen has been an Acting Principal, as well as, an Assistant Principal with the New York City School System since June of 1987. He has also served as a grade 5 and grade 6 teacher, and an Administrative Assistant since 1969. He

received his BA and MA from Queens College. His Professional Diploma in Administrative and Supervision was granted by St. John's University. Mr. Cohen's professional experiences include: Organizing and supervising the opening and first year of a new school in Queens; and Acting Coordinator for Reading, Writing and Mathematics.

Mr. Cohen's qualified background and eagerness is sure to be an asset to our District 30 administrative team. Welcome, Mr. Cohen!

GREETINGS FROM MR. KAMINSKY

Dear Parents and Community:

As we rapidly approach the Holiday Season and reflect upon my first several months here in Valley Stream, I can truly state how this community has made me feel part of each and every family.

This feeling is particularly gratifying since one of my goals is to make Shaw Avenue School function as a large family. This statement "fits" well with the Holiday Season spirit, which is family oriented.

On behalf of my own family and the entire "Shaw" family, I wish each and every person a most enjoyable and healthy Holiday Season.

—Stan Kaminsky, *Principal*

Mr. Burbell Retiring February 1

As of February 1, 1991, Mr. Richard M. Burbell will retire from the position of Principal at Clear Stream Avenue School. He has held that position for 22 years where his background has truly been an asset to District 30. Mr. Burbell has played a big role in Clear Stream's history, which includes: modernizing the Library Media Center; implementing the pupil's Book Authoring Program; and development of the Early Childhood Program.

Mr. Burbell's responsibilities in the District were numerous. To name a few: He served as Editor of *The Friendly Schools* from 1969 to 1984; District 30 representative at the Inter-District Committee of Curriculum and Inservice and BOCES; Coordinator of student teaching for the three elementary districts of Valley Stream; Coordinator of all District testing; and Administrator in charge of language arts (including reading).

Mr. Burbell's glowing spark for his profession and sincere concern for children will always be part of us

and our District. We wish him, and his wife, a most healthy and enjoyable retirement. Mr. Burbell, you will be missed!

In an Open Letter of Appreciation, Mr. Burbell stated: "I can truly say that I have been fortunate in that my professional assignments have given me personal satisfaction. Each day's challenges have enriched my own experiences and development. I sincerely believe this has resulted in the development of a contagious spirit which has made Clear Stream Avenue a positive and unique place to learn (and live). I will always be grateful for the opportunity to have served as the building principal at the Clear Stream Avenue School in the Valley Stream #30 School District. I believe we have a right to be proud of our efforts in behalf of the children. They rightfully deserve to be given priority and I depart with a positive feeling about the community and the school district. I will forever treasure fondly these memories of a lifetime."

CAUMSETT 1990

Sixth graders once again experienced nature in a way not possible in a classroom—the Caumsett experience! This two day and one night stay at the BOCES Center, located at Lloyd's Neck, L.I., exposed the students to a variety of ecosystems that are available at Caumsett State Park. The Caumsett Park staff, and District 30 Science Teachers, Mr. Dennis Carr and Mr. Richard Kaufman, accompanied the students in activities including: seashore life, pond study, geology, canoeing, astronomy, forest ecology and the favorite—salt marsh.

The complexity of the environment was clearly demonstrated through a variety of motivating activities. This experience gave the 6th graders insight and sensitivity necessary for the preservation of these habitats, and supported the conservation efforts so important to the survival of wildlife—and they all agreed it was FUN!

SCHOOL IS A SPIRIT

On Halloween Day, Clear Stream Avenue School's students and teachers had prepared a surprise for their parents and principal, Mr. Richard Burbell.

As part of their traditional approach to the holiday, the children had dressed up in various colorful costumes. The teachers also prepared for the occasion by an agreed upon wardrobe. All members of the professional staff had agreed to wear a suit, shirt and tie for the entire day to replicate the garb of the principal. The teachers also carried a yellow pad as symbol of their assumed role of the supervisor.

Later, after the costume parade of the children, the teachers all assembled in the middle of the playground area for a group picture. To the amusement and delight of the assemblage, each member of staff lifted a face mask to complete the masquerade.



Pictured are just some of the "Mr. Burbell" masqueraders; see article at right.

40.30 N. Latitude, 73.42 W. Longitude

What does that mean? Ask any 5th grader at Shaw Avenue School and they would answer, "It's the global address of Valley Stream."



Wearing these location tags, 5th graders from Shaw Avenue School attended the "Mr. World's American Tour." This is a National Geographic Education Program, sponsored by Citibank MasterCard and Visa, which is designed to help our nation's schoolchildren understand the importance of geography and discover how it touches their lives.

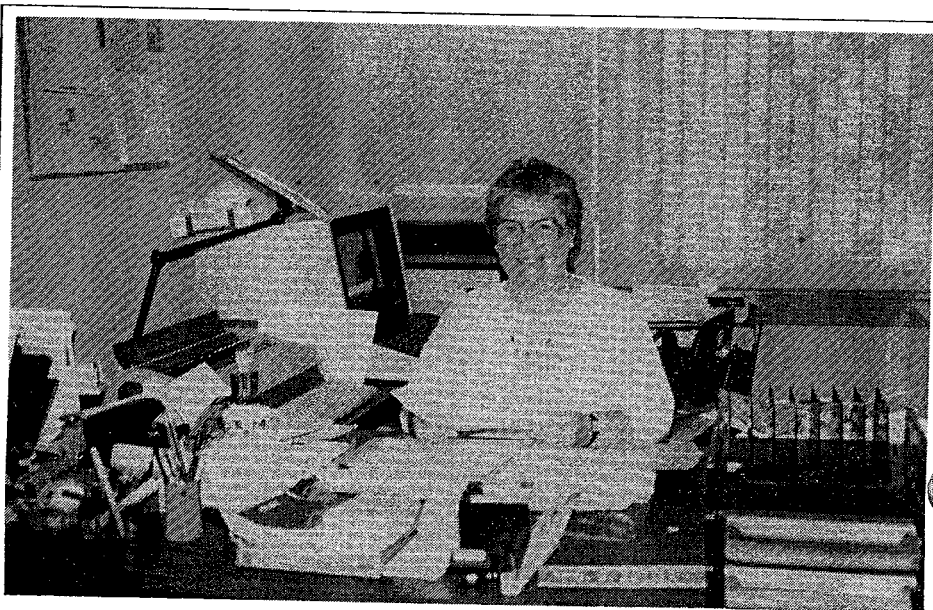
During this special program, Mr. World, cloaked in his mapped costume, took the students on a fascinating trip around the Earth, and asked questions. Their teachers, Mrs. Susan Wasserman, Mr. George Beyer and Mr. Carl Riccobono were very proud of the correct and precise answers. Mrs. Wasserman noted, "During our visit, we were surrounded by professional personnel, media people and passersby, who commented that our group responded enthusiastically to Mr. World's program."

Following the program, our 5th graders sang a special song to Mr. World. They also presented him with a 3 dimensional Tropical Rain Forest symbol, which he plans to use in his travel across the country. Each participant received an enve-

lope containing a world map and "Mr. World's American Tour" pin, plus an ample supply for all District 30's 5th graders. Each 5th grade class also received a hanging map for their classroom.

Chauncey Howell from Eyewitness News interviewed and filmed

some of the children. It was televised on the Channel 7 Evening News, and for anyone watching, it demonstrated the students' knowledge of geography. "To the students of Valley Stream: Learn about geography and you can travel all over the world. From Mr. World."



Gloria Zweier Retires

After serving as Secretary to the Superintendent for 20 years, Mrs. Gloria C. Zweier will retire as of January 15, 1991. She has been in her profession for 40 years, and is a true master of it.

Gloria's involvement with District 30 began long before she joined our staff—her children attended Shaw Avenue School. As one of the "unsung heroes" of the district, Gloria has served the district with efficiency and genuine concern. No matter how busy she was, she always gave assistance, or knew who to refer you to. When asked what her plans for the future are, she stated: "To enjoy some leisure time—with granddaughter—maybe do a little traveling

and clean out the house of 31 years of collecting. If I get bored, there's always volunteer work."

Gloria commented: "I have enjoyed my years in District 30 and have seen many changes in the past 20 years, some good, some not so good. The new Washington Offices are conducive to business and very lovely, but I miss the people, especially the children. I will miss them all, but having a granddaughter in Shaw Avenue School, gives me an excuse to return on occasions." Although she always said, "No one is indispensable," she will be missed, not only by Mr. William Van Ness, Superintendent of Schools, but by the entire District 30 staff.

LIBRARY NEWS

* * * The Library Media Center at Clear Stream Avenue School sponsored a Harvest Time Activity Contest designed to promote community service, ecological responsibility and library usage. Students were requested to collect autumn leaves to be placed in a decorative "pumpkin bag" container that was on display in the library. A

mine story telling and locating them on an outlined world map. Winners, Jenny Lee and Evan Greene, were chosen in a drawing from all correct entries. At the book-talk luncheon, Library Media Specialist Mrs. Carol Tolle, led the discussion of the novel "Where The Red Fern Grows," by Wilson Rawls. "Through sharing their reac-



Fourth graders selected books at the Shaw Avenue Library Book Sale.

contest was held to determine how much the leaf-filled bag weighed. "The winner was Mary Beth Hollywood in Ms. Edith Yelland's 5th grade class. Mary Beth's guess of 27-1/2 pounds was closest to the actual weight of 28 pounds," reported Mrs. Alice Dorb, Library Media Specialist. The excitement continued with the activities held during Children's Book Week.

* * * At Forest Road School Library Media Center Children's Book Week Celebration included a research contest and book-talk luncheon. The contest, which combined Children's Book Week and National Geography Awareness Week themes, involved students in using reference sources to deter-

mine story telling and locating them on an outlined world map. Winners, Jenny Lee and Evan Greene, were chosen in a drawing from all correct entries. At the book-talk luncheon, Library Media Specialist Mrs. Carol Tolle, led the discussion of the novel "Where The Red Fern Grows," by Wilson Rawls. "Through sharing their reac-

tions to the novel with each other, the students enhanced their appreciation of literature and their enjoyment of this beautifully written adventure story," commented Mrs. Tolle.

* * * At Shaw Avenue School, students enthusiastically bought books for their home collections, and as gifts for family members to celebrate Children's Book Week. Their Library Media Center sponsored a sale of discarded library books. Fourth and 5th grade pupils had an opportunity to purchase books for 5, 10 or 25 cents. The sale was an enjoyable activity for all. "The money will be used for supplies for the library's fish tank," stated Mrs. Mathews, Library Media Specialist.

WORD FROM OUR BOYS IN DESERT SHIELD

Encouraged by their teachers, many of the upper grade classes at the Clear Stream Avenue School have written to our troops in Saudi Arabia. The children have discussed the situation in the Middle East and are aware of the contribution (and sacrifice) made by our servicemen. You will be interested in knowing that responses have already been received:

New York Sgt. Stephen E. Cooke, Jr. wrote: "I'm very pleased with your attitude toward America's Forces. Just reading what you wrote is enough for me to believe we are doing the right thing. When you said that America is a great place to live, but we still will make it better, you were right. One day we will be in a world that will acknowledge peace as a common day thing. There won't be any poor, homeless, underfed and sick not cared for. But, until that day, we must be grateful for what we have and always strive to make things better."

Marine Gunnery Sgt. Mel Sancier voiced appreciation for Kristin Zurlo's letter. He wished he could have been home for his son Timothy's birthday, but states, "I was needed here in Saudi Arabia."

Did you notice the yellow ribbons on the trees around Clear Stream Avenue School? Some 4th graders did that to show their support for our men in Saudi Arabia.

Busy Hands, Busy Learning

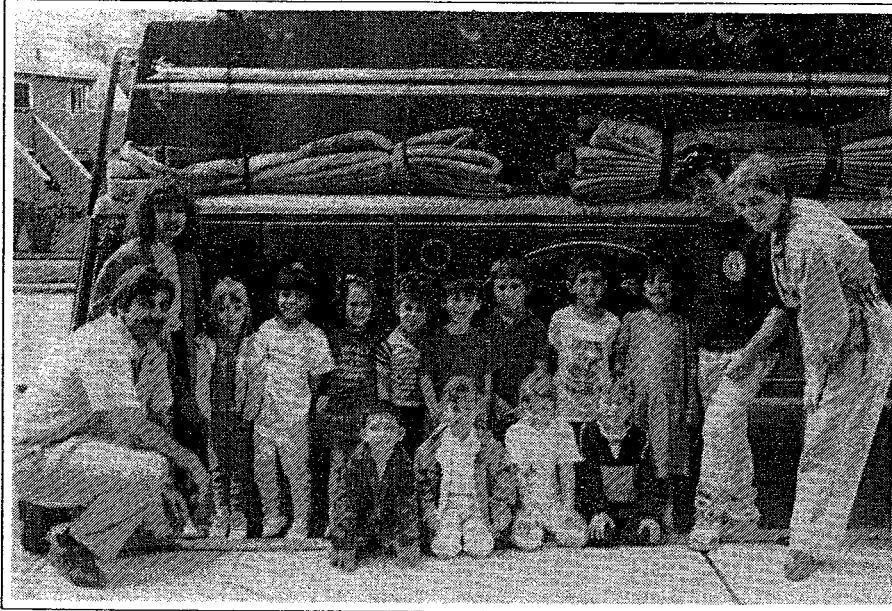
The kindergartens at Forest Road School have been very busy since the beginning of school. Ex-Fire Chief Ron Garofalo visited their kindergarten classes during Fire Prevention Week.

He was assisted by fireman Michael Seltzer. The kindergartners anxiously awaited his arrival as he drove up in a "real fire truck," which they were allowed to climb on. Ron discussed fire prevention and the students viewed a film and learned how important it is to "drop low and go" when you smell smoke. He also presented kindergarten teachers, Mrs. Roslyn Scheidt and Mrs. Susan Moskowitz, with a certificate for their participation in Fire Prevention Week.

M&M Candy came to their classroom, but behind that candy coating

were their teachers, Mrs. Scheidt and Mrs. Susan Moskowitz, and aides Mrs. Susan DeSantis and Mrs. Andrea Graham. What a surprise on Halloween! The children were

about Pablo Picasso and then made their own imaginative masterpieces. The boys and girls wrote their own pictographs during a lesson on Pilgrims and Indians.



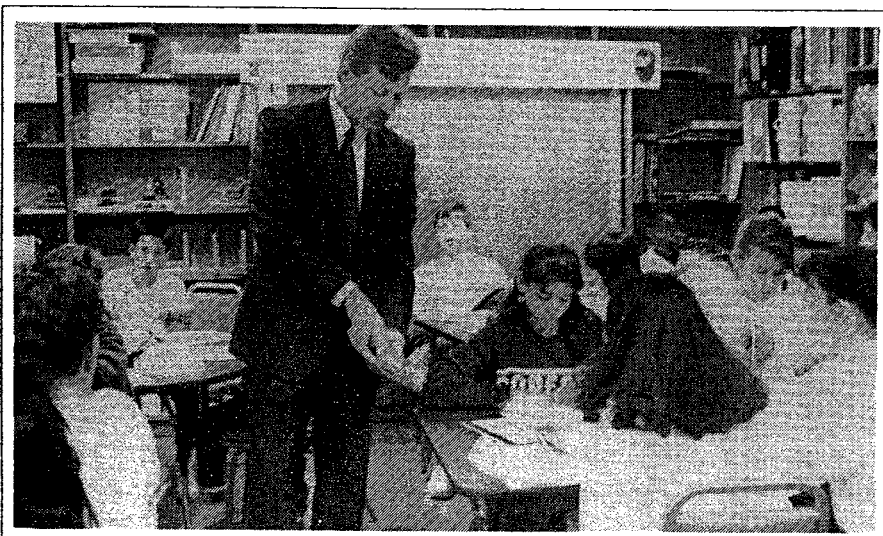
WOW—a real firetruck!

dressed in all sorts of special costumes. They enjoyed watching a **great** program called the "Mask," which was sponsored by the Forest Road School PTA.

Mrs. Moskowitz's class learned all

Both classes did their share of cooking for Thanksgiving. After reading the story "Cranberry Thanksgiving," they made cranberry bread, as well as cranberry sauce and butter.

Mrs. Scheidt's class made Stone Soup, with ingredients brought in by all of the children, and Mrs. Scheidt supplied the stone. This activity is an outgrowth of the story "Stone Soup," which is part of their reading program. Pilgrims and Indians were on their minds too, as they learned about preserving food, and made their own pickles.



Mr. Holster discussed actual cases.

EXCEL NEWS

On a recent trip to Mineola, the EXCEL class toured the Supreme Court, under the supervision of Mr. Michael Rich. He explained court procedures and the purpose of the Holding Site. Students, along with their teacher, Miss Gail Starler, and aide, Mrs. Angela Nicolini, visited and spoke with Judge Levitt in his chambers. As a followup, Mr. Charles E. Holster, Attorney, visited their class to discuss his professional background, qualifications and experience with Family Court. Students were eager, and enthusiastic, to hear about some of his "actual" cases (names withheld) concerning children and teens.

Thanksgiving Celebration

※ ※ ※ Pilgrims and Indians sat down together again as Forest Road students and staff celebrated their annual Thanksgiving Breakfast on November 21st. This year's breakfast was dedicated to outgoing principal, Dr. Raymond Brodeur. Highlighting the celebration were class musical presentations and a rap by grade 6 directed by music teacher Mrs. Fran Gibson. Mrs. Roslyn Scheidt, kindergarten teacher, commented, "The children really enjoyed preparing some special songs for this event, especially the ones in honor of Dr. Brodeur. Our kindergartners sang: "You are special," "You've Got No Strings" (a parody written by Mrs., Moskowitz)

STUDENT COUNCIL ALIVE AND ACTIVE

Fifth grade teacher Mrs. June Burgess and Gym teacher Mrs. Amy Cutillo have activated the Student Council at the Clear Stream Avenue School. Besides assuming personal responsibility for their actions, the children have planned a number of activities that exemplify their personal involvement and concern for their school, the community and important issues. Some recent programs are listed below:

OPERATION CLEAN UP – In the beginning of October, the children did a major clean up on the outside playground and shrubbery areas. As they phrased it, "We want our school to be beautiful!"

FIRST THEME DAY: SPIRIT DAY (November 8) – All pupils and faculty members wore Clear Stream Avenue School attire—blue and white colored clothes. Additional days that are coming are: Backwards Day and Inside-Out Day.

CANNED FOOD DRIVE (Week of November 13) – Students in each class were asked to bring in a can a day. Cans to be given to families in our area via community organizations—604 cans were collected.

OPERATION HAND SHAKE – Classes will be sending cards, banners, tapes or other selected material to our servicemen in the Middle East.

and "That's What Friends Are For."

※ ※ ※ To sponsor the breakfast feast, Forest Road Student Council, under the supervision of Mrs. Linda Kessler, held a Jelly Bean Contest and Raffle with prizes donated by many local merchants. Remembering those less fortunate, the entire school gave generously to a food drive coordinated by school nurse Mrs. Elaine Friedman. Collected goods were presented to Grace Methodist Church for distribution to needy families.

※ ※ ※ Meanwhile, at Shaw Avenue School kindergartners celebrated the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday with their annual community breakfast. Dressed in traditional garb, the children worked together to prepare a delicious feast (homemade corn muffins and butter, a fruit salad concocted from a variety of their favorite fruits, warm popcorn and apple cider). The breakfast began with a group recitation of a favorite Thanksgiving poem and when all the food was shared, there were just enough crumbs left to share with the birds!

※ ※ ※ On to Clear Stream Avenue School: Various breakfasts and other meal preparations were planned throughout the Clear Stream Avenue School, including the kindergartners dressed in their costumes for Thanksgiving. Mrs. Paula Franklin reported, "My 1st grade class prepared a Thanksgiving treat for their families. We made cranberry relish in school and will enjoy it with our turkey on Thanksgiving day. Fresh cranberries, apples, oranges, nuts and sugar—lots of ingredients to measure, chop and mix. It's a wonderful experience and delicious, too!"

※ ※ ※ What a wonderful way to begin the holiday season here at District 30!

SIXTH GRADE "RAP"

A Tribute to Dr. Brodeur:

To Forest Road you came in 1982
and now you're leaving us and we feel blue
As our Principal you've been the best
and we should know, we've put you to the test
When you started at Forest, one class per grade
with a growing population, two classes were made.
Principal was your title but you did much more
You took playground duty as an additional chore
How many of us did you have to see?
To give advice on how we should be
Firedrills you called, took us by surprise
To recite the pledge, your request is "please rise"
You've made all birthdays a very big deal
We hope you know how great it made us feel
In the cafeteria you watched us eat
When you're around we tried to be neat
Some words you say make us think twice
Your accent is thick but it sounds real nice
You've been at Forest for eight years now
You're number 1 and should take a bow
Congratulations we're happy for you
As Assistant Superintendent, a good job you'll do
The Word you've always stressed in Forest Road "Pride"
You've led us well, an A-1 guide
In conclusion Dr. Brodeur we must say
This Thanksgiving Breakfast is for you today.
Congrats, Best Wishes, we hate to see you go
Please come back often just to say Hello!
And when you do, we'll smile real wide
and show you true our Forest Road Pride.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

December 18	District 30 Board of Education Meeting—8PM
24-31	Holiday Recess — SCHOOLS CLOSED
January 1	New Year's Day Recess — SCHOOLS CLOSED
9	Breakfast With The Superintendent at Clear Stream Avenue School — 9:15 AM
15	District 30 Board of Education Committee Meeting—8PM
21	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day — SCHOOLS CLOSED
22	District 30 Board of Education Meeting—8PM
February 18-20	Winter Recess — SCHOOLS CLOSED
26	District 30 Board of Education Meeting—8PM

Window On A Changing World



Mrs. Wasserman's class, along with Principal Mr. Kaminsky, celebrated Geography Awareness Week.

Geography Awareness Week's theme this year is "Window on a Changing World." Shaw Avenue School celebrated it by spotlighting the political, economic and social changes that have recently taken place around the world.

Each grade level decorated a "window" reflecting the changing places and faces on the seven continents. The pictures used came from old and new *National Geographic* magazines donated by Mr. Henry Kohlmann, Music Teacher.

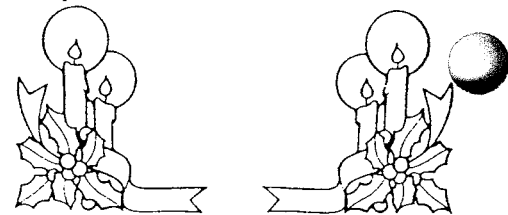
The "windows" were then hung above an inflatable globe clearly demonstrating the theme. The 42 inch inflatable globe, donated by Mrs. Dolly Nolan (1st grade teacher), was the centerpiece for their exhibit. The exhibit is on display in the Library Media Center.

"The world is changing rapidly and was clearly evidenced by the 'faces and places' in the 'windows on a changing world' from the Shaw Avenue School students," stated 5th grade teacher, Mrs. Susan Wasserman.

HOLIDAYS AROUND THE WORLD

In each of our schools, the holiday season is felt and celebrated in many ways—special holiday programs, parties, activities, songs, collecting food for the needy, class plays, etc. It is a great time for everyone, and a wonderful way to learn about how other nationalities, as well as their own, celebrate the season.

For example: Mrs. Maureen Spiess' 1st grade class at Clear Stream Avenue School celebrated the holidays with people from around the world. They listened to a Russian folktale, learned a Hanukkah song, made their own class Pinata, and, of course, learned about the Holidays celebrated here on Long Island, both long ago and in the present.



HELP! NOON HOUR AIDE SUBS NEEDED

Want to occasionally earn a little extra money and enjoy being around children? Our three schools are in need of substitute Noon Hour Aides to supervise the children during lunch time. If you are interested, call the school. Please note the new telephone numbers:

Clear Stream Avenue School
872-4335

Forest Road School
791-6134

Shaw Avenue School
872-4320

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Budget Information and Dates

"WHY SHOULD I APPROVE THE SCHOOL BUDGET?" "WHAT DOES AUSTERITY REALLY MEAN—AND HOW DOES IT AFFECT MY CHILD, SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY?"

KINDERGARTEN *NOTICE*

If your child was born on or before December 1, 1986, please be sure to notify your individual school immediately (Clear Stream Avenue, Forest Road or Shaw Avenue School). This will assist us in mailing out appropriate notices and prepare for next year's kindergarten class. Further Registration information is on page 10, *but* we would appreciate you notifying us prior to the actual registration date.

To assist taxpayers to better understand the budget, a presentation of the proposed budget has been arranged for Wednesday, April 10, 1991 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 Thirty elementary budget. Any organization or individual, from the district, is invited to this presentation and encouraged to ask questions. The actual voting on the Valley Stream Elementary and High School District budgets will take place on Wednesday, May 8, 1991 from 7:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M.

Election of candidates for the Elementary Board of Education will also take place at this time. Petitions for Board candidates are available at our Administrative Offices, 150 Washington Avenue, Valley Stream,

but must be filed before 5:00 P.M. on Monday, April 8, 1991. 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, 55 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 8, 1991.

PLEASE NOTE: Registration for voting on the budget and for Board members will be at all three schools (Clear Stream Avenue, Forest Road and Shaw Avenue) on Wednesday, April 24, 1991 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.

AN OPEN LETTER OF APPRECIATION

Most people recall the oft quoted closing remarks of the Yankee great Lou Gehrig: "I consider myself the luckiest man in the world..."

I consider myself equally most fortunate to have had the opportunity to have served in the field of education, working closely with children, members of the faculty, parents and the Board of Education. These experiences have also enriched my own personal development.

District Thirty, and especially the Clear Stream Avenue School, is quite special to me. The positive response and understanding of parents, as reflected by your active support of the educational program and planned activities, have promoted a climate for learning and engendered a positive spirit which is both unique and vital.

I say adieu, leaving with wonderful memories that will last a lifetime. As I have often said, "Your caring, your understanding, and your support have always made the difference."

My best wishes always.

Fondly,
Richard M. Burbell

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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.

Permanent Registration For Voting

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 1987-88 school election will remain registered for all future annual and special elections *UNLESS*:

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

PLEASE 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.

SPECIAL BUDGET ISSUE

Under the supervision of Mr. David Kutcher, Assistant Superintendent of Business, and in conjunction with the Board of Education and Superintendent of Schools, a Special Budget Issue of *The Friendly Schools* will be distributed in April. Be sure to look for this indepth report of the proposed 1991-92 school budget in your mail.

A Collaborative Effort

It is a great honor to succeed Mr. Richard M. Burbell as principal of the Clear Stream Avenue School. I am very grateful for the warm welcome I've received from the parents, staff, and children. Everyone has made me feel at home.

Mr. A. Bartlett Giamatti, former President of Yale University and Commissioner of Baseball, once said, "Society cannot survive without institutions and their values must be protected and upheld." In our case, the institution is a school. It is the very cornerstone of our society. Like any institution composed of human beings, a school will not always fulfill its highest aspirations. However, as teachers and parents,

our aspiration must always be EXCELLENCE.

The life of an institution is far longer than any individual's career. We as individuals pass through them relatively quickly. It is my goal to build and improve on what my predecessor has accomplished. To attain this goal, a collaborative effort must be made by all concerned parties, the school, the parents and the children. Our collective endeavors will lead to a new generation of leaders and literate citizens. This is what our society is depending on.

Robert A. Cohen
Clear Stream Avenue Principal

3 MINI GRANTS RECEIVED FROM VSTC

The Valley Stream Teacher Center (VSTC) has awarded 10 mini-grants for teacher developed projects. All 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. Three of these mini-grants were awarded to teachers in District 30:

Gail Starler and Susan Baron at Forest Road School for "School Calendar Based on the Study of Mythology." After researching and studying Greek mythology, students will publish a calendar whose illustrations will be derived from mythological gods and goddesses.

Jane Voss at Clear Stream Avenue School for "CD Rom Technology as a Research Tool." Through the use of a CD drive and Macintosh computer, children will learn how to access Grolier's Electronic Encyclopedia and do research using this technology.

Carol Tolle at Forest Road School for "Pleasure of Poetry in the Classroom." Poetry appreciation will be encouraged by creating a poetry collection. Resource books on teaching poetry to children K-6 will be purchased.

NEW SECRETARY TO THE SUPERINTENDENT

Mrs. Madelaine Furst has filled the position of Secretary to the Superintendent. This position was made vacant upon the retirement of Mrs. Gloria Zweier.

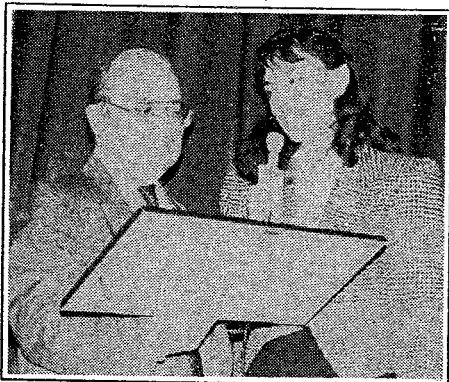
Madelaine is not new to District 30. For the past six years, she has served as Building Secretary at Forest Road School. Her diversified duties, knowledge, and caring is sure to be an asset to Mr. William Van Ness, Superintendent of Schools, and the entire District 30. "I have enjoyed working with the children and staff at Forest Road School. During the past six years, I have learned a great deal from them. I am looking forward to my new position in the District office," commented Madelaine.

*This country will not be a good
place for any of us to live in
unless we make it a good place for
all of us to live in.*

—Theodore Roosevelt

Farewell, Mr. Burbell

A musical tribute for retiring principal Mr. Richard Burbell was held on January 25, 1991. With new



Mrs. Pratt presented Mr. Burbell with a "special" school building picture.

principal, Mr. Robert Cohen's assistance, Mr. Burbell was brought to the auditorium. Students, teachers and staff (including some former staff members) waited to surprise Mr. Burbell with a program of music to chronicle his years at their school.

"We love you almost as much as we love our teddy bears" was the sentiment expressed by the 1st graders as they sang "A - You're Adorable" to their teddy bears at the assembly. Under the direction of music teacher, Mrs. Linda Pratt, representatives from each grade, as well as the staff chorus, sang a variety of tunes which included: "It's a Hap-Hap-Happy Day," "Thanks For the Memory," "You're A Good Man Char-



Prior to the assembly, 1st graders practiced diligently with their bears.

lie Brown," "Buddies and Pals," and "So Long, Farewell." They even included songs concerning his plans for travel during retirement—"On the Road Again," and "Happy Wanderer." The sixth graders ribbed him with "Five Foot Two" while Mr. Burbell joined right in and danced the Charleston.

As a parting gift and reminder of the children and staff, Mr. Burbell was presented with a framed picture of the school building rendered in

cafeteria. Dr. Barbara Cronin, Forest Road School Principal, and Mr. Robert Cohen, incoming Principal of Clear Stream Avenue School, worked together in getting Mr. Burbell to come to Forest Road School for what he thought was to be an "informal meeting." However, he was greeted with the singing of "For He's A Jolly Good Fellow," by all those present. An abundance of delicious desserts, all prepared by the faculty, was enjoyed by all, including



Good-bye, Farewell, Auf Wiedersehen, Mr. Burbell.

the colored fingerprints of every student and staff member.

Earlier that week, after school on January 22, the faculty and staff at Forest Road School gathered in their

other visitors, Mr. William Van Ness, Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Raymond Brodeur, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, and Mr. Stanley Kaminsky, Principal of Shaw Avenue School. They all presented him with a first day cover and issue of the stamp "Learning Never Ends," and declaring "Richard M. Burbell—Educator Extraordinaire, January 1991." Mrs. Mary Ruschin (presently 2nd grade teacher at Forest Road School), reflects, "He will always be remembered for his eagerness and dedication in all phases of education."

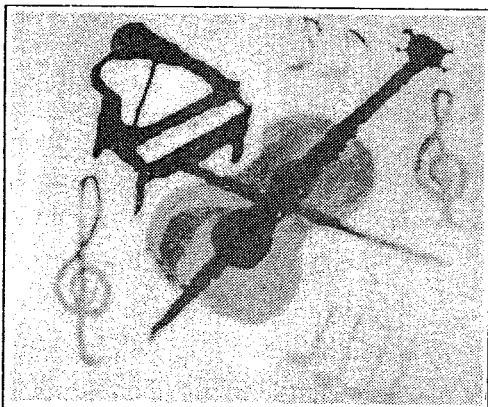
Farewell, Mr. Burbell, we at District 30 wish you and your wife, Edith, a long, happy, healthy retirement, filled with happy memories. Think of us often, as we will often think of you! (Continued on next page)

Speech Graduates



"We are so pleased to announce that Billy Lombardo, Paula Randazzo and Gina Buonpane have graduated from the speech program this past January," stated Mrs. Sharon Schulman, Speech Teacher. Each child received a satin "Super Speech Star" ribbon and a Certificate of Accomplishment from Mrs. Schulman. The children worked very hard in Speech Class and at home to correct his/her speech difficulty. Congratulations to these speech graduates!

Art Around School



If you happen to be in the main lobby of Forest Road School, be sure to look up at the ceiling. Under the supervision of Mrs. Susan Baron, Art Teacher, 6th graders (from the class of '89) designed and painted their own ceiling panels. The panels replaced some of the white ones already there. Mrs. Baron stated, "I hope to continue this project with another class in the future and extend the ceiling designs as space permits." This panel was painted by Danielle Corona.



Mrs. Wasserman (holding her world umbrella), and Mr. Kaminsky (wearing a world jacket), with the participating students who are donned in geography shirts owned by Mrs. Wasserman.



National Geographic Bee

The 3rd Annual National Geographic Bee School Round was held at the Shaw Avenue School on February 1, 1991. One winner from each class participated in this round. They were: Michelle Sarro (Mrs. Sherman's 6th grade), Michael Aucone (Mr. Laudano's 6th grade), Adrian Sarjoo (Mr. Beyer's 5th grade), Joanne Chan (Ms. Lanell's 6th grade), Alicia Esposito, Billy Shea (both in Mr. Riccobono's 5th grade), Jennifer Elders (Mrs. Wasserman's 5th grade), Lisa Wallach (Mrs. Fariel's

4th grade), Lauren Gunderson (Mrs. Benedetto's 4th grade), Meghan Winter (Ms. Garvey's 4th grade), and Thomas Rouse (Mrs. Homer's 4th grade).

Mrs. Susan Wasserman presented the questions to the students. Mr. Stanley Kaminsky, Principal, was the judge, and Mr. Carl Riccobono, the time keeper. After several intense rounds, the finalist was Joanne Chan, and runner up, Alicia Esposito. Congratulations to Joanne and Alicia, and all the participants.

The next step is for Joanne to take the qualifying exam to see if she will go on to the State level of competition, which will be held on April 5, 1991 in Westchester County. Good luck!

Farewell, Mr. Burbell— continued

(Dedicated to Mr. Richard Burbell and sung by the teachers and staff at Clear Stream Avenue School.)

THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES

Thanks for the memory of rainy afternoons, singing Irving's tunes,
And lunchroom fun, cleaning crumbs, and many steamy Junes
How lovely it was!

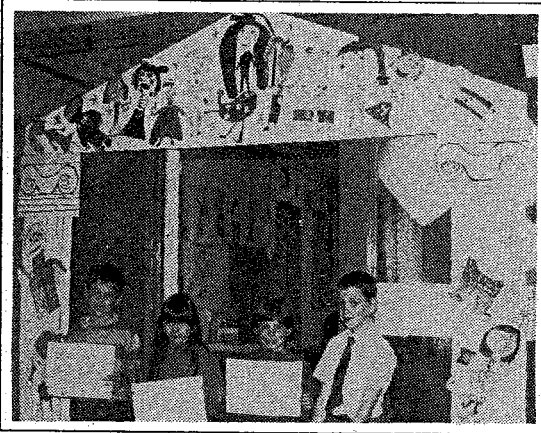
Thanks for the memory of papers to peruse, budget form reviews,
And observations, yellow pads, you sure have paid your dues,
How lovely it was!

EXCEL Students Bring Mythology To Life

Students in our EXCEL classes have been engrossed in the exciting study of Greek Mythology. As an outgrowth of this unit, 3rd and 4th graders worked on an architectural structure to display gods and goddesses of their own creation. This is one of the several projects to be done as part of a mini-grant awarded by the Valley Stream Teacher Center. Ms. Gail Starler, EXCEL Teacher, and Mrs. Susan Baron, Art Teacher, received this grant for the creation of a school calendar based on the study of mythology.



Manipulating Dentes (a 7 foot puppet), students re-enacted the search for Persephones.



Our very own "Gods (and Goddesses) on Parade at the Parthenon."

As part of a continued series of activities in the study of Greek Mythology, Mrs. Klein, a community member, conducted a hands-on cooking session. The 4th and 5th graders participated in the making and preparing of stuffed grape leaves. Each student was given a sample of this dish to share with their family.



Mmmm, Greek Food!

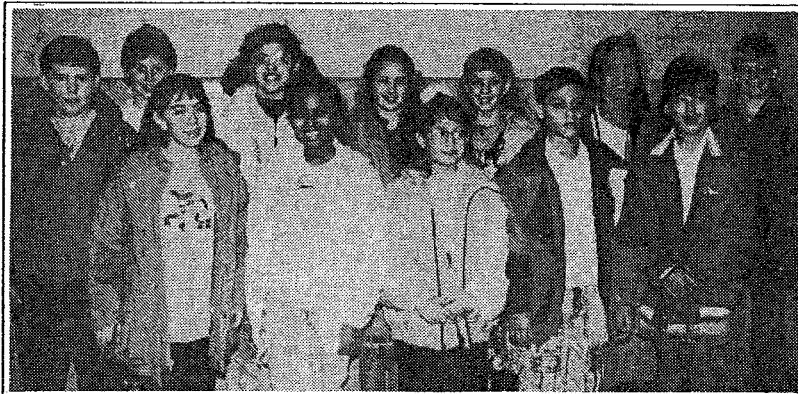
As a followup, they attended a performance called "Mythically Speaking" at Hoftra University, which integrated Greek mythology with drama, art and music with puppets up to fourteen feet. Ms. Gail Starler, and Mrs. Angela Nicolini (Aide) accompanied the class on this exciting and educational trip.

The students pictured represented our three schools in the Nassau All-County Music Festival held on January 20 at C.W. Post College Tilles Center. These students were recommended by their music teachers, and selected to perform in a band, orchestra or chorus made up of students from all over the county. After two days of rehearsals, family and friends were treated to an outstanding concert on Sunday afternoon. Pictured are: (rear) Sean Anderson, Michael Rick, Susan Galgano, Andrea Floyd, Alison Shorter, Christine Paragas, David Russer, (front) Elena DeCandia, Prita Kataria, Kerri Salomon, Paul Mendez, and Diane Paugh.

MUSIC NOTES

Congratulations to them all!
MUSICAL DATES TO REMEMBER:

♪ The World's Largest Concert



Participants in the All-County Music Festival.

will again be broadcast on Channels 13 and 21 to help celebrate "Music In Our Schools Month." "Clear Stream Avenue School students will be singing along at school, and we hope you will watch the concert and sing along at home," stated Mrs. Linda Pratt. Report your participation to Mrs. Pratt, so that you can be counted when they send in their total number of participants. Please watch on March 7, 1991 from 1-1:30 P.M.

♪ The District Band, Orchestra and Chorus are busily preparing for their Spring Concert scheduled for April 18, 1991. Mark your calendar and join them for an evening of music at 8 P.M.

S-P-E-L-L-I-N-G B-E-E

Our three schools are participating in an Interdistrict Spelling Bee to be held on February 28th at Dever School. The preliminary round of competition for students were held in each of our school's Library-Media Center, and conducted by their Library-Media Specialists. The finalists were:

At Clear Stream Avenue School:

Kristin Zurlo, Jessica Liou, Priti Kataria, and Kenneth Coleman. Mrs. Alice Dorb has announced that Kenneth (6th grader) was the winner and will represent Clear Stream Avenue School.

At Forest Road School:

Joey Evers, Robert Mezynski, Melissa Morse, Matthew Mitgang, Billy Lazarovitch, Randy Cohn, Marc Kline, Brian Fletcher, and Heather Davidowitz. Mrs. Carol Tolle has announced that Brian (6th grader) was the winner and will represent Forest Road School.

At Shaw Avenue School:

Keith Gauger, Michael Amico, Laura Smith, Joe Sparacino, and Theresa O'Keefe. Mrs. Mary Matthews has announced that Theresa (6th grader) was the winner and will represent Shaw Avenue School.

Congratulations to Kenneth, Brian, and Theresa! We wish them good luck in representing our District in the Valley Stream Interdistrict Spelling Bee.

Customs Around The World

Mrs. Roslyn Scheidt's kindergartners at Forest Road School celebrated the holiday season by learning about customs around the world. The class sampled food and heard about how holidays are spent in Italy, Brazil, Poland, India and Israel. Each parent that came to speak, brought samples of foods from her native land and talked to the children about some of the exciting things that go on in their house during the festive seasons. The parents who participated were Mrs. Alicia Barreto, Mrs. Christine Cetta, Mrs. Rosa Crescenzi, Mrs. Gushain Dost, Mrs. Janet Paget and Mrs. Lori Weinbloom. Mrs. Janis Vuong also came in and spoke to the children about the Chinese New Year.

"It is a great pleasure to have the parents in our school participate in our curriculum. It not only gives our children a better idea of the world around them, but it makes our lessons really come alive! Thanks to all these special Moms for giving us the time," stated Mrs. Scheidt.

A Non-Threatening Experience

Kindergartners from Mrs. Roslyn Scheidt's and Mrs. Susan Moskowitz's class took a trip to Central Veterinary Hospital on Merrick Road in Valley Stream. The trip had two educational purposes: It further enhanced their study of community helpers, and, it tied in with a Health Unit, which talks about going to the hospital.



"Joey," the main attraction, with (right) Dr. Alario, Dr. Fox, and Sandy Kinzer, Assistant.

Visiting an animal hospital is a non-threatening way for children to learn that a doctor, for human beings or animals, is there to make us better when we are sick.

Dr. Anthony Alario, one of the veterinarians, gave the children their tour, and a complete physical examination to "Joey" (a little Boston Terrier), who is one of the hospital's mascots. The students watched the dog have his ears, eyes, nose, glands, teeth and stomach examined.

Dr. Steven Fox, another veterinarian, showed the children several x-rays of animals and Dr. Charos showed the children a black racer snake that was a patient in the hospital. Dr. Charos' dog, Rocky, was even there to greet the children.

Students also watched a video about how to choose and take care of a pet. Each child received a special "goody" bag, replete with coloring book and a book about animals.

A big thank you to all the staff at Central Veterinary Hospital, from the kindergartners and their teachers at Forest Road School.

READING + VALUES = LEARNING

Mrs. Mary Ruschin's 2nd grade class at Forest Road School celebrated a "Friendship Party" on February 14th. This was their culminating activity for their studies of E.B. White's "Charlotte's Web."

Since the very first day of school, each afternoon at the closing of the school day, students would gather around their teacher as she read "Charlotte." As weeks went on, most of the children acquired their own copy of this favorite book and read along silently. Many lessons have been learned from the friendship between Charlotte, the sensitive, intelligent spider, and her humble friend Wilbur, a spring pig, who desperately wants to live and who has the good fortune of having Charlotte enter his life.

The students learned tremendous vocabulary and beautiful values from these quiet moments spent together reading. A good time was had by all at the party and the children tucked away another "memory day" from their 2nd grade experience.

Creative Writing

As an offshoot of our language curriculum, many of our students have participated in activities demonstrating their creative writing and feelings. Here are a few examples of their activities:

Below as written by a student at Shaw Avenue School for the PTA Reflection Program:

IF I HAD A WISH

By Lauren Gunderson

*If I had a wish ...
I'd wish for a place where drugs
were unknown,
a place where all people would
have a home.*

*If I had a wish ...
I'd wish for a world where
everyone was free,
a world where all people
would be happy.*

*If I had a wish ...
I'd wish for a cure for all disease,
so everyone could be at ease.*

*If I had a wish ...
I'd wish for a world without
pollution,
I sure wish I had a good solution.*

*If I had a wish ...
I'd wish that our soldiers would
not have to roam,
in a sandy place that's so far
from home.*

*If I had a wish ...
I'd wish for all my wishes to
come true,
so the world would be better
for me and for you.*

Excerpts from Mrs. Ruschin's Needlepoint Club's (Forest Road School) letters to our armed forces in Saudi Arabia:

"I feel bad for you because you are far away from your family. I really hope you come back soon! I am thinking about you."

From Eva Kiviat (grade 3)

"It is very sad that the deadline for Iraq is today, because it is Martin Luther King's birthday, and he stood for peace."

From Andrea Floyd (grade 6)

"You don't know me, but I am thinking of you and all the other soldiers. I know this is not a happy time for you, but please try to smile."

Sincerely,

Lizanne Romero (grade 5)

Mrs. Alice Dorb, Library-Media Specialist at Clear Stream Avenue School, received a book containing poems written by students throughout Nassau County. Below is one, which was written by a student presently in Mrs. Dale Ehrenreich's class.

HE STOOD UP TALL

By Tara Salamone

*Martin Luther King,
For freedom he will fight.*

*He stood up tall,
Above them all.
For peace with "black and white."*

*He stood up tall above
And said, "To meet hate,
Do it with Love."*

*He made a big, big speech,
Freedom, he will teach.*

*Give peace and joy he once told
For he was brave
And he was bold.*

Third graders in Mrs. Mary Maclean's class, at Clear Stream Avenue School, are reading, copying poems and have even written original poems. As a result of their studying the states of the U.S. of America, some of their original poems were concerning states.

FLORIDA ALMIGHTY

By Ronald Bruhn

*Tho' you lie so far away,
My heart stays with you,
All power and glory
Florida Almighty.*

*I honor you and worship you,
How fair you are,
Florida Almighty.*

PTA Reflections Program

"If I Had A Wish" is this year's (1990-91) theme for the National PTA Reflections Program. The program encourages children to use their creativity and imagination, as well as build self-esteem. The program covered four categories: visual arts, photography, music and literature. Students who represented their school in the Nassau District level of competition are:

Visual Arts—From Clear Stream Avenue School: Jessica Liou, Betty Liou and Anthony Garcia; From Forest Road School: Joanna Cetta, Jamie Jeuda and Eva Kiviat; and from Shaw Avenue School: Lisa Wallach, Nicholas Hall and Alison Shorter.

Photography—From Clear Stream Avenue School: Bryan McCormick, Cristen Dattoli and Karen Russer; From Forest

Road School: Chase Muratore.

Music—From Clear Stream Avenue School: Renee Ruggeri; From Forest Road School: Bryan Owen; and from Shaw Avenue School: Allison Lievre.

Literature—From Clear Stream Avenue School: Johnny Vasquez, Pamela Russo and Luis Cordoba; From Forest Road School: Matthew Galin, Jaclene Begley and Jamie Begley; and from Shaw Avenue School: Lauren Gunderson, Michelle White and Marie Sarro. (*Editor's Note:* Just before we went to press, we were informed that Jamie Jeuda and Bryan Owen [from Forest Road School], plus John Vasquez and Karen Russer [from Clear Stream Avenue School] won on the Nassau District Level. They will now compete on the State level.)

Active and Caring Student Council

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

The Student Council at Clear Stream Avenue School has been involved in a number of activities since the school year began: National Red Ribbon Week was held in October. Every student, teacher and staff were all given red ribbons to wear to show their support of a drug-free America. In addition, everyone signed a banner which read, "My Choice—Drug-Free," declaring their personal decision to remain drug free. Before the Thanksgiving holiday, a canned food drive was held. They collected over 600 cans and brought them to local organizations, who then distributed them throughout the community. The recycling committee has been collecting newspapers and has arranged for pick-up at the school. They have also been busy gathering helpful hints on saving our environment so these ideas can be passed on to the students.

Another project that has been developed by the council's morale committee is "Theme Day." The first theme day was "Clear Stream Spirit Day"—everyone wore the school colors of blue and white to show their Clear Stream pride; "Seasons Greetings Day"—all were asked to wear the colors of the season. Both theme days were a huge success.

However, the most memorable theme day was held on January 15th. This was "Red, White and Blue Day." The day started by everyone surrounding the flagpole in front of the school. Together, the Pledge of Allegiance was said, followed by the singing of "America." As students, faculty, staff, administrators and parents looked up at the windows in front of the school, they noticed the students' message; SADDAM HUSSEIN, ALL WE ARE SAYING IS GIVE

PEACE A CHANCE. The student council feels the responsibility of bringing an awareness to all students of our country's situation in the Gulf. They have arranged a weekly schedule where one class is assigned on a rotating basis to send something to our troops in the Middle East. Student Council advisors, Mrs. June Burgess (5th grade teacher), and Mrs. Amy Cutillo (Gym



Red, White and Blue Day, hoping for peace.

teacher) remarked, "Our Student Council wants our troops to know they are not forgotten." The support student council has received from faculty, administration, PTA and fellow students reflect the importance of the group efforts. Their members are: Michael Scamardella, President; April Ferdon, Vice President; Frank Biondo, Treasurer; Raffaella Visone, Secretary; and Sonia Abramov, Bryan Arena, Kristy Cmar, Russell Weiss, Ronald Breuer, Kristin Zurlo, Eric Robinson, Colleen Duffy, Michael Albano and Dawn Hoffmann.

The Student Council at Forest Road School, under the supervision of Mrs. Linda Kessler, has been active in a variety of activities. Among them was a very successful Valentine's Day Chocolate Sale. The chocolate "goodies" were all home-

made by Mrs. Bonnie Epstein, Mrs. Shelly Goldman, Mrs. Anita Katz, Mrs. Selene Sherwood and Mrs. Linda Kessler. There were heart shapes, ice cream shapes, keys to one's heart shapes, love bars and lots more to choose from. The money raised by Student Council is always donated to charity. In the past, donations were made to Schneider's Children's Hospital, Juvenile Diabetes, and Special Olympics. The profits from this sale will also be donated to a worthy organization. Members of the Forest Road School Student Council are: Matthew Mitgang, President; Susan Galgano, Vice President; Rachel Biderman, Secretary; Seth Cohn, Treasurer; Shanna Katz; Adam Sherwood, Melissa Barreto; Noah Shurgan; Marc Kline; Sarah Leventhal; Jaclyn Epstein; Matthew Krantweiss; Evan Greene; Raneet Goldman; Brienne Katz; Michael Rick; Joshua Leventhal; Matthew Galin; Kevin Schissel; and Joanne Buonpane.

Shaw Avenue School's Student Council is supervised by Mr. Stanley Kaminsky, Principal. Sixth graders from their school elected a Student Council. Three students from each of the three classes were chosen: Nicky Hall, President; Nicky Cusumano, Vice President; Alison Shorter, Secretary; Adam DeCrescio, Treasurer; Lauren Puccio; Hannah Kang; Vinny Pisano; Michell Saro and Sonia Gallo. Special Events reporter Adam Schecter, who receives information from the council and writes them up for the grade. Their activities have included the following: Planning for various social gatherings (Halloween, Christmas, Spring and Graduation); Organizing grade 6 vs. staff athletic events (Football, basketball, volleyball, softball, cheerleaders); Organizing and publishing newsletters (Fall, Winter, Graduation); and, input into lunch menus and recommending some changes. Their Student Council meets most Fridays at 2:30 P.M.

ART EXHIBIT

WEDNESDAY

MAY 8th

7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.



AT ALL DISTRICT 30 SCHOOLS

For Your Information...

UNDERSTANDING SPECIAL EDUCATION

Since the implementation in 1975 of Public Law 94-142, the Education for All Handicapped Children Act, the field of special education has undergone many changes. In District Thirty, the Special Education Program has been designed to provide students with appropriate education in the least restrictive environment and in conjunction with the most recent Commissioner's regulations. The programs, which are continually revised and updated, are based on the needs of the children within the district. All programs outlined are open to any student in the district for whom the Committee for Special Education feels the placement is appropriate.

A six-level program has been developed according to the severity of the handicap:

I. Consultation—the student attends a regular classroom while the teacher supplements her instruction with special materials for this student.

II. Itinerant—special education teachers travel to the regular schools to provide special assistance to the student and classroom teacher.

III. Resource Room—the student leaves the regular classroom to work on problem subject areas with a special education teacher in a resource room.

IV. Self-Contained—the student works with a special education teacher in a classroom with special facilities, but which is housed in a regular school. This environment is available in district-wide classes.

V. BOCES Special Education—the student's entire environment is geared toward special instruction with multiple support services.

VI. Private School—when the handicap is beyond the previous five levels, the student attends a private school

which specializes in special education.

Students are placed in one of the six-level programs only after careful screening by the Committee for Special Education. Then, to individualize the instruction for each student, his or her parents work with the teachers to develop an Individualized Education Program (I.E.P.).

As the program has grown to meet the individual needs of each child, it is difficult to dispute that the value of education for all children in the district has increased. As the exceptional child benefits by learning to function in a non-disabled world, so too, the non-handicapped child benefits from the valuable opportunity to grow in his or her ability to accept individual differences, and to become more cooperative and compassionate.

VANDALISM

Vandalism costs money. Help us to reduce this drain on our tax dollars by keeping a watchful eye on your local school. Perhaps you have noticed persons on school grounds who were behaving suspiciously or actually engaged in vandalism, but you have not known where to call.

To report school vandalism or suspicious activities at your school, call the Nassau County Emergency Number, 911. Give the name of the school, its location, and a brief description of what is happening. A police car will be radio-dispatched to investigate, and appropriate school personnel will be alerted. School officials will prosecute offenders whenever possible and attempt to secure restitution for damages.

Please report any of these activities:

- persons on the roof of the school
- anyone throwing objects at windows
- someone shooting weapons of

any kind

- any kind of fire on school grounds
- destruction of grounds, shrubbery, or facility
- anyone operating mini-bikes on playgrounds or driveway
- any other suspicious or criminal acts

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 school 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.

SCHOOL VISITS

Parents are encouraged to visit school to meet the members of the professional staff, to examine the facilities and instructional programs, and to share ideas. Those wishing to observe classes or to meet with staff members should arrange the visit in advance so that the time is appropriate and does not interfere with planned activities.

All visitors must register at the school office upon arrival, before visiting other parts of the building.

At dismissal times, parents picking up students are requested to meet them at a previously designated spot outside of the school. Dismissal exits have been assigned to classes in each building. Students are expected to leave the school building and school property in an orderly fashion at dismissal time each day. Such procedures are necessary to insure the safety of all students.

Outstanding Students

As you enter Shaw Avenue School be sure to note the Honor Roll displayed in the lobby. Categories for the Honor Roll are: Attendance (100%), Conduct (all areas satisfactory), and Achievement (all areas superior). Each student received an Honor Roll Certificate. The students who received Academic Achievement are: Craig Longo, Rick Nicolini, Nicole Luzzi, Patrick Cunningham, Candice Lau, Gina Pelle, Laura Sass, Deanna Walker, Jillian Sceri, Alicia Esposito, Michael Amico, Melissa Golfo, Andrea Kang, Joanne Chan, Lauren Puccio, Jerry Walker, Hannah Kang, Stacey Marino, Vincent D'Angelo, Christina Aurora, Sara Eberhardt, Thomas Rouse, Jonathan Shazar, Jennifer Walters, Marni Coccaro, Erica Mortell, Sean Anderson, Alicia Esposito and Lauren Gunderson. "We hope more students strive to be included in this new feature at Shaw Avenue," stated Mr. Kaminsky.

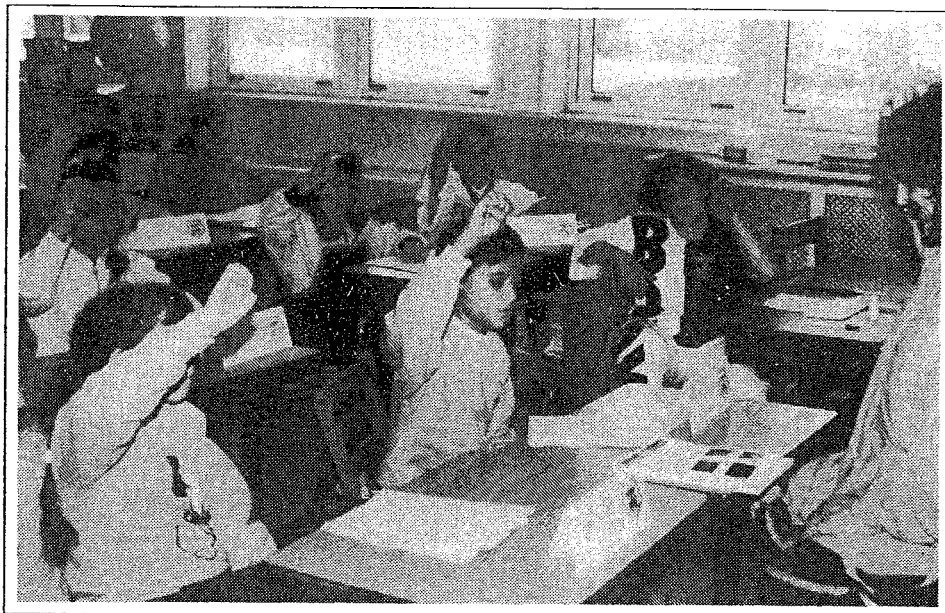
Nimble Fingers Not Idle

The members of Mrs. Mary Ruschin's "Nimble Fingers Needlepointing Club," at Forest Road School, decided they wanted to show their support for our men and women in Operation Desert Storm. They chose their wool and began to work on needlepoint pen holders to send to a friend stationed in Saudi Arabia, Pfc. Ken Dillingham, of Memphis, Tenn.

They took a break from their needle work to write letters to Ken and his friends. Hopefully, he'll enjoy the mail and distribute the pen holders to members of his engineering company. Mrs. Ruschin commented, "The letters were all very warm, sincere, and moving. Although thousands of miles apart, the students share the same wish as others around the world, 'Let there be peace, and soon!'"

(NOTE: For excerpts of their letters, see page 7.)

Total Communication



Learning to communicate.

Communication can take many forms—among them the spoken word, music, noise, the written word, and pictures. However, Mrs. Jane Voss' sixth grade class learned one other form of communication. The students learned Sign Language, and that it is one way deaf people communicate. These 6th graders learned a language of Total Communication. They also found out about an entire culture, one that surrounds deaf people and their families.

"Mrs. Toni Fusco graciously volunteered to instruct our class, both in Total Communication and the deaf culture. We are honored and grateful that Mrs. Fusco consented to share her expertise with us. She is a certified teacher of the deaf, currently serving as the Language Curriculum Coordinator at the St. Joseph's School for the Deaf. Her two daughters, Jennifer and Danielle, are students in our school," stated Mrs. Voss.

Students found it fascinating to explore the technology that is available for the deaf person. It ranges from a door bell that lights up to an intricate device that allows communication over a telephone.

In the near future, Mrs. Voss' students hope to learn enough to successfully "recite" the Pledge of Allegiance, utilizing Total Communication, at a school assembly. This may motivate others to explore this form of communication. Even more exciting is the possibility that children from St. Joseph's may share an experience with students at Clear Stream Avenue School.

FORMER STUDENT WINS SCHOLARSHIP

Frank Shea, a former student at Shaw Avenue School, has been awarded a 50% academic scholarship for four years to Old Westbury School of the Holy Child. Holy Child is an independent Catholic School located in Old Westbury. Frank was formerly the National Geographic Geography Bee winner for Shaw Avenue School, and he qualified and participated in the State Competition in 1989. Frank is an 8th grade student at Memorial Junior High School, which has recently been named a School of Excellence by the State.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- March 6 Breakfast with The Superintendent at Forest Road School—9:15 AM
- 19 District 30 Board of Education Committee Meeting—8 PM
- 26 District 30 Board of Education Meeting—8PM
- March 28
- to April 5 Spring Recess — SCHOOLS CLOSED
- April 10 School Budget Hearing held at Shaw Avenue School—8 PM
- 16 District 30 Board of Education Committee Meeting—8 PM
- 18 All District 30 Band, Orchestra, Chorus held at Shaw Avenue School—8 PM
- 23 District 30 Board of Education Meeting—8PM
- 24 Budget Voting Registration (see Page 2)
- 26 Kindergarten Registration—9-11 AM(see Page 10)
- May 8 School Budget Voting—7 AM-10 PM
- District 30 Art Exhibit—7:30 PM-9:00 PM
- 21 District 30 Board of Education Committee Meeting—8 PM
- 27 Memorial Day—SCHOOLS CLOSED
- 28 District 30 Board of Education Meeting—8PM

Special Transportation Request Due Before April 1

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

1. A written request for a specific school is made by the parents to the school district no later than April 1, 1991.
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, 1991. New York State Education Law specifically states that applications must be made annually for each new school year.

If your child meets the above requirements, please send in your request for transportation for the 1991-92 school year no later than April 1, 1991. Send your request to the Valley Stream School District 30 Administrative Offices, 150 Washington Avenue, Valley Stream, N.Y. 11580.

Kindergarten & First 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, 1991 between 9:00 A.M. and 11:00 A.M. at Clear Stream Avenue, Forest Road and Shaw Avenue Schools. No registration will be accepted without a birth certificate as proof of date of birth. A child must have been born on or before December 1, 1986 to be eligible for kindergarten. NO EXCEPTIONS ARE EVER MADE TO THE ENTERING AGE REQUIREMENTS. Children entering school for the first time must also present one or more certificates indicating that they have received 3 diphtheria and tetanus immunizations, 3 poliomyelitis immunizations, and two doses of measles vaccine. In addition, one dose of mumps and rubella vaccines must be given at least one day after the child's first birthday.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

New York State Income Tax Forms for 1990 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.

TAX EXEMPTION FOR SENIORS

Senior citizens with incomes less than \$18,600 may 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 \$15,000.....	50%
At least \$15,000 but less than \$15,600	45%
At least \$15,600 but less than \$16,200	40%
At least 16,200 but less than \$16,800	35%
At least \$16,800 but less than \$17,400	30%
At least \$17,400 but less than \$18,000	25%
At least \$18,000 but less than \$18,600	20%

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, 1991. 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.

THE FRIENDLY SCHOOLS

APRIL, 1991

VALLEY STREAM THIRTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

SPECIAL BUDGET ISSUE

A LETTER TO OUR PARENTS AND TAXPAYERS

This special issue of *THE FRIENDLY SCHOOLS* contains information regarding the District's proposed budget for the 1991-92 school year. Registered voters will have the opportunity to vote on the budget on Wednesday, May 8, 1991.

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 to the well-being of our children and our community. Ever aware of the increased costs on taxpayers of the district, 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's budget work sessions were conducted in public so that taxpayers could be privy to the Board's discussions and concerns. And on March 2, before finalizing the budget, the Board conducted its last public work session soliciting comments and answering questions. The budget presented in this issue of *THE FRIENDLY SCHOOLS*, which will be further explained at the combined official budget hearing at the Shaw Avenue School on Wednesday, April 10 at 8:00 P.M., and that will go to the voters on May 8, grew out of this process.

Thus, after much thought and deliberation, we are presenting for voter determination a proposed budget in the amount of \$12,524,852. This represents a modest increase of \$294,320 (+2.41%) in the operational budget, which was compounded by a promised reduction in non-property tax revenues by Governor Cuomo, for an overall estimated increase in the tax rate of only 78¢ per \$100.00 of assessed valuation. We believe the 1991-92 proposed budget is fiscally responsible and will enable the district to continue to provide its children and future citizens with an educational program of quality.

If you have any questions on the budget, please feel free to call the office of the Assistant Superintendent for Business at 285-9880.

Sincerely,

Board of Education

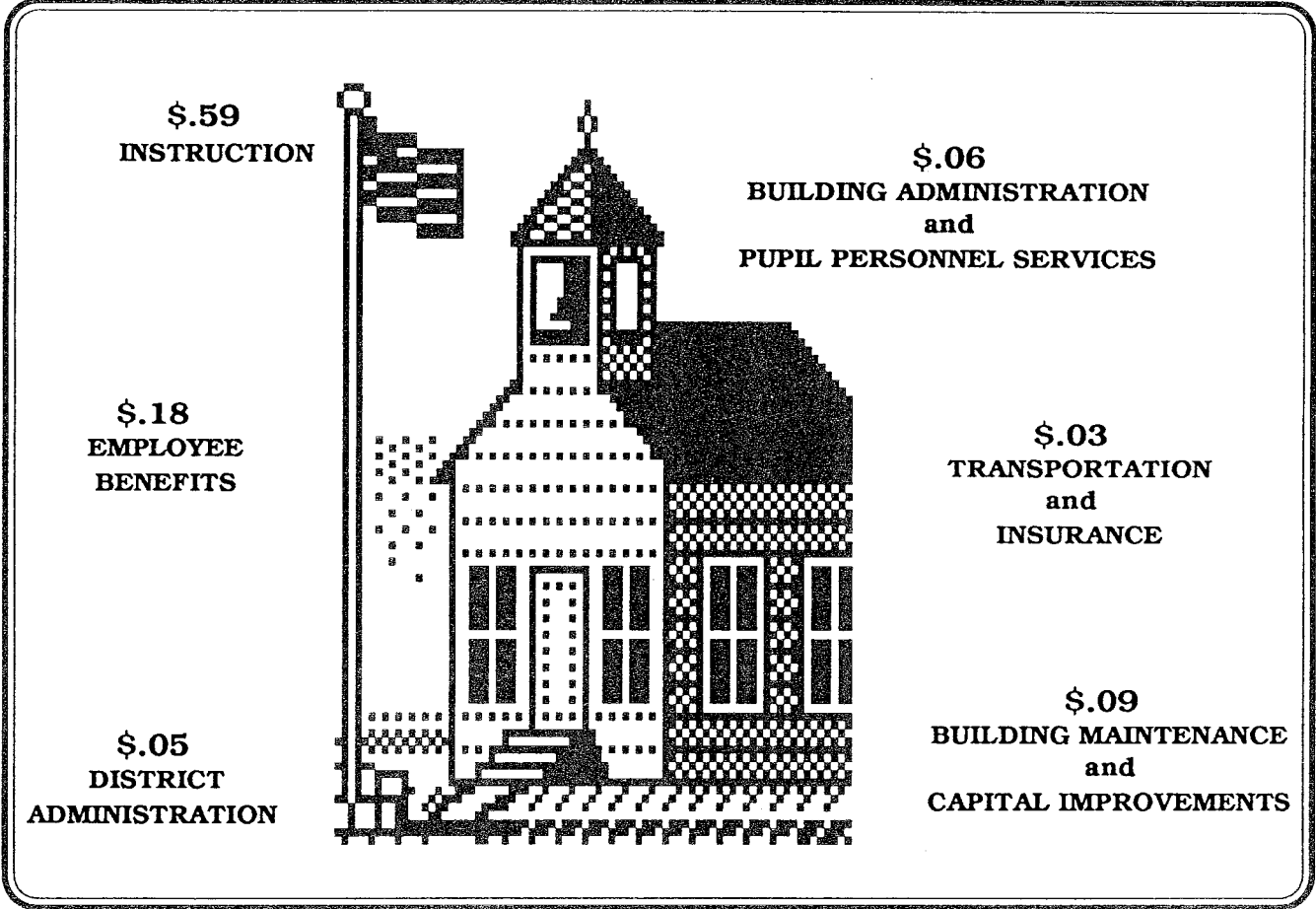


VALLEY STREAM UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT #30

PROPOSED BUDGET 1991-1992

DESCRIPTION	1990-1991 ADJUSTED BUDGET	1991-1992 PROPOSED BUDGET	CHANGE
Board of Education	\$ 8,250	\$ 8,250	\$
District Clerk	12,975	12,975	
District Meetings	8,700	8,825	125
Central Administration	164,259	157,260	- 6,999
Business Administration	250,298	251,630	1,332
District Treasurer	18,500	18,500	
Legal Services	26,700	28,600	1,900
Negotiations	2,000	6,000	4,000
Public Information	17,930	18,880	950
Operations & Maintenance	948,781	955,775	6,994
Liability Insurance	120,200	110,500	- 9,700
School Association Dues	5,500	6,000	500
BOCES Administrative Charge	55,880	57,000	1,120
School Admin. & Curriculum	515,399	523,107	7,708
Instructional Program	5,227,171	5,186,733	- 40,438
Special Educational Program	854,505	1,357,477	502,972
Library & Media Services	282,077	276,585	- 5,492
Computer Education Program	132,793	138,398	5,605
Health & Psychological Services	220,120	227,726	7,606
Extra Services	42,735	42,880	145
Transportation	285,205	315,140	29,935
Community Lectures & Census	9,500	8,850	- 650
Employees' Benefits	2,266,054	2,307,761	41,707
Interfund Transfers	510,000	250,000	- 260,000
Debt Service, Interest	245,000	250,000	5,000
	\$12,230,532	\$12,524,852	\$294,320

HOW THE SCHOOL DOLLAR IS SPENT



EXPLANATION OF BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE 1991-1992 SCHOOL YEAR

BOARD OF EDUCATION

\$ 8

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

DISTRICT CLERK

12,975

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

DISTRICT MEETINGS

8,825

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

CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION

157,260

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

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

251,630

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

DISTRICT TREASURER

18,500

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

LEGAL SERVICES

28,600

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

18

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

955,775

	<u>1990-91</u>	<u>1991-92</u>
Salaries	422,221	414,075
Materials for Building Upkeep & Repair	66,885	70,875
Utilities	251,060	267,175
Contractual Repairs, Service Contracts, Security, and Equipment	208,615	203,650

The increase 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. An increase in the provision for utilities is carried in the new budget based on current industry trends.

LIABILITY INSURANCE

110,500

A continued reduction in this budget appropriation is planned for 1991-92. Increases are not expected in this area as a result of the district's participation in the New York Schools Insurance Reciprocal.

SCHOOL ASSOCIATION DUES

6,000

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

BOCES ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGE

57,000

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

523,107

Includes salaries for Assistant Superintendent for Instruction, 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, inservice training, and mini-grants for special instructional projects.



INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM

5,186,733

	<u>1990-91</u>	<u>1991-92</u>
Salaries	4,944,571	4,870,838
Equipment	18,485	22,700
Contractual Services	38,365	42,000
Materials and Supplies	107,665	113,255
Textbooks	87,465	96,960
BOCES Services	30,620	40,980

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

Increases in the areas of furniture and equipment include 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 increases for consumable materials and supplies and textbooks for all instructional areas reflect 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 increases determined by BOCES. The portion of the science program for student living expense is reimbursable. Approximately 61% of these programs is returned as state aid.

**SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM**

1,357,477

	<u>1990-91</u>	<u>1991-92</u>
Salaries	440,990	502,085
Materials, Supplies & Contractual Services	41,295	111,890
Tuition - Other Districts and Private Schools	124,800	337,675
Tuition - BOCES	247,420	405,827

The increase in salaries reflects adjustments made in accordance with current negotiated settlements. The district, in addition to operating four special education classes, provides specialists for students who are mainstreamed into regular classes.

The changes in the area of out-of-district tuition are a direct result of an upswing in both the cost and enrollment of special education pupils in other district public school classes, BOCES classes and in private residential and/or non-residential schools.



SCHOOL LIBRARIES AND MEDIA SERVICES

276,585

Includes the salaries for librarians, library monitors and clerical staff, library and media equipment, library books, periodicals, materials and supplies for the three schools.

COMPUTER EDUCATION

138,398

Includes the salary for the Director/Teacher of Computer Education and the salaries of four computer aides. The appropriation for computer equipment reflects the continued expansion of our program into the primary grade classrooms.

HEALTH, SCREENING AND PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES

227,726

	<u>1990-91</u>	<u>1991-92</u>
Health Services	101,094	105,990
Psychological and Screening Services	119,026	121,736

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

42,880

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

315,140

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 increase in this code is a direct result of increases 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. Ninety percent of the cost of basic transportation is returned as state aid to the district in the following year.

COMMUNITY LECTURES AND CENSUS

8,850

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

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

2,307,761

	<u>1990-91</u>	<u>1991-92</u>
N.Y.S. Employees' Retirement System	66,500	56,447
N.Y.S. Teachers' Retirement System	652,687	439,025
Social Security	480,309	544,793
Worker's Compensation	30,250	43,970
Medical & Dental Insurance	1,036,308	1,223,526

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 premiums. 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

250,000

In 1991-92, the Interfund Transfers appropriation will permit the Board's commitment to its plan for improvements to your District's facilities. Projects scheduled for 1991-92 include mandated ecological replacements at the Clear Stream Avenue School and safety improvement renovations at the Clear Stream Avenue School. Funding, in the amount of \$40,000, for reimbursable agency approved projects is accounted for in this category.

DEBT SERVICE

250,000

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 an estimated rise in interest rates and is partially offset by the interest income generated through the investment of idle funds.

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 8th

SUMMARY OF ANTICIPATED REVENUES

	ESTIMATED RECEIPTS 1990-91	ESTIMATED RECEIPTS 1991-92
Surplus	\$ 525,000	\$ 900,000
Use of Money and Property	110,000	110,000
Textbook Aid	37,000	33,000
State Aid	1,723,000	1,230,000
BOCES Aid	53,000	61,000
Services to Other Districts	10,000	10,000
Other Revenue	10,000	10,000
	\$ 2,468,000	\$ 2,354,000

Total General Fund Appropriation	\$ 12,230,532	\$ 12,524,852
Estimated Revenue	\$ 2,468,000	\$ 2,354,000
Amount to be Raised by Taxation	\$ 9,762,532	\$ 10,170,852

Actual Tax Rate 1990-91	\$18.52
Estimated Tax Rate 1991-92	
Proposition No. 1	\$19.30

The estimated tax rate is based upon the August 1, 1990 assessed valuation of \$52,702,328. Any change in the assessed valuation as of August 1, 1991 will affect the estimated tax rate. Changes in the laws affecting state aid could change the amount of aid to be received.



SAMPLE BALLOT

You will be asked to vote on the following on May 8, 1991

**Member, Board of Education
Term ending June 30, 1996
To succeed Richard Eisenberg**

1) _____

2) _____

**PROPOSITION NO. 1: Valley Stream Union Free School District #30 Budget
RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of Valley Stream Union Free School District #30,
Town of Hempstead, Nassau County, New York
is hereby authorized to expend the sum of \$12,524,852
for the 1991-1992 school year, and to levy the necessary tax therefor.**

**PROPOSITION NO. 2: Valley Stream Central High School District Budget
RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of Valley Stream Central High School District,
Town of Hempstead, Nassau County, New York,
be and the same hereby is authorized to expend the sums
in the General Fund Appropriation (\$\$, \$\$\$, \$\$\$) to be raised through taxation in
the several districts included within the Central High School District.**

VOTING INFORMATION

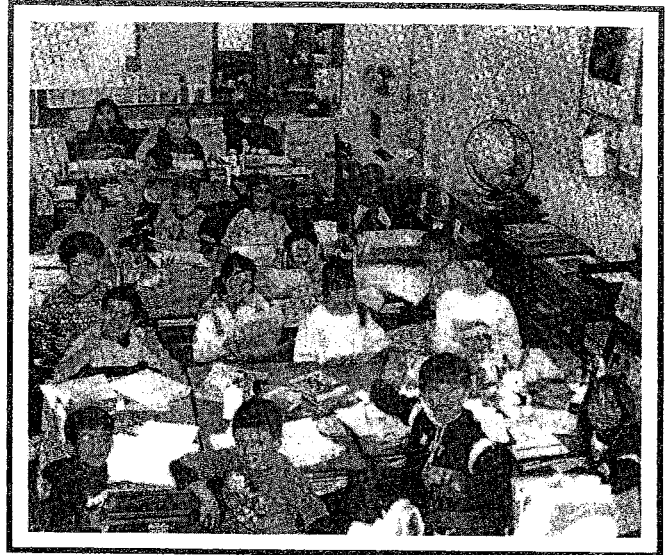
Voting will take place on Wednesday, May 8, 1991 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. in the elementary school within your school election district: Shaw Avenue, Clear Stream Avenue, Forest Road.

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

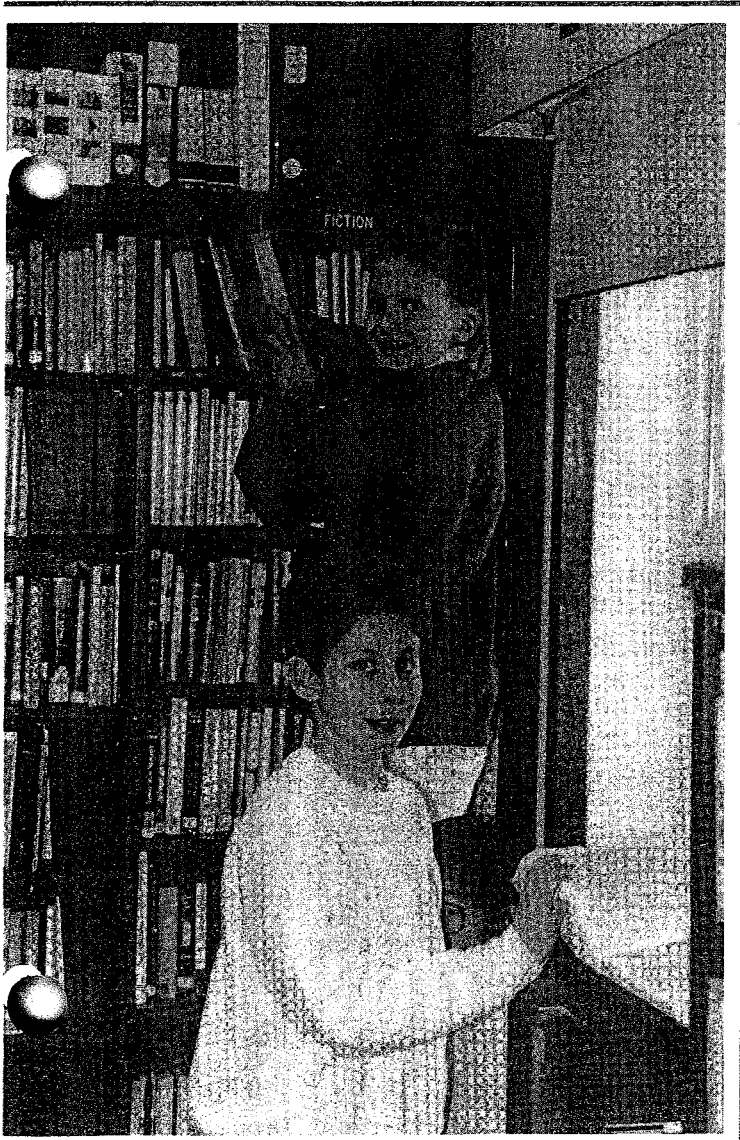
Electors will be voting on the budgets of the Valley Stream Union Free School District #30 and the Valley Stream Central High School District and for the election of one (1) trustee to the Valley Stream Thirty Board of Education.

VOTER REGISTRATION INFORMATION

The last day of registration for the May 8, 1991 election is Wednesday, April 24, 1991. 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 8 if your name appears in the General Election Lists of the County, the process of voting on May 8 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 8th ... 7:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M.



DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday, April 10

**Combined Budget Hearing,
Shaw Avenue School - 8:00 p.m.**

Tuesday, April 23

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

Wednesday, April 24

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

Friday, April 26

**Kindergarten and First Grade
Registration, All Schools
9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.**

Wednesday, May 8

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

*District Art Exhibit, All Schools
7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.*

1991-92 ESTIMATED SCHOOL TAXES FOR PRIVATE HOMEOWNERS

ASSESSED VALUATION OF HOME	ESTIMATED ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TAXES	ESTIMATED INCREASE OVER 1990-91
\$ 1,000.00	\$ 193.00	\$ 7.80
4,000.00	772.00	31.20
5,000.00	965.00	39.00
6,000.00	1,158.00	46.80
7,000.00	1,351.00	54.60
8,000.00	1,544.00	62.40

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RICHARD EISENBERG SEEKS RE-ELECTION

Mr. Richard Eisenberg is a candidate for the School Board Trusteeship, which will be vacated as of June 30, 1991. This will be a five year term.

Mr. Eisenberg has been a resident of District Thirty for 12 years. He is the father of three children—Jonathan, 13 years old, Jeffrey, 8 years old, and Michael, 3 years old. Jonathan attends South High School, and Jeffrey attends the Forest Road School. Mr. Eisenberg, his wife Penny, and the children reside at 91 Lotus Oval North, Valley Stream, N.Y. He is an attorney and a partner in the law firm of Armon and Eisenberg, Great Neck, N.Y., and specializes in corporate law and litigation. He has been a member of the Nassau County Bar Association since 1977.

At present, Mr. Eisenberg is President of the District 30 Board of Education. He has previously served as Chairman of the Finance Committee and as Vice President of the Board. Mr. Eisenberg has been a member of the Board of Education since 1984.

ART EXHIBIT

Wed., May 8th, 7:30-9:00 PM

You are invited to attend the annual District Art Exhibit at Clear Stream Avenue, Forest Road and Shaw Avenue Schools. Children attending must be accompanied by their parent or guardian.



Mr. Van Ness Retiring

Mr. William J. Van Ness has been an educator for 40 years—all of which have been spent in District 30. He has a Bachelor's degree from Cortland State Teachers College, and holds a Masters degree in education, psychology, and administration from Teachers



College, Columbia University. He began as a 5th grade teacher at Shaw Avenue School. Prior to becoming the District Superintendent of Schools in 1978, he has served the district in many ways: teacher, Elementary Consultant, Science Supervisor, Reading Supervisor, Administrator of Curriculum, and District Principal. During his professional career he has served on the V.S. Inter-district Committee; Supervisor of the Evening Program for the foreign born in the Lawrence School District; was the Director of Adult Basic Education Federal Program; taught weightlifting; and was the co-editor of *The Friendly Schools* from 1957-69.

Mr. Van Ness has written (and co-authored) a number of articles, which have been published in professional journals. Among them are: "54 Functional Words" (designed to help the slower-learning child); "Exploring Moral Values"; "Mathematics In

Everyday Life"; "Drugs, Values and Personal Problems"; and the author of a Primary Social Studies Program, "Your Neighborhood, The World."

Mr. Van Ness is a very warm-hearted family man and a man who has always

been concerned for children, their education and welfare.

When asked what his plans are upon retirement in June, he stated: "Rest and relaxation, while counting my grandchildren. I will also take trips around the U.S." Mr. Van Ness' parting comment is, "Good luck. You have something special—protect it!"

Mr. Van Ness, you have played an important part in making District 30 "special." On behalf of the entire District 30 staff and community, we would like to express our deepest appreciation for your many years of dedicated service. We wish you a long, healthy, happy retirement.

(See MR. VAN NESS HONORED, Page 2)

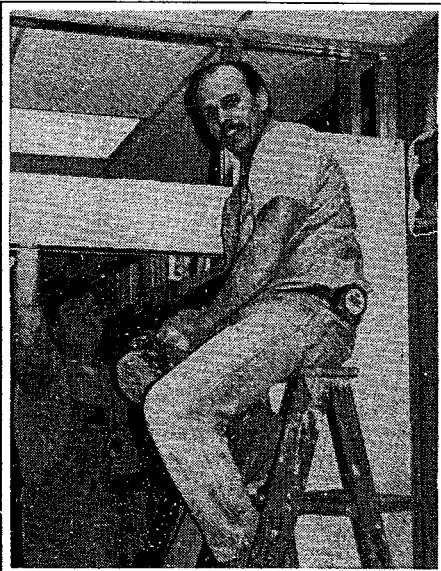
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PLEASE NOTE:
 ALL VISITORS TO OUR SCHOOLS MUST
 USE THE MAIN ENTRANCE AND OBTAIN A
 VISITOR'S PASS FROM THE MAIN OFFICE.

**KEEPING SCHOOLS IN
 TIP TOP SHAPE**

As in a household, school buildings are always in need of daily cleaning, maintenance, repairs, carpentry, etc. The District 30 Custodians and Maintenance Mechanics are the individuals who manage to keep our three schools in clean, pleasant, safe, efficient, and functional surroundings conducive to learning. The man in charge of these teams is



Maintenance Mechanics, Richard Trafficardi and Luke Basile erected a wall and door in the Shaw Avenue School Reading Suite, which provided an additional classroom.

MR. VAN NESS HONORED BY PTA



Mr. Van Ness graciously accepted the plaque from PTA Presidents.

On March 6, Mr. Van Ness presided over his last "Breakfast With The Superintendent" before retiring. He was the one who initiated these informal meetings with parents and community members. During the meeting he cited (with a touch of his usual humor), "I am confident a younger, and better, person will replace me—that doesn't bother me—as long as it serves the needs of our children."

PTA Co-President of Forest Road School, Susan Viggiano, along with Cynthia Dattoli, Rosemary Rader

(Clear Stream Avenue School Co-Presidents), Annette Lachmeyer and Chris Shazar (Shaw Avenue School Co-Presidents) presented Mr. Van Ness with a plaque. Mrs. Viggiano warmly stated, "On behalf of the three PTAs, and for your many years of services, knowledge, experience, time and love is unequalled. We will miss you. A new superintendent may be 'younger', but it will be hard to fill your shoes." The room was filled with applause, as everyone acknowledged Mr. Van Ness' years of dedication.

Mr. Gregory Abbate, Director of Facilities and Operation. His expertise and dedication is the strength behind the scenes. The photographs are just a brief glimpse of some of the work presently being done.



At Forest Road School, Custodian Tom Pena demonstrates the storage "train" that was built under the auditorium stage. The 4 car "train" is on dollies for easy access.

MUSIC NOTES

WORLD'S LARGEST CONCERT:

Clear Stream Avenue School's entire student body, teachers, and special guest Dr. Raymond Brodeur, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, gathered in the auditorium on March 7th to sing along with the World's Largest Concert (WLC). A



"World In Tune" was the theme for this year's WLC, which was broadcast all over the

world from Disney World in Florida, and included multinational tunes and dances. They sang "Down By the Riverside," "Rattlin' Bog," and "The Garden Song." "Most of us favored 'The Garden Song.' We have since learned a parody of that song that former teacher, Mrs. Lillian Guberman, wrote about Clear Stream Avenue School, and we plan to sing it in our next assembly," stated Mrs. Linda Pratt, Music Teacher.

The program, sponsored by the Music Educators' National Conference, is part of the celebration of Music in Our Schools Month. "In addition to our full auditorium, we were happy to include in our tally four classes at Shaw Avenue School, and Mr. Pratt and three musicians at Central High School, making our total of 415 people participating!" reported Mrs. Pratt.

DISTRICT CONCERT:

Our District Band, Orchestra and Chorus Concert was held on April 18th at 8 PM, and boasted 187 participants.

The band, under the direction of Mr. Henry Kohlmann, played "Fidgets," "Aura Lee," "We've Got the Spirit," and two rousing marches.

The string orchestra, under the direction of Miss Andrea Frisch, included: "Barnyard Bash," "Love

Theme from St. Elmo's Fire," and "Viol Boogie" on its program.

The 150-voice chorus, under the combined leadership of Mrs. Frances Gibson (Forest Road School), Mrs. Barbara Briker-Kreeger (Shaw Avenue School), and Mrs. Pratt (Clear Stream Avenue School), sang a spirited opener entitled, "We're Gonna Make Music For You," followed by a novelty number called "I Don't Want To Dance." The program closed with a very special rendition of "I Am But A Small Voice."

The Boys' Handbell Choir, from Clear Stream Avenue School, also performed three numbers, including "Pennsylvania Folk Tune," "Jacob's Ladder," and "Sakura."

COMING EVENTS!!!

Memorial Day Parade—District 30 Marching Band—May 27; String Recitals: Shaw Avenue School—Monday, June 3; Clear Stream Avenue School—Tuesday, June 4; and Forest Road School—Thursday, June 6.

STUDY SKILLS PROGRAM

Shaw Avenue School has initiated a Study-Skills Program where students will be exposed to methods and techniques to acquire the proper study skills. This program was the result of a joint effort of Mrs. Anne Marie Homer, Ms. Judith Coyle, Mr. Ralph Laudano, and PTA. Several areas of concern and/or need as viewed by staff were listed, as follows: Disorganized study/ organizational skills; time management, especially for homework; parent involvement; managing short and long term assignments; developing listening/ speaking skills; strategies for note taking; and developing test taking skills. The program is open to 5th and 6th grade students and they will meet six afternoons between 4-5 PM. Shaw Avenue School's PTA will provide funds for materials.

PASS THE WORD



School Budget Voting



Wed., May 8, 1991

7AM-10PM

Your District 30 Board of Education is acutely aware of the burden being placed on the local homeowners by rising costs. Inflation, rising energy costs, and negotiated salary increases affect all of us. This situation is further compounded by the fact that large cuts in State aid to schools have taken place. 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 services for our children.

The special Budget Issue of *The Friendly Schools* has been mailed to every community member. Be sure to review it prior to voting. We believe you will agree that the budget is financially responsible and will enable the district to continue to provide its children with an educational program of quality.

"WELCOME HOME, TROOPS! WE ARE PROUD OF YOU ALL"

HONORING OUR ARMED FORCES



A work of art made with loving and caring hands.

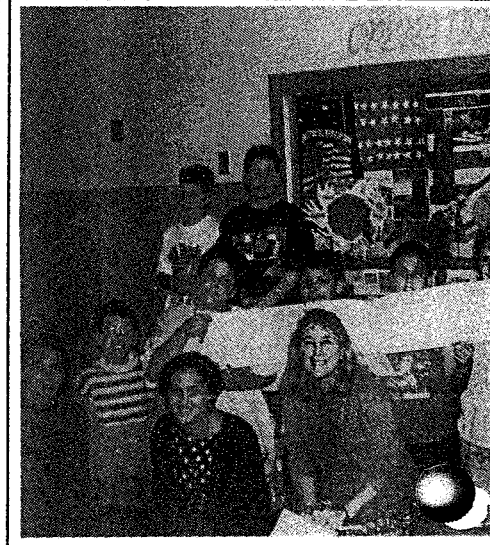
As you pass Shaw Avenue School you couldn't miss the life-sized painting on the doors of the school. All phases of the armed forces serving in Operation Desert Storm are represented in the painting. The original idea was conceived by PTA member, Mrs. Donna Mugno. Through teacher Ms. Judy Neary's efforts, the idea became a reality. The following students assisted in preparing the outline: Sergio Atanasio,

Hannah Kang, Matthew Rittenhouse, Lucia Sapienza, Christine Paragas, Nicolas Hall, Nicole Balick, Thomas Spina, Chia-Hua Hu, Feizal Fakier, Kristen Frers and Kimberly White.

The dedication continued: two representatives from each class assisted in filling in the outline. Mr. Stanley Kaminsky, Principal, also added his artistic touch, and *voila*—a beautiful tribute to our men and women serving in the Gulf.

POEM FROM

Many of our classes in District 30 have written letters to our servicemen. Mrs. Catherine Wood's class, at Forest Road School, is among them. They have been writing to: Col. Thomas P. Meaney, Private Michael Delamere and



You are all heroes

Private 1st Class Patrick G. Cardone, Ms. Beverly Rini, Teacher Assistant, and Ms. Jennifer Lopez, Student Teacher from Molloy College, assisted the class in their letter writing.

With the news that the war has ended, the students were elated—not only for their three new friends, but for all

A Mother's Thank

Second graders in Mrs. Mary Ruschin's class at Forest Road School saved their allowances to purchase gifts for their pen pal, Spec. Kenneth Dillingham, serving in Kuwait. The children purchased hard candy and gum and sent two packages off to Ken, along with letters and pictures. To their surprise, they received the following letter from Ken's mother, Mrs. Connie Dillingham. She also enclosed a picture of Ken, which is now a part of the class

bulletin board. The letter reads:

Dear Class:

My name is Connie Dillingham, and Ken is my son. As you know, he is in the Army stationed in Saudi Arabia. I am writing you today to let you know how much your letters and gifts mean to his family here, and I know they are bringing joy to him. It is so important to the men to receive mail from home, and you all have truly done your part to support a part of our troops. I did not want you to get discouraged because you did not

hear from Ken. I have only received one letter since he has been gone, and a soldier in war is very busy. Each time I write him, I tell him of all the prayers he has here, and even as far away as New York. I know in my heart he is grateful and moved by your kindness. Not only have you lifted a soldier's spirit, you have helped his mother, as well.

Thank you all from the bottom of our hearts. God bless, and I wish you all well.

*Connie Dillingham
Memphis, Tenn.*

AND HOPE WE HAVE DEMONSTRATED OUR SUPPORT."

—From All District 30 Students, Administrators, and Faculty

THE HEART

our servicemen and women serving in the war. In a joint effort, they composed this poem:

Heroes In Our Hearts

Thank you for helping us to fight for the right.

*You've risked it all to defend our cause.
You've used the American flag against Hussein
You've closed the doors on an ugly war.*

As students we worked on the war in a few ways.

We read the newspaper and watched the news.

Letters to soldiers, a display was made.

Listening to the

radio really gave us the blues.

You are heroes in our hearts.

You did your very, very best.

You helped many, many people

And put the war to rest.

Thank YOU!!!



our hearts!

Their Support Continues

In cooperation with Valley Stream Storm Headquarters, Clear Stream Avenue School Student Council sponsored a "Supermarket Drive" to aid Valley Stream families of servicemen and women presently serving in the Persian Gulf. All of the students contributed to this drive, but more important, these students have a better understanding of the hardships the families are facing. Students were asked by grades to contribute to specific item categories. Over 705 items were collected. Pictured is Mr. Robert Cohen, Principal, and Student Council Advisors, Mrs. Amy Cutillo and Mrs. June Burgess.

They tied yellow ribbons on the trees, put messages in the windows, wrote letters to our servicepeople, donated canned food, and collected supplies for "Valley Stream STORM" families, but that was not enough. Clear Stream Avenue School students took to the dance floor to raise

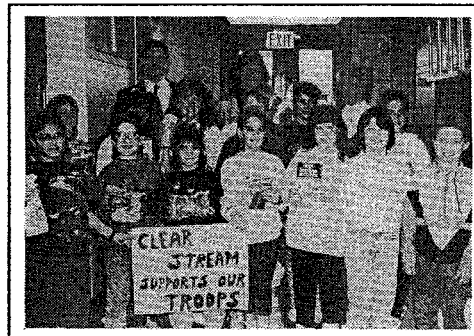
staff and PTA joined hands and formed a big circle around the gym with our nation's flag in the middle. Together, they sang "The Star Spangled Banner" and "America The Beautiful."



The longer they danced, the more money they raised!

Clear Stream's older students were not the only ones involved in fund raising. With the help of Mrs. Virginia Cabral's 3rd grade class, the entire school took part in a Jelly Bean Guessing Contest. This endeavor brought in almost \$100. Overall, the Clear Stream Avenue family donated over \$2,100 to Valley Stream STORM.

"There are a number of 'Thank You's' to be given to all who played a part in this project," stated Mrs. Cutillo. "Our students, whose weary legs danced the night away; the faculty and staff for their continuous support; PTA, who so generously gave up their time and helped in every way possible; to the parents of our students, whose support never goes unnoticed; to District 30 for allowing the school to participate in these worthwhile projects; to Mr. Witz and Mr. Ragona for their support and donations of shirts; and last, but certainly not least, a big thank you to all of our Valley Stream men and women serving in the Persian Gulf. *You* make us proud to be Americans!"



A Supermarket Drive to help ease the burden.

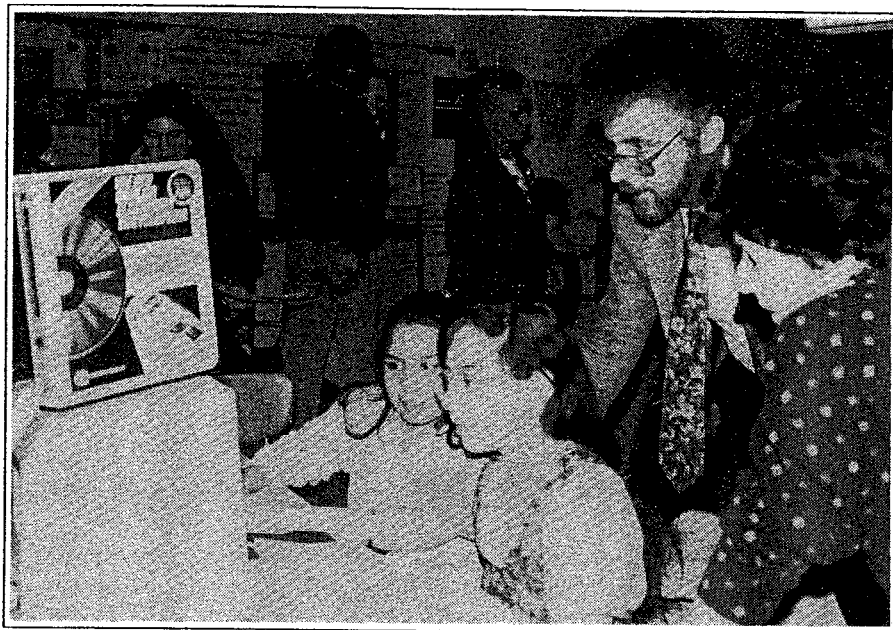
money for the Valley Stream STORM. Students in grades 4-6 participated in a 2 hour Dance-a-thon. The energy level was high, as were spirits. Mr. Ragona (Co-ordinator for the V.S. STORM) proudly placed the final total of their pledge sheets on the wall—\$2,000.

The finale of the evening was when all 93 dancers, parents, faculty,

You

"This has been a meaningful experience for the students. Knowing someone personally involved in the war was somewhat upsetting at times, but the students spoke of Ken daily, and traced his possible whereabouts on a class map of the Middle East. We're glad he's coming home, and if he should have an extra day in New York, he promised to visit us here at Forest Road School," remarked Mrs. Ruschin.

RESEARCH RAIDERS USE THE ELECTRONIC ENCYCLOPEDIA



Demonstrating their knowledge at Lights On For Education.

A compact disk can give you many hours of musical enjoyment. But is that all? Not any more! Mrs. Voss' class is using a compact disk as a research source. CD-ROM technology has come to Clear Stream Avenue School.

In conjunction with a Macintosh computer, these 6th graders can access any information from the compact disk, which has inscribed on it an entire twenty-one volume encyclopedia. After reading the article from the computer monitor, the students are then able to get a "print out" of any important information, including pictures. This fascinating use of computers was made possible through a mini-grant Mrs. Voss

received from the Valley Stream Teacher Center.

As printed in a *N.Y. Times* article ("New Tools for Teaching the Video Generation," Feb. 13, 1991), these technologies are meant to be a "stimulating supplement for a generation of students accustomed to fast-paced music videos and Nintendo games."

Mrs. Voss' students were involved in an in-depth study of Ancient Rome. After doing research, using this single CD-ROM, in addition to other sources, they will be "resident experts" on this phase of history.

Other topics being considered range from mythology to architecture, emperors and heroes to artisans.

NOT JUST TURTLES

• Kindergarten through 3rd graders at Forest Road School have been introduced to the "real" Leonardo, Danatello, Raphael, and Michaelangelo! Under the direction of Mrs. Susan Baron, Art Teacher, a parent volunteer, Mrs. Ellen Popper, visited each of the primary classrooms with an art enrichment program. The children learned who the Ninja Turtles were named after, contributions of each artists, and then discussed the famous portrait "Mona Lisa" by Leonardo da Vinci. Mrs. Popper's visits were an open forum in which the children were encouraged to express their ideas. This was the first of an ongoing program planned to introduce students to some of history's well known artists.

• The upper grades at Forest Road School were part of an educational program sponsored by the Whitney Museum designed to introduce children to paintings in their permanent collection. Mrs. Blossum Licht (former 6th grade teacher) gave a slide presentation on "Portraits and Paintings That Tell a Story." Mrs. Licht and her co-presenter, Mrs. Winnie Newman, are scheduled for another art talk in the Spring.

These exciting programs were developed to widen the scope of the students' experience with famous art works, and to give them an opportunity to discuss their feelings about these works.

Trains and Monsters

• First graders in Mrs. Joanne Lufrano's Shaw Avenue School class have started a "Reading Train." Parents and children are encouraged to read 2-3 times a week. After a book is read, the children write down the title, author, and 2-3 lines in their Response Journal about what they like and why. When the children bring in the Journal, a car with the name of the book is added to the train. The children are so enthusiastic about this project that although they started only a few weeks ago,

the train is almost around the room already!

• Mrs. Dolly Nolan's class, too, is having fun reading. They are reading about "Monsters." They have read stories, poems, and made many different art projects on the subject. The culmination of this theme was a Monster Bash where the children came in dressed as their favorite monster, ate monster food and danced to the Monster Mash! This encouraged first grade children to read and enjoy the entire experience.

EXCEL NEWS

Hard work and team spirit paid off on March 14, 1991. The EXCEL groups performed well for the Odyssey of the Mind, a competition stressing creativity and divergent thinking. "The four trophies awarded to the students were well deserved, for they worked diligently on their projects," stated Ms. Gail Starler. Second Place Trophies went to: Anastasia Tzortzatos, Neel Panchal, Michael

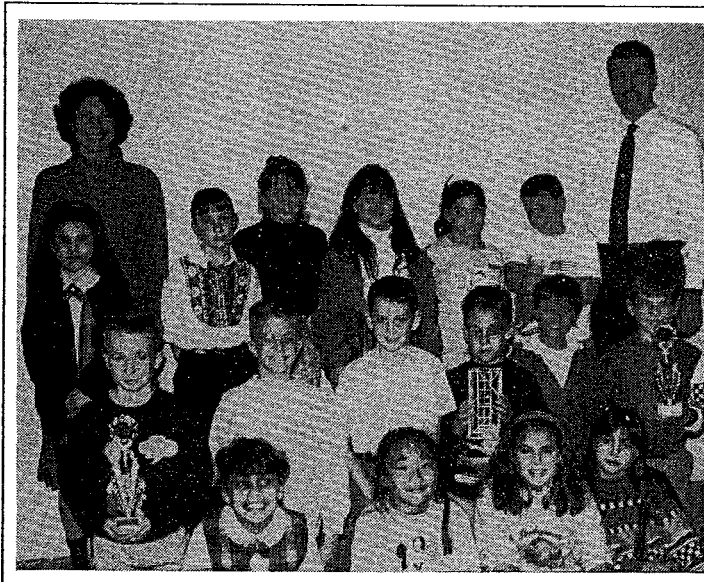


Mrs. Angela Nicolini, aide, and Ms. Gail Starler with the Second Place Winners for Super Collider category.

6TH GRADE MAGAZINE RECEIVES RECOGNITION

The National Council of Teachers of English continually seeks ways to promote and recognize excellence in writing in schools. In March, they distributed their 7th annual listing of students' literary magazines. This "Rank Magazine" includes entries from middle schools, junior high schools, and high schools in the U.S., Canada, and American schools abroad—only student literary magazines may be entered. Last year, Shaw Avenue School's 6th graders (Class of '90) submitted their 64-page magazine "Look Who's Talking," and received an "Above Average" rating. It should be noted that they were the **only** elementary school to receive a rating—which makes this achievement even more prestigious.

The cover design was created by John Shevlin and John Gangi. Every 6th grader had the opportunity to contribute to the making of this magazine through writing stories, poems or articles, illustrations, creating cartoons, puzzles, and/or using the computer to print and edit the copy. William Li, Alison Pullaro, and Joseph Rittenhouse were the Student Editors, and Ms. Carol Lanell the Faculty Advisor. Miss Peggy Wakely, Mrs. Gail Sherman, Mr. Ralph Laudano and Mr. Gerard Camilleri should also be acknowledged for their cooperation and assistance in this outstanding effort.



Teachers, Ms. Gail Starler and Mr. Ed Fare, with the Third Place Winners for Problem Super Collider and Transformation category.

Albano, Randy Cohn, Jeff Chen, Joshua Klein and Abhrami Balgangeyan. Third Place Trophies went to: Sharon DeGennaro, Pamela Verasco, Eva Kiviat, Marissa Goldfaden, Melissa Golfo, Garrett Shaw, Steven Hay, Scott Fowler, Christopher Carey, Steven Lakovits, Michael Amico, Daniel Brody, Natalie Ishak, Candice Lau, Kara Hanson, and Gina Pelle.



Deck The Halls



The 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students at Forest Road School, under the guidance of their Art Teacher, Mrs. Susan Baron, have just completed a large wall mural depicting the Valley Stream community.

All of the students in these grades made portraits of themselves, and along with their artwork of familiar

neighborhood sites, created this 4'x8' version of their town. This artwork will be installed on the wall opposite the cafeteria, so be sure to look for it when you visit the school—especially at the Art Exhibit. "A special thank you to our PTA, who sponsored this project," stated Mrs. Baron.



"Our Town."

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- May 8 School Budget Voting — 7AM–10PM
Art Exhibit—7:30PM–9:00PM
- 21 District 30 Board of Education Committee Meeting—8 PM
at Washington Avenue Administration Building
- 27 Memorial Day—SCHOOLS CLOSED
- 28 District 30 Board of Education Meeting—8 PM
at Shaw Avenue School
- June 18 District 30 Board of Education Committee Meeting—8 PM
at Washington Avenue Administration Building
- 19 Sixth Grade Graduation
- 21 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
- 25 District 30 Board of Education Meeting—8 PM
at Shaw Avenue School

100TH DAY CELEBRATION

Mrs. Susan Moskowitz' and Mrs. Roslyn Scheidt's kindergarten classes, at Forest Road School, celebrated the 100th day of school in a special way.



100 ribbons tied on the fence.

First of all, they tied 100 yellow ribbons around the kindergarten fence, with the help of Mrs. Nancy Jeuda. This made the children feel a part of the strong support we all feel for our troops and America.

Each child wore a plastic bag around his neck with 100 items he or she had counted. They also wore hand-decorated bow ties with the number 100 on them and 10–100 (in tens) in paper strips on their arms. They marched around the school and all the classes came into the hall to watch and listen to their special song about "100."

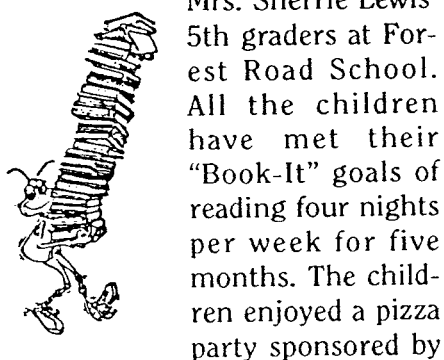
"They all had a great time, and once again showed that learning math our way can be fun," cited Mrs. Moskowitz.

UPDATE

Shaw Avenue School is very proud of 6th grader Joanne Chan, who has qualified for the New York State Round of the National Geographic Geography Bee. It will be held in Thornwood, N.Y. Good luck, Joanne! Whatever the outcome of this competition is, we are all proud of her achievement.

Theresa O'Keefe placed 4th in the Interdistrict Spelling Contest at Dever School on February 28. She is a 6th grade student in Mr. Ralph Laudano's class at Shaw Avenue School.

BOOK-IT!



Congratulations are in order for Mrs. Sherrie Lewis' 5th graders at Forest Road School. All the children have met their "Book-It" goals of reading four nights per week for five months. The children enjoyed a pizza party sponsored by Pizza Hut for participating in this National Reading Incentive Program.

COMBINED CELEBRATION



Mrs. Marie Barry's 1st grade class at Forest Road School enjoyed a breakfast as a pre-celebration for Easter and Passover. The children dyed eggs, prepared matzo brei, shared stories about the two holidays and enjoyed eating a balanced breakfast of cereal, fruit and juice.

The object of the morning's celebration was to share the joy of both holidays and to introduce their new health unit of healthful food groups.

AUTHOR HOUR



Mrs. Eileen Haydock's 1st grade class hosted an "Author's Hour." Along with cookies and juice, these Shaw Avenue School children, their parents and brothers and sisters, looked through the portfolio of writing that the authors had collected.

The audience enjoyed watching a video of the children reading a selection from their portfolio. Then everyone was free to wander around the room where various pieces of writing and pictures were displayed.

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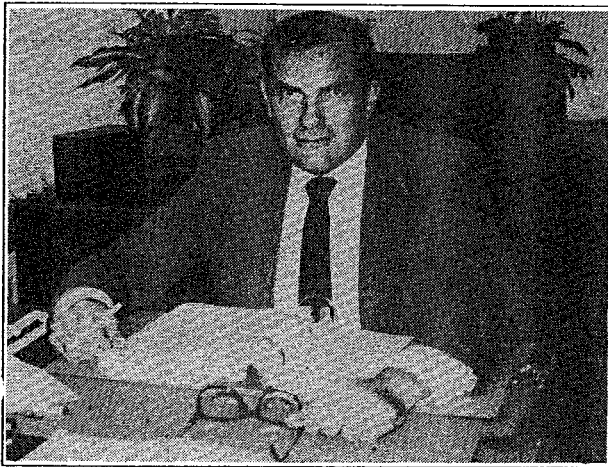
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SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Resident,

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Lawrence McGoldrick and I'm the new Superintendent of Schools. It was my pleasure to assume this position on July 1st. It has been an extremely busy summer trying to balance the needs of our students with the severe economic crisis in which the state and our community find themselves.

During the last school year, our District, along with the other districts in Nassau and Suffolk Counties, carried the lion's share of a reduction in state aid to education. In an unprecedented move, our aid was reduced in the middle of the year and, again in June, we were informed of a lower level of state aid for the current year.

During this time of crisis, you, the taxpayers of District Thirty, rallied with residents of the other village districts to support our budgets.

Your Board of Education has worked diligently to balance the demands of fiscal responsibilities while continuing to provide your children with a quality education.

As we enter into this new school year, the reports coming out of Albany again are painting a bleak financial picture. The rumor is circulating that education will experience another reduction in state financing.

Therefore, I am asking each of you to contact your state legislator and say that in order for the schools of the state to successfully educate our children, we must receive the financial assistance that is so sorely needed.

We here in District Thirty will continue to strive for excellence, but we need your help. Again, please let your support for good education be known.

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Rockville Centre, NY 11570

Gregory R. Becker
199 Merrick Road
Lynbrook, NY 11563

Albany Address

New York State Senate
Legislative Office Building
Albany, NY 12247

New York State Assembly
Albany, NY 12248

If you have any questions or concerns regarding District Thirty, please do not hesitate to call this office at 285-9881. Again, thank you for your ongoing support of our District.

Sincerely,
Lawrence R. McGoldrick
Superintendent of Schools

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VANDALISM— IT'S YOUR MONEY

Vandalism costs our community money. "Last year it cost over \$6,800 to correct the damage done to the three schools in our District," stated Mr. Gregory Abbate, Director of Facilities and Operations. We are proud of our schools and community as we know you are. So please help us protect our schools from those who would abuse and vandalize them. To help reduce this drain on our tax dollars, please help keep a watchful eye on your local school. If you notice someone throwing objects at windows, starting any kind of fire on school property, destroying the grounds, shrubbery or playground equipment, placing graffiti on walls, or engaging in other suspicious or criminal acts, please call the Nassau County Emergency Number 911 and provide the operator with name of the school, its location and a brief description of what is happening. A police car will be dispatched to investigate and appropriate school personnel will be alerted. School officials will prosecute the offenders whenever possible and attempt to secure restitution for damages.

Please help us to use our tax dollars for the purpose for which they were intended, the education of our students.

MRS. McAULIFFE RETIRES

After more than 33 years of dedicated service to the children of District 30, Mrs. Elinor McAuliffe has resigned from her position of District Thirty Board Trustee. Her involvement with District 30 began through PTA, when her children attended school. But, it didn't stop there. She was elected Trustee to the District 30 Board of Education in 1958, and went on to hold the position of President in 1963-65, 1970-72, 1980-81, 1981-82, 1984-85, and 1985-86. Since 1962, she served on the Central High School Board of Education and held the position of President during 1965-66, 1974-75, 1983-84, and 1986-87.

Mrs. McAuliffe's contributions to District 30 are numerous. As a tribute to her long record of dedicated service, she received the 1986 Lay Educator of the Year Award from Hofstra University's Chapter of Phi Delta Kappa. In 1988, she was the

recipient of the New York State School Boards Association's Everett R. Dyer Award for distinguished school board service.

"Elinor McAuliffe has always held a deep concern for the education of children and has truly been an asset to District 30," stated Mr. Richard Eisenberg, Board President. Trustee Leanore Egan commented, "She has been a mentor to me and a dear friend."

Mrs. McAuliffe warmly stated, "The time has come for me to move on and to experience new and exciting adventures in my life. However, a part of me will always be with you. I have always enjoyed my many years of service to the children and community of District 30 and will always cherish the fond remembrance of this association."

We shall all miss her and wish her the best as she ventures on to new horizons. A special "thank you" from the children of District 30!

Additional Retirees

As another school year begins, some of our familiar faces have moved on to retirement. As reported in previous issues of *The Friendly Schools*, among them are: Mr. William Van Ness, Superintendent of Schools; Mrs. Gloria Zweier, Secretary to the Superintendent; and Mr. Richard Burbell, Clear Stream Avenue Principal. Three additional retirees are:

Vivian Cafiso started as a substitute teacher in all our District 30 schools. For over 34 years she has taught 1st grade at Forest Road School. Ms. Cafiso has always loved teaching. Even when she was young, she would "play" school and taught other children math and reading. It was her dream to become a teacher, and through the support of her family, Ms. Cafiso's dream came true.

Ms. Cafiso also loves to dance, cook, and has traveled around the world. Right now she plans to spend time with her family, relax, and do a little traveling.

"I've enjoyed teaching tremen-

dously—teaching has always been my first love—especially 1st graders. District 30 is a wonderful district to work in. It is truly 'the friendly schools.' It's given me wonderful memories and good experiences," stated Ms. Cafiso.

Grace Giacobone brought art appreciation, in many forms, to District 30 children for 30 years. Most of these years have been spent at Clear Stream Avenue School. Her artistic talents will not be dormant upon retirement, for she plans to spend time on her own art work, and possibly a little traveling.

"I've enjoyed my years at Clear Stream Avenue School, they have a fine group of children. I will miss them and wish everyone well. The parents of District 30 have been wonderful and very supportive. I must say, that speaking to other people in other districts, we do something special at District 30," stated Mrs. Giacobone.

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NEW STAFF MEMBERS

Mrs. Susan Menkes is our new Art Teacher at Clear Stream Avenue School. Her 10 years of experience include serving as an artist-in-residence for Plainview-Old Bethpage Schools, where she integrated an art program with the social studies curriculum for grades 2 and 4. Recently, she was an art teacher for the Lynbrook Public Schools. "I'm very excited and happy to be part of Valley Stream District 30! I look forward to developing both creativity and an art appreciation in our children," commented Mrs. Menkes.

Mr. Daniel Onorato has joined our special service team. His title is CSE/CPSE Chairperson, and he is serving Districts 30 and 24. His 19 years of experience include: classroom teacher of grades 3, 4, and 5; self-contained Special Education teacher in District 24 since 1973. Mr. Onorato received his School District Administrator Certification from C.W. Post. He is also an adjunct Professor at St. Joseph's College in Patchogue.

Miss Maureen T. McDaid is our Special Education Teacher LC/III at Forest Road School. During the summer she was a counselor for first grade boys at the Lynbrook Public Schools. She enjoys dancing, aerobics, playing the piano and performing in theatre productions.

Other new faces around our schools are: At Clear Stream Avenue School, Ms. Ann Glynn, Reading Teacher, and Ms. Ellyn Fitzgerald, part-time Chapter I Reading Teacher. At Shaw Avenue School, Ms. Carol Stopol, part-time Chapter I Reading Teacher, and Mr. John Rudy, Custodian.

Serving Clear Stream and Shaw Avenue Schools is Mr. Kevin Coleman, part-time Physical Education Teacher, who replaced Mr. Thomas Graham.

Additional Retirees

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Margaret Bradley has been with District 30 for 31 years. Her title is Senior Library Clerk. Mrs. Bradley started working at the Shaw Avenue School Library, and worked with Mrs. Rose Agree, Head Librarian. At Forest Road School, she worked with Mr. Frank DeMarco, Director of Educational Communications, and for the past several years with Mr. Gerard Camilleri, Director of Computer Education. Upon retirement, Mrs. Bradley plans to spend time with her three grandchildren, take a trip to England and continue her volunteer

work at Franklin General Hospital and Blessed Sacrament Church.

"I have enjoyed all the people at District 30 and will definitely miss them, but I feel it is time to move on," stated Mrs. Bradley. Her last day was September 13, 1991.

We at District 30 wish our colleagues/friends well and hope that life ahead will be happy and healthy for all.

**KNOW YOUR SCHOOL—
IT BUILDS BETTER
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EXCEL NEWS

On May 23, 1991, The EXCEL Program hosted a parent workshop in the Forest Road School. At that time, the parents had an opportunity to hear Mrs. Dorothy Schorr, formerly the Coordinator of Gifted Education in the Syosset School District. "Mrs. Schorr presented a wide range of suggestions for the parenting of gifted children. She stressed that a gifted child is, above all else, a child and needs all the same nurturing, understanding, and love as any

other child," commented Ms. Gail Starler, EXCEL Teacher. Eight principles for parental guidance included: helping them to develop discipline, insisting on routine, helping them to structure their time, cultivating concentration, encouraging exploration, allowing them leisure, helping them to understand social responsibility, and stressing personal integrity and ethics. Mrs. Schorr brought enthusiasm and experience to the discussion that followed.

ATTENTION ALL RESIDENTS

Here we are back in school! This year all of the EXCEL students will be studying the theme of contrasts, specifically, the influences of the Eastern and Western cultures.

If you have slides or other information, and/or experiences from any of the Eastern countries such as China and Japan, we would greatly appreciate it if you would share them with us in our class which is held at Forest Road School. We would, also, gladly welcome still life photos, information about the preparation of special foods, a country's art, clothing, or games.

If you are interested in participating or contributing to our multicultural studies, please contact Ms. Gail Starler at 791-6134.

(Written by Heather Davidowitz and Dana Rosenbloom, representing the EXCEL students.)

QUICK NOTES

The Board of Education has approved the appointment of Mrs. Angela Nicolini as the Forest Road School Secretary. Mrs. Nicolini previously served as an aide for the EXCEL Program for 5 years.

Mrs. Genie Melone, Reading Teacher at Clear Stream Avenue School, is on leave taking care of her adorable new arrival. His name is James Andrew. Congratulations and best wishes to the entire family!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

October 14	Columbus Day—SCHOOLS CLOSED
*21	District 30 Board of Education Committee Meeting—8 PM
*28	District 30 Board of Education Meeting—8 PM
30	Breakfast With The Superintendent—9:15AM at Clear Stream Avenue School
November 5	Election Day/Superintendent's Conference Day— NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
11	Veterans' Day—SCHOOLS CLOSED
*18	District 30 Board of Education Committee Meeting—8 PM
*25	District 30 Board of Education Meeting—8 PM
28-29	Thanksgiving Recess—SCHOOLS CLOSED
December *16	District 30 Board of Education Meeting—8 PM
23-31	Holiday Recess—SCHOOLS CLOSED
January 1, 1992	New Year's Day—SCHOOLS CLOSED

***NOTE: Board meeting days changed from Tuesday to Mondays.**

District 30 Board of Education Committee Meetings are held at Washington Avenue Administration Building. District 30 Board of Education Meetings are held at Shaw Avenue School.

WITH A LITTLE BIT OF HELP ...



In April, the kindergartners in Mrs. Susan Moskowitz's and Mrs. Roslyn Scheidt's classes at Forest Road School planted a tree. This special tree is to "help Mother Nature save our planet Earth." The planting was supervised by Science Teacher, Mr. Richard Kaufmann, and the digging was done

by Custodian, Mr. Thomas Penna. A lovely dedication ceremony was held right after the tree planting. These kindergartners (now 1st graders) will be able to watch it grow and flourish, as they themselves grow and flourish, and know they have helped the environment.

EMERGENCY CLOSING

Should weather conditions make it necessary to close the schools, the Valley Stream Fire Department will sound the alarm 10 times at **7:05AM** and the following stations will make early morning announcements:

WCBS (880)	WHLI (1100)	WGBB (1240)
WKJY (98FM)	WGSM (740)	WINS (1010)
	News 12 (Cablevision)	

TEACHER TEACHES TEACHERS

Mrs. Susan H. Wasserman, a 5 grade teacher at Shaw Avenue School, served as a teacher consultant at the New York Geographic Alliance's Third Annual Summer Geography Institute at the State University College at Oneonta, from July 14-26, 1991.

The goals of the Institute were twofold: to develop the geography components of the curriculum in order to overcome problems of geography illiteracy and to train teachers in the content and methods of geography to enable them to train other teachers.

The Institute featured classroom lectures, curriculum development activities, field trips, and learning activity evaluation sessions.

Mrs. Wasserman's role at the Institute was to model lessons that infused geography into existing curricula, evaluate lessons presented by the participants, develop curriculum materials, and help in the overall operation of the Institute.

BREAKFAST WITH THE SUPERINTENDENT CONTINUES

The basic intent of these informal meetings is to provide a channel of communication between the public and the school district. It allows you 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 the 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 Mr. McGoldrick will be held several times during the school year at 9:15AM. All residents are welcome to any and all meetings. Refreshments will be served, so come and join us.

October 30 at Clear Stream Avenue School
January 15 at Forest Road School
March 25 at Shaw Avenue School

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A Note from the Superintendent

Dear Resident,

As a new year begins, your school board has once again started the difficult and arduous task of developing a budget for the upcoming school year.

As this process unfolds, the idea of continuing to provide quality education for our children at a reasonable cost is becoming ever more difficult. However, for two consecutive years, the job of providing education to our children continues to become more of a local financial responsibility.

Last year our district, along with the other districts in Nassau and Suffolk Counties, received unprecedented cuts in state aid. This year again, the Executive Budget is calling for further cuts in education aid. Therefore, the difficulty of establishing a budget that will provide quality programs and be responsive to the needs of all our taxpayers becomes more and more difficult.

Your board of education has begun the process with hopes of presenting a spending plan that will address everyone's concerns.

Prior to the actual vote on the budget, you, as a community member, will receive information about the budget that will culminate in a public meeting to be held at the Clear Stream Avenue School on April 8 at 8:00 p.m. During that time, the budget will be discussed in detail.

If you have any questions about the budget, please contact me at 285-9881. I am eager to discuss the budget with you and I am looking forward to hearing from you.

In closing, any additional support you can lend by writing or calling our local legislators will be greatly appreciated. Again, thank you for your ongoing support.

Lawrence R. McGoldrick,
Superintendent of Schools

IMPORTANT NOTICE

New York State Income Tax forms for 1991 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.

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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. This transportation is provided only when the following conditions are met:

1. A written request for a specific school is made by the parents to the school district no later than April 1, 1992.
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, 1992. New York State Education Law specifically states that applications must be made annually for each new school year.

If your child meets the above requirements, please send in your request for transportation for the 1992-93 school year no later than April 1, 1992. Send your request to the Valley Stream School District 30 Administrative Offices, 150 Washington Avenue, Valley Stream NY 11580.

Budget Information and Dates

To assist taxpayers to better understand the budget, a presentation of the proposed budget has been arranged for Wednesday, April 8, 1992 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 Thirty budget. Any organization or individual from the district is invited and encouraged to ask questions. The actual voting on the Valley Stream Elementary and High School District budgets will take place on Wednesday, May 6, 1992 from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Election of candidates for the District Thirty Board of Education will also take place at this time. 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 6, 1992. 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, 52 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 6, 1992.

PLEASE NOTE: Registration for voting on the budget and for Board members will be at all three schools (Clear Stream Avenue, Forest Road and Shaw Avenue) on Wednesday, April 29, 1992 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.

DISTRICT CLERK

Mrs. Eleanor Zeller, who has been our School District Clerk since July, 1966, has retired as of January 16, 1992. Her many years of dedication are well appreciated; we wish her well in the years ahead.

Mrs. Madelaine J. Furst, has been appointed to fill the vacancy as School District Clerk for the 1991-92 school year. Mrs. Furst also holds the position of Secretary to the Superintendent of Schools.

SPECIAL BUDGET ISSUE

Under the supervision of Mr. David Kutcher, Assistant Superintendent for Business, and in conjunction with the Board of Education and Superintendent of Schools, a Special Budget Issue of *The Friendly Schools* will be distributed in April. Be sure to look for this in-depth report of the proposed 1992-93 school budget in your mail.

PERMANENT REGISTRATION FOR VOTING

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 1988-89 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.

PLEASE 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.

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 Friday, April 10, 1992 between 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. at Clear Stream Avenue, Forest Road and Shaw Avenue Schools. No registration will be accepted without a birth certificate as proof of date of birth. A child must have been born on or before December 1, 1987 to be eligible for admission to kindergarten in September, 1992. **NO EXCEPTIONS ARE EVER MADE TO THE ENTRANCE AGE REQUIREMENTS.**

Children entering school for the first time must also present one or more certificates indicating that they have received 3 diphtheria and tetanus immunizations, 3 poliomyelitis immunizations, and two doses of measles vaccine. In addition, one dose of mumps and rubella vaccines must be given at least one day after the child's first birthday.

Guidance Plan Completed

A District 30 Guidance Plan has been unanimously accepted, approved and adopted by your Board of Education. Dr. Raymond Brodeur, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, the Principals, and Special Counselors working with representative classroom teachers were involved in the preparation of this plan.

The Plan is designed to facilitate the educational programs of each of the schools in District 30. Included in the design is a desire to promote parental involvement in the education of their children, and to prepare students to participate effectively in both their current and future educational programs.

The Board of Education believes that it is through the Guidance Plan and, through the development of relationships that students are helped to interpret and integrate the world in which they live. They can examine the attitudes they have toward themselves, other people, other things; they can use these processes to make decisions that enrich their lives and enable them to contribute to society.

A copy of the District Guidance Plan is on file in the office of Dr. Brodeur, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum.

Good Citizenship Continues

Comments from Mr. Robert Cohen, Principal of Clear Stream Avenue School, on the Good Citizenship and Courtesy Program: "The Staff and I are very pleased that the emphasis we are placing on good citizenship and courtesy is paying dividends. Our children are showing an increased awareness of how to conduct themselves in various social and public situations." Congratulations to all the students and, especially, to the ones selected for the Citizens of the Month.

Some of the upcoming topics are: Using Only Appropriate Language; Making the Best of Your Time; Using Good Manners in Public Places; Making and Keeping Good Friends; Being Loyal to Family, School, Town and Country; and Showing Respect and Gratitude Toward Parents and Grandparents.

Special People

For Nurse's Appreciation Day, Mrs. Josephine Harper's 2nd grade class wrote letters of appreciation to Mrs. Susan Lombardo, School Nurse at Shaw Avenue School. Below are portions of the letters she received:

Thank you for...

"...cheering us up when we are upset." Love, Anthony Viola.

"...testing my eyes. You are so helpful." Your Friend, Melaine Mugno.

"...helping me when I had a loose tooth." From Michael Chiappardi.

"...helping us with our bumps and bruises." Love, Roshni Daswani.

To students, school nurses are very special people. A special "thank you" from all our students (and staff) to: Mrs. Marilyn Lynch, R.N. (Clear Stream Avenue School), Mrs. Elaine Friedman, R.N. (Forest Road School), and Mrs. Susan Lombardo, R.N. (Shaw Avenue School).

Interesting Display

As you enter Clear Stream Avenue School, take a moment to view the display cabinets which exhibit class projects. Recently, Mrs. Virginia Cabral's class displayed drawings of the Ojibwa Indians, their huts, and essays written by the students. Below is one of them:

Writing *Kathleen Jurski*
Nov. 14 *Grade 3C*

The Ojibwa spent their whole year getting food to eat. The Ojibwa went to the place where the maple trees grew. Then the family collected sweet sap. They stuck a hollow stick into a maple tree. Sap dripped through the stick into a bucket. In the Summer they grew corn, pumpkins, and squash. They picked berries, too. Ojibwa families went to get rice in swamps. In the Fall, families went to their hunting ground. There they found moose, bears, and elks for Winter. This is what they did every year.

Geography Week Celebrated Throughout Our District



Teachers participated in Wear-a-Place contest.

As part of Geography Awareness Week, our three schools participated in numerous activities to broaden their geography curriculum. Activities took place on classroom, building, and district-wide levels. The following is a sampling of some of the activities:

- The entire District 30 staff wore T-shirts representing different parts of the world and participated in a "Wear-a-Place" Contest. The winners were: Clear Stream Avenue School – Paula Franklin; Forest Road School – Gail Starler; Shaw Avenue School – Joann Lufrano and Rosalie Baltzer; Washington Avenue Administrative Building – Mabel Hom.

- All District 30 students also participated in the "Wear-a-Place" T-shirt contest. The winners were: Clear Stream Avenue School – Ché Dyer, 4th grader in Mrs. Dale Ehrenreich's class; Forest Road School – Alexander Klein, Kindergarten in Mrs. Susan Moskowitz's class, and Joshua Klein, 6th grader in Ms. Debra Huberman's class; Shaw Avenue



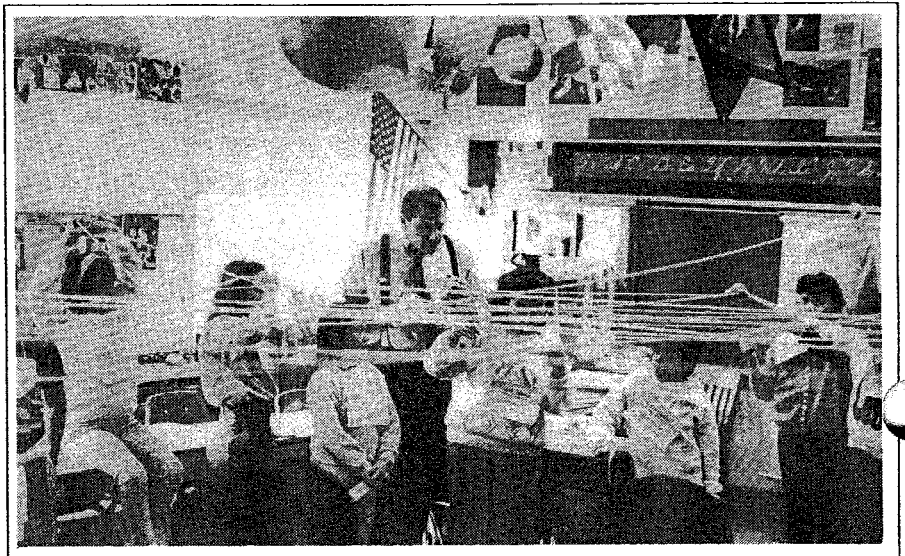
Wear-a-Place contest was a hit with students.

School – Jerry Stabile, 2nd grader in Mrs. Josephine Harper's class.

- Special geography lessons were held, including a lesson given by Mr. McGoldrick, Superintendent of Schools. He presented a geography lesson to Mrs. Wasserman's 5th grade

teacher at Shaw Avenue School, conducted a school-level Geography Bee, during which students answered questions on geography. This was the first round in the fourth annual National Geography Bee, which is sponsored by National Geographic WORLD, the Society's magazine for children, and Amtrak.

Sean Soto, a 5th grade student in Mrs. Wasserman's class, won the school-level competition. The runner-up was T.J. Rouse, 5th grader in Mr. Carl

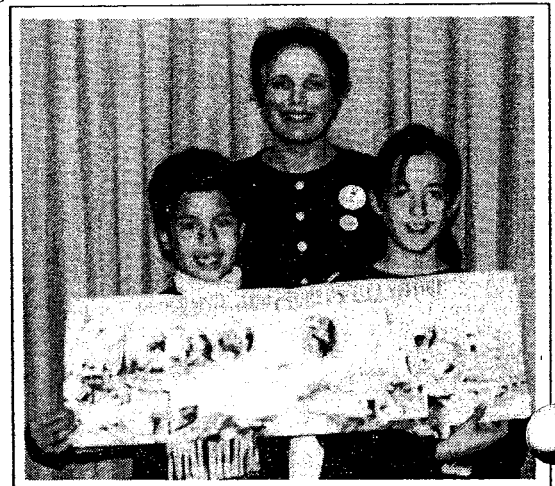


Mr. McGoldrick teaches a lesson.

students. The lesson, "The World on a String," demonstrated how each country is interconnected and dependent on one another.

- Mrs. Susan Wasserman, 5th grade

Riccobono's class. Sean will now take a written test. A maximum of 100 top scorers in each state and territory will be eligible to compete in their state Bee on March 27.



Mrs. Wasserman with Sean Sotto, winner, and T.J. Rouse, runner-up of the National Geography Bee.

ART ENRICHMENT

The Art Enrichment at Forest Road School has embarked on a wonderful beginning. The parent volunteer program has a new addition: Mrs. Cheryl Sofron, a professional artist. She is working with Mrs. Ellen Popper, a parent, and Mrs. Susan Baron, the Art Teacher.

Reproductions of famous works of art are shown in the classrooms. Students are given an opportunity to discuss their reactions to the paintings, learn a little art history, and begin to develop a sense of aesthetic appreciation. The classroom teachers have also followed up the discussion with a writing project.

In addition to the monthly "Art Talk," the 4th and 6th grade students participated in a slide program sponsored by the Whitney Museum in New York.

Mrs. Blossom Licht, a retired Forest Road School teacher, and Mrs. Winnie Newman, came to school with slides of "paintings that tell a story." A lively discussion followed each slide and both Mrs. Licht and Mrs. Newman were pleased with the wonderful responses given by our students. Another presentation will be given in the Spring.

- The Shaw Avenue School Chorus, under the direction of Mrs. Barbara Kreeger, was featured on WNSK Radio Station in December. They performed "I'm Too Old for Santa Claus" as part of a Holiday Song Contest sponsored by the radio station. The chorus received a runner-up award for their fine efforts.

- March is MUSIC IN OUR SCHOOLS MONTH. On March 5, the World's Largest Concert (WLC) will be linked via television satellite to PBS stations all over the world. Students and teachers at Clear Stream

U.S. MAP COMBINES ART & SOCIAL STUDIES



Reinforcing geography.

"Who has Texas?" "Did anyone see Louisiana?" "Look at Rhode Island!" These were familiar cries in the art room as Mrs. Sherri Lewis' 5th graders worked on their three-dimensional map of the United States. Mrs. Susan Baron, Art Teacher at Forest Road School, coordinated this integrated art/social studies project.

The students traced the states, cut the patterns out of felt, and then sewed and stuffed them. Many hands were busy as the children

assembled the states on a plywood backing.

"The children had an exciting hands-on experience. I think the project reinforced the geography of the United States in a very meaningful way. We are very proud of the children's handiwork," commented Mrs. Baron.

The map is currently on display in the district's Administrative Offices and will be permanently displayed at the Forest Road School.

MUSIC NOTES

Avenue School will participate simultaneously in the WLC '92. If you participated in this event, send a note to Clear Stream Avenue School stating, "I SANG IN WLC '92," and sign your name. MAKE MUSIC, AMERICA!!

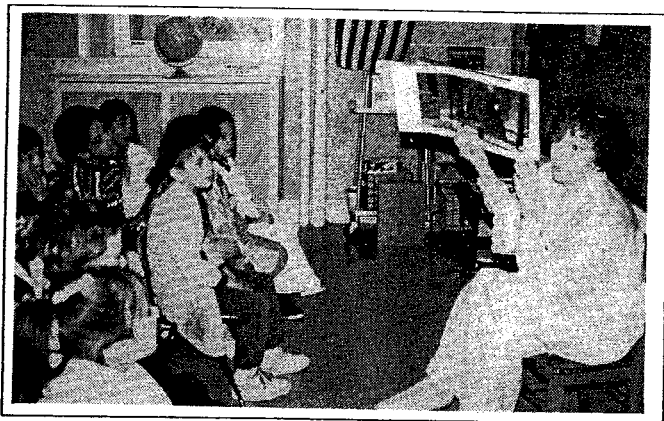
- As an extended celebration of Music In Our Schools Month, the Clear Stream Avenue Spring Melodies Concert has been scheduled for April 10 at 8 p.m. The Clear Stream Choruses, the Handbell Choir, and the Clear Stream Band will be performing. "Watch for special appearances by special guests,"

stated Mrs. Linda Pratt, Music Teacher.

FROM THE COMPUTER LAB

With the assistance of Mrs. Noleen Douglas, Computer Aide, 1st graders at Clear Stream Avenue School created bookmarks as gifts for Valentine's Day. They used a program called "School Music." When completed, the bookmarks were laminated and then tied off with colored wool. Through the knowledge of computers, these little hands gave Valentine gifts from their hearts.

NORTHWARD BOUND



Who said reading can't be fun? The children in Mrs. Christine Murray's 2nd grade took a special journey one day. They were caught in their bathrobes when the "Polar Express" pulled up to their classroom and they all hopped aboard for a long train ride. Their destination was, of course, the North Pole! On the journey the children became aware of how important "setting" is in a story. "A train load of many reading skills was experienced by all," commented Mrs. Murray, at Clear Stream Avenue.



JUNIOR FIRE FIGHTERS



Former Fire Chief Ron Garafalo and Fireman Eli Lazar came complete with a fire truck to visit all the kindergartners in the Forest Road School.



GIFT TO THE CHILDREN



The Forest Road School kindergarten playground has a new look. Thanks to the Forest Road School PTA and the Green Acres Civic Association, the children in kindergarten are enjoying the new playground equipment.

A LEARNING EXPERIENCE



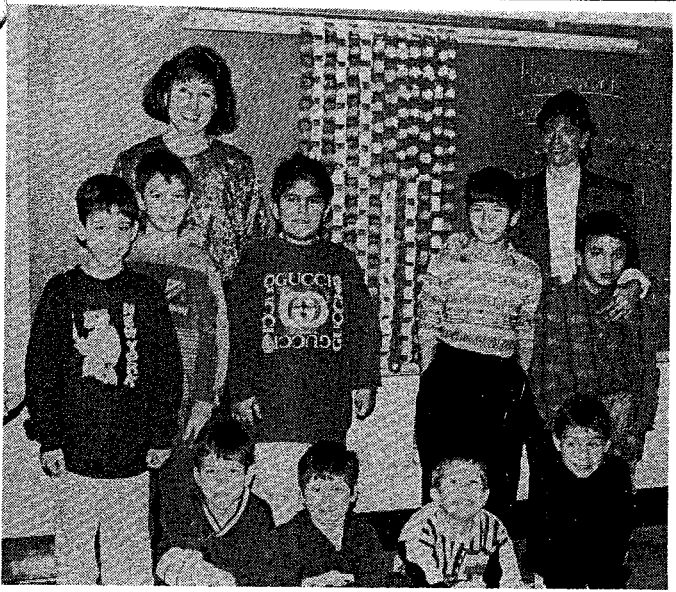
Mrs. Barbara Clarke's 4th graders rehearsing their play, "The Midnight Ride of ... Who?" The play integrated the Social Studies curriculum and was both meaningful and memorable to all.

BREAKFAST WITH THE SUPERINTENDENT



Mr. McGoldrick discussed school policies during Breakfast With The Superintendent at Forest Road School.

SPECIAL FLAG MAKING



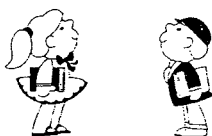
To celebrate President's Day, Mrs. Rosemary Decker's LCI class made a paper chain flag. The students studied the U.S. flag to learn the number, color, and position of the stars and stripes. Math was integrated with this lesson by having students measure and cut 1" x 6" strips; 180 red, 160 white, and 110 blue strips were needed to complete their project. Mrs. Carol Moen, Teacher Aide, assisted the students. The students had much fun in learning about the U.S. flag.



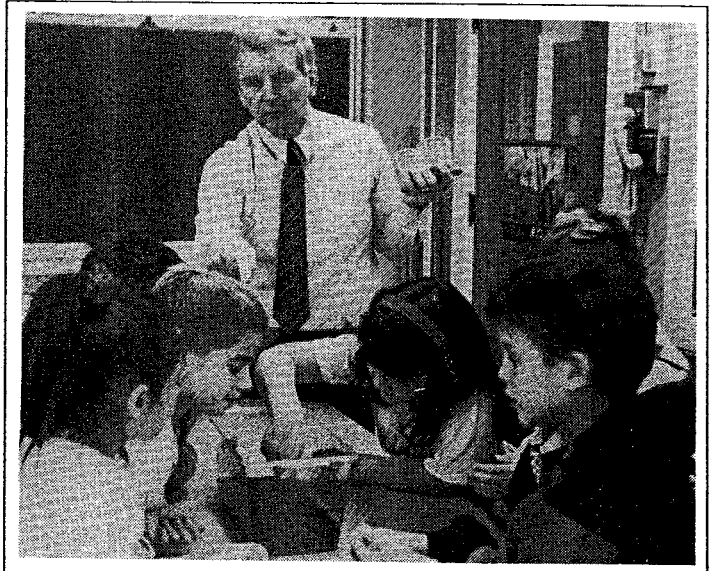
60 MINUTES = ONE HOUR



Mrs. Josephine Ferranti's 2nd graders displayed their knowledge of time during their performance of "Father Times Garden," at Shaw Avenue School.

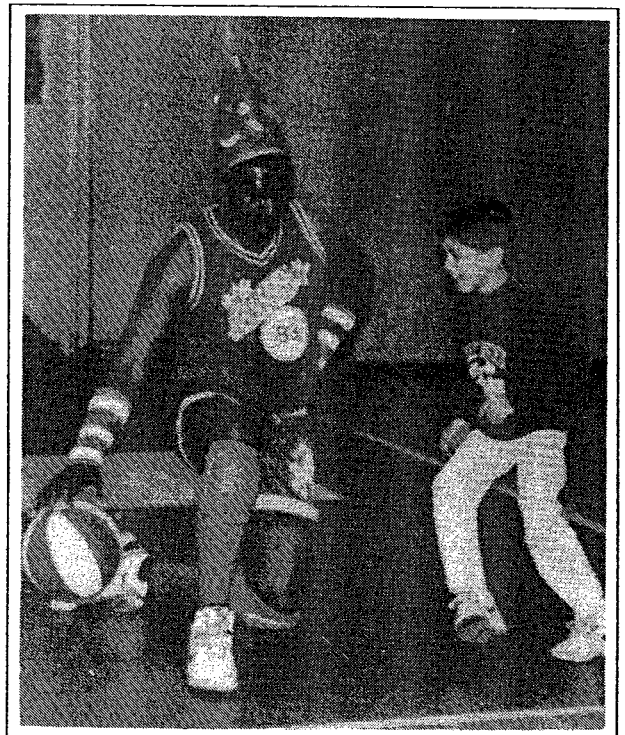


FOOD CHAIN



Planting seeds is part of the curriculum in Mr. Richard Kaufmann's Science Class at Clear Stream Avenue School. This is the first step in demonstrating the Food Chain lesson. Once the seeds are grown, insects will be introduced into the terrarium.

THE WONDERFUL WIZARD



Students gathered in the Shaw Avenue School gymnasium to see Tex Barnwell, a member of the Harlem Wizards. He entertained the students by demonstrating some of his comical basketball tricks. This special program was sponsored by Shaw Avenue School PTA, and arranged by Mrs. Elaine Taub, PTA Cultural Art Chairperson.

EXCEL NEWS

In keeping with the EXCEL theme of Contrasting Eastern and Western Cultures, the EXCEL students have received visits from several community members. In sharing their experiences and knowledge, the students have been exposed to many cultures.



Mrs. Rovin's "dashing" personality added to the lesson.

Mr. and Mrs. Rovin, who have been residents of Valley Stream for 24 years, shared their travel experiences with students in the EXCEL Program. Mrs. Rovin, with her culinary expertise coupled with fresh cooking aromas, made it a perfect



Mr. Rovin brought the Orient into the classroom.

experience for the students to "taste" oriental cooking. Stir-fry mushrooms with vegetables were on the menu for the third grade EXCEL students. Mr. Rovin took the 6th graders on an imaginary trip to the Orient. With passport in hand, he described the time changes and important background information

on China, Japan, and Korea. Mr. Rovin exposed the students to the wide range of artifacts and picture albums collected in his 30 years of travel.

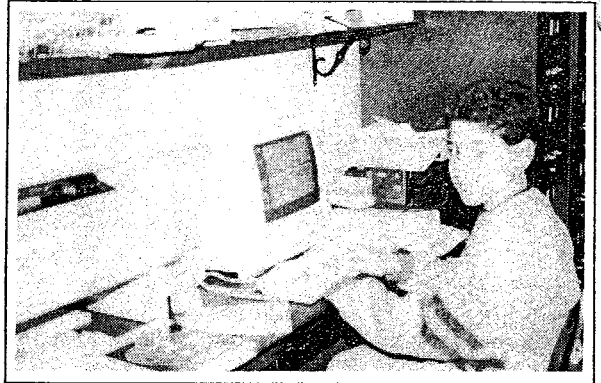
Mrs. Bachar presented the 3rd graders with information on Korean customs and culture. The class was fascinated to learn about Korean education, religion, family life, housing, food, names and social conduct.

Mrs. Fallica paid a visit to the EXCEL class to demonstrate and instruct the children on making Chinese tangrams. These mathematical amusements were invented by the Chinese 4,000 years ago. "Everyone had fun mak-

ing the tangrams and trying to solve and reason out simple puzzles," commented Miss Gail Starler,

EXCEL Instructor.

For both the 3rd and 4th graders, Mrs. Golfo volunteered to show the classes how to construct colorful Chinese kites. Made from tissue paper and rolled newspapers, the kites were a big hit.



Frank Apap working on the layout of "The Excelerator."

EXCEL students have been working on their own newsletter. Below is an article that appeared in the first issue of *The Excelerator*. The article was written by 6th graders, Dana Rosenbloom and Heather Davidowitz.

THEME

The 1991-92 school year has shed a new light on the EXCEL



Miss Starler (right) looks on as Mrs. Golfo assists in the kite making.

class. We have decided to study the Orient. Already we have learned about origami, how to make Chinese egg rolls, bunka, and miniature Chinese brush painting screens, as well as how to write creative stories about what we have learned.

For the current year, we will be working on the Odyssey of the Mind Competition. Our topics this year include Alice in OMerland, Atlas (building structures), and Architecture, the OMument.

INSECT WINNERS

Two students in Mr. Richard Kaufmann's 4th grade Science Class at Clear Stream Avenue School won ribbons at the Long Island Fair. The 1st place ribbon went to Michael Albano, and the 2nd place ribbon went to Peter Alexandratos. Both students collected, mounted, and correctly labeled their insect collections in a very professional manner.

Our three schools are again participating in an interdistrict spelling bee to be held on February 25 at the Wheeler Avenue School. Our individual school bee was held in the Library/Media Center and conducted by each Library/Media Specialist. The winners are:

At Clear Stream Avenue School (conducted by Mrs. Alice Dorb):

Library News

Grade 4: ** Jamie Moore, winner; Cilo Lewis, runner-up.

Grade 5: Christopher Spano, winner; Ronald Breuer, 1st runner-up and Karen Russer, 2nd runner-up.

Grade 6: *Jennifer Iadevaio, winner; Liza Bianculli, runner-up.

At Forest Road School (conducted by Mrs. Carol Tolle):

Grade 4: Jonathan Biderman, winner; Vincent Tilts, runner-up.

Grade 5: *Marc Kline, winner; Joshua Marks, runner-up.

Grade 6: **Frank Apap, winner; Jason Goldberg, runner-up.

At Shaw Avenue School (conducted by Mrs. Mary Mathews):

Grade 4: **Adam Fakier, winner; Michelle Raimondi, runner-up.

Grade 5: Neeleema Sinha, winner; Meghan Darragh, runner-up.

Grade 6: *Kathy Laracuenta, winner; Larry Ruggieri, runner-up.

*(Editor's Note: *indicates school-wide winner; **indicates school-wide runner-up.)*

UPDATE: The winners of the bookmark design contest at Forest Road School are: Grade 1—Nicole Hutchinson and Brea Inkles; Grade 2—Chuan Hu and Jessica Shurgan; Grade 3—Joshua Salomon and Jamie Mandel; Grade 4—Christopher Maffeo, Jessica Klein, and Vincent Tilts; Grade 5—Kate Friedman and Teresa Beirouti; Grade 6—Brienne Katz, Raneet Goldman, Louis Scarantino, and Crystal Worthington. Winners received Ed Emberly drawing books.

JOINING TOGETHER



Hot bagels!

The announcement of extra "hot-fresh bagels" could be heard over the loudspeaker at the Shaw Avenue School. Many hungry students and staff raced to the teacher's smoke-free lunchroom to purchase these extra hot buttered treats to munch during recess. Other students were lucky enough to have them delivered by Mrs. Miriam Sweet's delivery crew to their rooms in a little red wagon. The students delivered 500 bagels each day to the classrooms in order to raise money for Indian Children at the St. Labre Indian School in Ashland, Montana. These children board at the school due to poverty or problems at home such as alcoholism, etc.

This was the Fifth Annual Bagel Sale sponsored by Mr. Carl Riccobono's 5th grade class, and Mrs. Sweet's 4th grade class. Parents (Mrs. Viola, Mrs. Zoref, Mrs. Catalano, Mrs. Lau, and Mrs. Legrace), teachers (Mrs. Janet Fariel and Mrs. Susan Wasserman), and many former students assisted the teachers in cutting and buttering 500 bagels each day for delivery to classrooms by 9 a.m.

"\$400.00 was sent to the school and \$118.00 was sent to the Eastern Paralyzed Veterans, as we have done for the last five years," stated Mrs. Sweet. Many people participated and enjoyed the camaraderie of working closely together in an informal situation for a good cause.

SPEECH GRADUATES

It is with greatest pleasure to announce that several of our students who attend our speech/language program at Clear Stream Avenue School recently graduated from the program. "The students have worked very hard in speech class and at home to correct their speech difficulty. I am very proud of their conscientious efforts," said Mrs. Sharon Schulman, Speech Pathologist. Students have received a satin "super speech star" ribbon and a Certificate of Accomplishment.

Reflection Program Winners

The purpose of the National PTA Reflections Program is to provide an opportunity for students to use their creative talents by expressing themselves through original works of art. This year's theme is "Exploring New Beginnings." There are four categories in the Reflections Program: Literature, Music, Photography, and Visual Arts. Students interpret the theme in any way they feel appropriate. (Example: World peace, space exploration, the first day of school, etc.) Listed below are the winners from each of our schools:

Visual Arts:

From Clear Stream Avenue School: Christina Russo, Kristen Baggio, and Elizabette Quezada. (Honorable Mention: Christopher Bastardi, Otasia Ewell, and William Wellington.)

From Forest Road School: Michael John Floyd; Joseph Gambino, and Ashley Zachmann. (Honorable Mention: Robyn Shapiro.)

From Shaw Avenue School: Erin Cunningham, Vincent Staffa, and Patrick Cunningham.

Photography:

From Clear Stream Avenue School: Cara Montefusco, Kurt Fredericks, and Michael Albano. (Honorable Mention: Mary Neary, Karen Russer, and Pamela Russo.)

From Forest Road School: Alessandra Crescenzi and Charles Muratore.

Literature:

From Clear Stream Avenue School: Valerie Robinson, Nicole Zobkiw, and Daniel Brody. (Honorable Mention: Dawn Fredericks, Kimberly Stache, and Nicholas Hayden.)

From Forest Road School: Kevin Schissel, Krista Siedlick, and Gabrielle Stoller. (Honorable Mention: Crystal Worthington and Ariel Vegosen.)

Music:

From Forest Road School: Vanessa Lawrence.

Jamie Tarr, from Forest Road School, deserves an honorable mention for her efforts in submitting a mixed media project.

All these students will advance to the Nassau District PTA competition and vie for prizes and scholarships. The PTA Chairpersons were: Mrs. Carol Belmonte and Mrs. Dot Isler (Clear Stream Avenue School), Mrs. Ellen Popper (Forest Road School), and Mrs. Joann Cunningham (Shaw Avenue School).

NOTE: Due to limited space, the names of the judges, who gave freely of their time and expertise, cannot be listed. A SPECIAL "THANK YOU" TO ALL.

Projects from our District 30 Schools will be on display in the Center Court of the Green Acres Mall during the week of March 2-6. A special "Thank You" to Jill Hofstra, Marketing Director of the Green Acres Mall, for her assistance in arranging this exhibition.

DEFORESTATION ON TRIAL

Fifth graders in Mrs. Susan Wasserman's, Mr. George Beyer's, Mr. Carol Riccobono's, and Mrs. Arlene Upton's classes made a very special presentation to the entire Shaw Avenue school's student body entitled, "The Last Rain Forest—Deforestation On Trial." Each student portrayed people who are in favor of preserving the rain forests and those who take the opposite position.

As the jury was about to announce the verdict, the entire student body unanimously stood up and shouted, "SAVE THE RAIN FORESTS." The entire

auditorium then sang, "The Best Things In Life Are Free," as a huge toucan appeared on stage. Wearing the costume was Mr. Stanley Kaminsky, Principal.

The play was written by Mrs. Wasserman from an idea developed by Kay Sandmeir of the National Geographic Society. "We gratefully acknowledge the assistance of CARE for the video *The Last Forest* (that was shown at the beginning of the assembly), and the class activities packets," stated Mrs. Wasserman.



The verdict was SAVE THE FORESTS.

Getting The Right Impression About Art



The 5th graders at Clear Stream Avenue School have been getting the "right impression" about art. Under the direction of their Art Teacher, Mrs. Susan Menkes, the students studied famous impressionist painters. They viewed and discussed the works of these artists with the paintings of other famous historic artists. After gaining an understanding of how the impressionists used color and brushstrokes, the students created their own masterpieces in an impressionistic style.

This cultural experience was further enhanced by the integration of music. Mrs. Linda Pratt, Music Teacher, prepared a special tape of Debussy's impressionistic works which these 5th graders listened to as they painted.

The students worked enthusiastically and seemed delighted with the results. Students' remarks such as these could be heard throughout the art room: "I like the way the impressionists blended their colors," said Theresa Isler. "I love the Renoir-type painting I did. The colors made me feel wonderful," commented Camoy Briscoe.

ART ALL AROUND US



Artists at work!

Encouraged by their Principal, Dr. Barbara Cronin, students in the district's after school Art Club have been painting pictures over the walls of Forest Road School.

"I call them Wall Graphics or Graffiti At Its Very Best," commented Mrs. Susan Baron, Art Teacher and club sponsor.

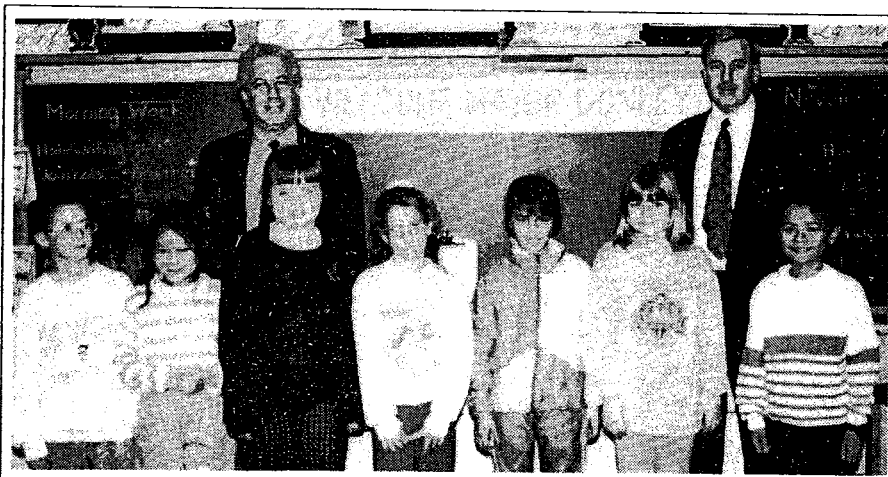
The 4th, 5th and 6th graders have been working in pairs to design pictures that illustrate what goes on inside the various rooms in the school.

On the wall outside the Teacher's Room, Sarah Leventhal and Jaelyn Epstein are busy painting an apple and a coffee mug, as Mrs. Baron observes their work of art. Across the hall, next to the gym door, there is an illustration depicting various sports equipment. At the cafeteria entrance there is a display of a food tray with the words "Bon Appetite."

Enthusiasm is building throughout the school as these wonderful graphics come to life.

Mayor Visits Classroom

Mayor Donley visited 4th graders in Shaw Avenue School. Mayor Donley explained how the government operates, what their parents' taxes pay for, and what his job entails. The students eagerly listened and asked questions concerning drugs, pollution and safety. The Mayor asked



Mr. Stanley Kaminsky, Principal, and Mayor Donley, with some 4th graders.

them to do their part in helping him by not littering. He gave them magnets to take home which will remind them not to pollute.

"The students enjoyed the Mayor's visit and received a lot of insight into the Mayor's job," stated Mrs. Janet Fariel, 4th grade teacher.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- March 5 Lights On for Education at Memorial Junior High School—7:30p.m.
- 16 District 30 Board of Education Committee Meeting at Shaw Avenue School—8 p.m.
- 23 District 30 Board of Education Meeting at Washington Avenue —8p.m.
- 25 Breakfast With The Superintendent at Shaw Avenue School—9:15a.m.
- April 3 District 30 Concert at Shaw Avenue School—8p.m.
- 6 Deadline for Board Candidates
- 8 District 30 Budget Hearing at Clear Stream Avenue School—8p.m.
- 10 Kindergarten Registration—All Schools—9a.m.–11a.m.
- 13 District 30 Board of Education Meeting at Shaw Avenue School—8p.m.
- 16–24 Spring Recess—SCHOOLS CLOSED
- 29 Budget Voting Registration—7a.m.–9a.m. and 4p.m.–9p.m.
- May 6 School Budget Voting—7a.m.–10p.m.
- District 30 Art Show—at all schools—7:30p.m.–9p.m.

CUSTODIAL PROMOTION

Mr. Stephan Ostop was hired in November, 1988 as a Cleaner assigned to the Shaw Avenue School. In an effort to upgrade his title to conform to the skills required in his position, Mr. Ostop successfully passed a Civil Service promotional examination for the title of Custodian. In fact, he passed the test with a score of 97%.

Upon the suggestion of Gregory Abbate, Director of Facilities, and upon the recommendation of Mr. McGoldrick, Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approved Mr. Ostop's advancement to the title of Custodian.

Tax Exemption for Seniors

Senior citizens with incomes less than \$19,200 may 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 \$15,000.....	50%
At least \$15,000 but less than \$15,600	45%
At least \$15,600 but less than \$16,200	40%
At least \$16,200 but less than \$16,800	35%
At least \$16,800 but less than \$17,400	30%
At least \$17,400 but less than \$18,000	25%
At least \$18,000 but less than \$18,600	20%
At least \$18,600 but less than \$19,200	15%
At least \$19,200 but less than \$19,600	10%

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, 1992. 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, NY 11501.

TEACHER RECEIVES MINI-GRANT FROM VSTC

Mrs. Rita Cohen, Art Teacher at the Shaw Avenue School, is the recipient of a mini-grant from the Valley Stream Teacher Center (VSTC). Her topic is, "Arms and Armor from Medieval Times to the Renaissance." She plans to prepare a book and slide lecture based on objects displayed in the newly renovated collection at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. This can be used in conjunction with the social studies program when requested by classroom teachers.

In the Spring, Mrs. Cohen will teach a course on Arms and Armor at the Valley Stream Teacher Center. Participants in the course will visit both the Metropolitan Museum of Art and the Cloisters.

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.

READING PARTNERS

The PTA's at the Clear Stream Avenue, Forest Road, and Shaw Avenue Schools are once again sponsoring Parents As Reading Partners. This program is designed to encourage students to read more. The long term goals are to foster a love for reading and create a generation of readers.

THE FRIENDLY SCHOOLS

Valley Stream Thirty Public Schools

Special Budget Issue

April, 1992

A LETTER TO OUR PARENTS AND TAXPAYERS

This special issue of THE FRIENDLY SCHOOLS contains information regarding the District's tentative budget for the 1992-93 school year. Registered voters will have the opportunity to vote on the budget on Wednesday, May 6, 1992.

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 to the well-being of our children and our community. Ever aware of the increased costs on taxpayers of the district, we have reviewed each allocation within our control and have attempted to keep increases at a minimum through good planning and attention to detail.

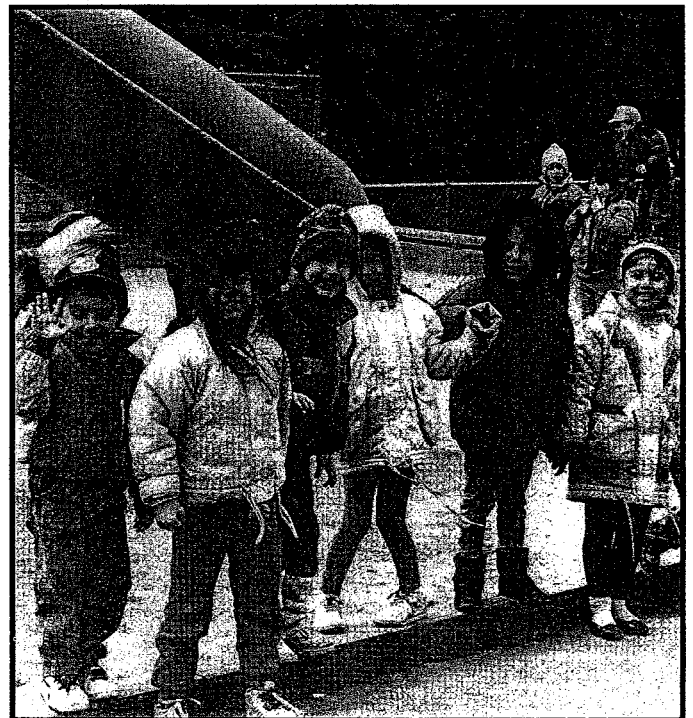
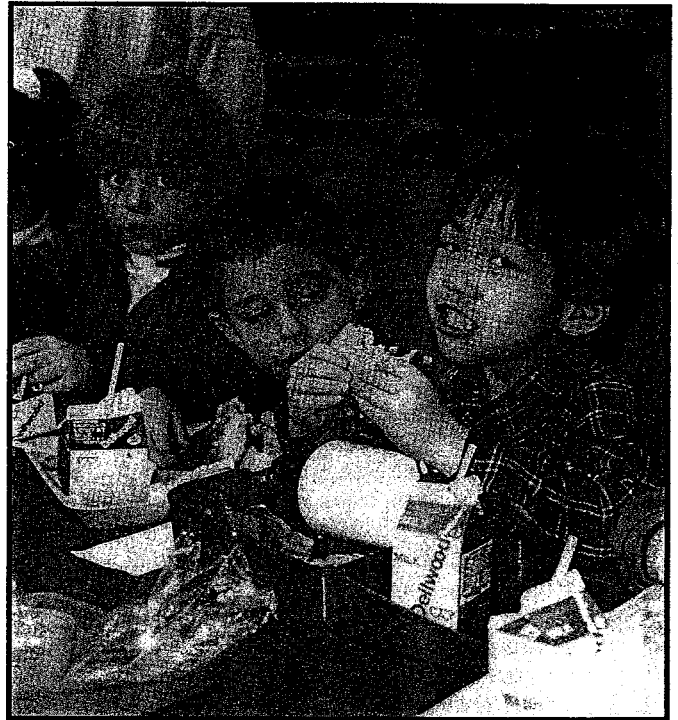
In addition, the Board of Education's budget work sessions were conducted in public so that taxpayers could be privy to the Board's discussions and concerns. The budget presented in this issue of THE FRIENDLY SCHOOLS, which will be further explained at the combined official budget hearing at the Clear Stream Avenue School on Wednesday, April 8, 1992 at 8:00 p.m., and that will go to the voters on May 6, grew out of this process.

Thus, after much thought and deliberation, we are presenting for voter determination a tentative budget in the amount of \$12,277,009. Although this represents a **decrease** of \$247,843 in the operational budget, Governor Cuomo's promised reduction in non-property tax revenues (State Aid) will result in a modest increase of 74¢ per \$100 of assessed valuation in the estimated tax rate. We believe the 1992-93 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.

If you have any questions on the budget, please feel free to call the office of the Assistant Superintendent for Business at 285-9880.

Sincerely,

Board of Education



VALLEY STREAM UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT #30

TENTATIVE BUDGET 1992-1993

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>1991-1992 APPROVED BUDGET</u>	<u>1992-1993 TENTATIVE BUDGET</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>
Board of Education	\$ 8,250	\$ 8,250	\$ -0-
District Clerk	12,975	6,325	-6,650
District Meetings	8,825	9,100	275
Central Administration	157,260	154,460	-2,800
Business Administration	251,630	265,988	14,358
District Treasurer	18,500	15,500	-3,000
Legal Services	28,600	28,600	-0-
Negotiations	6,000	6,000	-0-
Public Information	18,880	20,710	1,830
Operations and Maintenance	955,775	1,041,583	85,808
Liability Insurance	110,500	110,500	-0-
School Association Dues	6,000	6,300	300
BOCES Administrative Charge	57,000	61,000	4,000
School Administration and Curriculum	523,107	523,815	708
Instructional Program	5,186,733	5,414,161	227,428
Special Education Program	1,357,477	1,171,224	-186,253
Library and Media Services	276,585	277,393	808
Computer Education Program	138,398	144,125	5,727
Health and Psychological Services	227,726	258,532	30,806
Extra Services	42,880	20,125	-22,755
Transportation	315,140	271,520	-43,620
Community Lectures and Census	8,850	9,100	250
Employees' Benefits	2,307,761	2,222,698	-85,063
Interfund Transfers	250,000	-0-	-250,000
Debt Service - Interest	250,000	230,000	-20,000
	\$12,524,852	\$12,277,009	\$-247,843

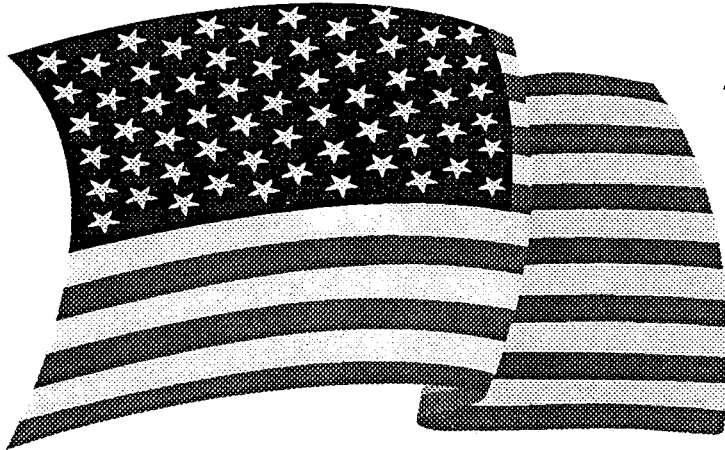


HOW THE SCHOOL DOLLAR IS SPENT

61¢
INSTRUCTION

18¢
EMPLOYEE
BENEFITS

4¢
DISTRICT
ADMINISTRATION



3¢
TRANSPORTATION
and
INSURANCE

8¢
BUILDING
MAINTENANCE

6¢
BUILDING ADMINISTRATION
and
PUPIL PERSONNEL SERVICES



EXPLANATION OF BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE 1992-1993 SCHOOL YEAR

BOARD OF EDUCATION	\$ 8,250
Includes expenditures incurred by members of the Board of Education for attendance at educational conferences.	
DISTRICT CLERK	6,325
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	154,460
Includes the salaries of the Superintendent of Schools and Central Office personnel. Also includes supplies and materials for the Central Office.	
BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION	265,988
Includes the salaries of the Assistant 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	15,500
Includes the salary of the part-time District Treasurer, supplies, materials, and costs of banking services.	
LEGAL SERVICES	28,600
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	20,710
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

1,041,583

	<u>1991-92</u>	<u>1992-93</u>
Salaries	414,075	453,953
Materials for Building Upkeep & Repair	70,875	70,875
Utilities	267,175	272,650
Contractual Repairs, Service Contracts, Security, and Equipment	203,650	244,105

The increase 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. An increase 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 1992-93. Increases are not expected as a result of the district's participation in the New York Schools Insurance Reciprocal.

SCHOOL ASSOCIATION DUES

6,300

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

BOCES ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGE

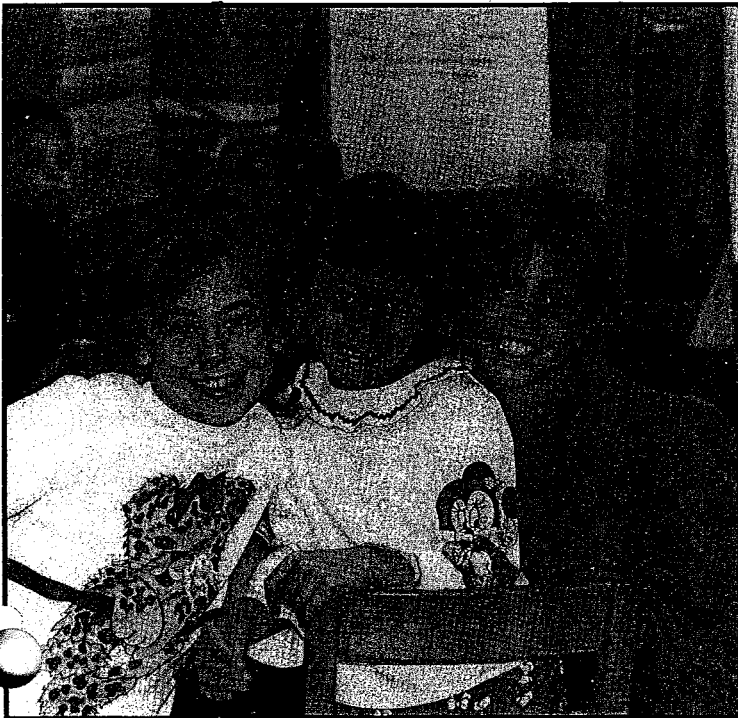
61,000

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

523,815

Includes salaries for the Assistant Superintendent for Instruction, 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 PROGRAM

5,414,161

	<u>1991-92</u>	<u>1992-93</u>
Salaries	4,870,838	5,124,261
Equipment	22,700	17,125
Contractual Services	42,000	46,990
Materials and Supplies	113,255	102,965
Textbooks	96,960	96,960
BOCES Services	40,980	25,860

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

Decreases 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 increases determined by BOCES. The portion of the science program for student living expense is reimbursable. Approximately 61% of these programs is returned as state aid.

**SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM**

1,171,224

	<u>1991-92</u>	<u>1992-93</u>
Salaries	502,085	437,308
Materials, Supplies & Contractual Services	111,890	64,335
Tuition - Other Districts and Private Schools	337,675	265,716
Tuition - BOCES	405,827	403,865

The decrease in salaries reflects reductions in personnel and adjustments made in accordance with current negotiated settlements. The district, in addition to operating four special education classes, provides specialists for students who are mainstreamed into regular classes.

The decrease in the area of out-of-district tuition is a direct result of downswing 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/or non-residential schools.



SCHOOL LIBRARIES AND MEDIA SERVICES

277,393

Includes the salaries for librarians, library monitors and clerical staff, library and media equipment, library books, periodicals, materials and supplies for the three schools.

COMPUTER EDUCATION

144,125

Includes the salary for the Director/Teacher of Computer Education and the salaries of four computer aides. The appropriation for computer equipment reflects the continued expansion of our program into the primary grade classrooms.

HEALTH, SCREENING AND PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES

258,532

	<u>1991-92</u>	<u>1992 -93</u>
Health Services	105,990	111,284
Psychological and Screening Services	121,736	147,248

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. Budgetary constraints have forced reductions in these areas.

TRANSPORTATION

271,520

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 increases 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. Ninety percent 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

2,222,698

	<u>1991-92</u>	<u>1992-93</u>
N.Y.S. Employees' Retirement System	56,447	59,000
N.Y.S. Teachers' Retirement System	439,025	459,010
Social Security	544,793	546,752
Worker's Compensation	43,970	43,970
Medical & Dental Insurance	1,223,526	1,113,966

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

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In the past, the Interfund Transfers appropriation provided funding for improvements to your District's facilities. Although there are no capital projects scheduled for 1992-93, 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. Funding for reimbursable agency approved projects is no longer accounted for in this category.

DEBT SERVICE

230,000

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 an estimated decrease in interest rates and is partially offset by the interest income generated through the investment of idle funds.

A BUDGET DEFEAT MAY MEAN AUSTERITY

THE EFFECTS OF AUSTERITY ARE:

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

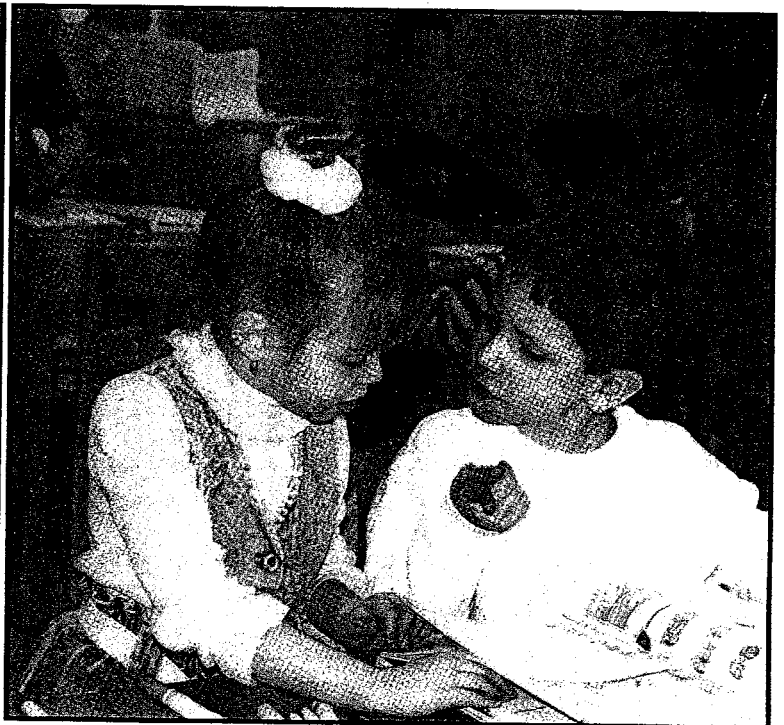
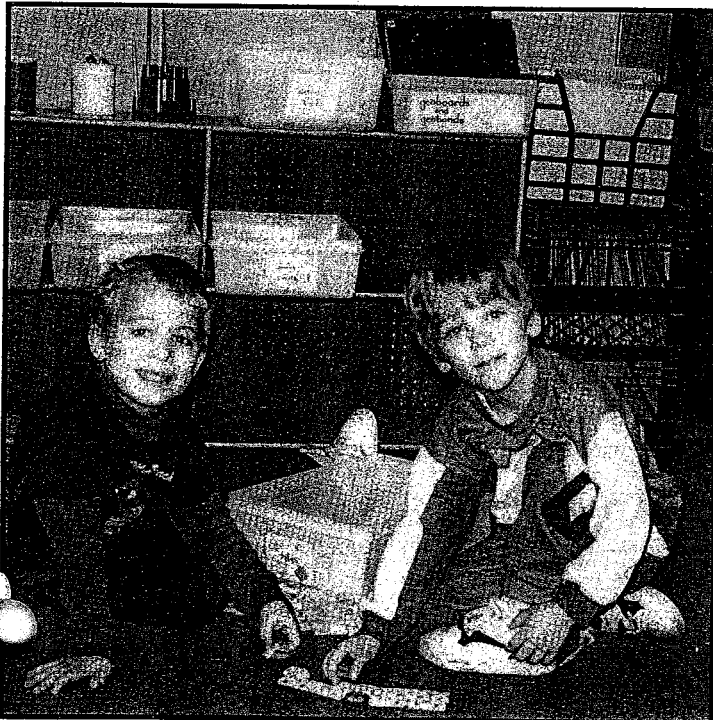
Possible negative impact on home resale value

VOTE ON MAY 6, 1992

SUMMARY OF ANTICIPATED REVENUES

	BUDGETED RECEIPTS 1991-92	ESTIMATED RECEIPTS 1992-93
Surplus	\$ 900,000	\$ 500,000
Use of Money and Property	110,000	110,000
State Aid	1,263,000	1,033,000
BOCES Aid	61,000	61,000
Services to Other Districts	10,000	10,000
Other Revenue	10,000	10,000
	\$ 2,354,000	\$ 1,724,000
Amount to be Raised by Taxation	10,170,852	10,553,009
Total General Fund Budget	\$12,524,852	\$12,277,009
Actual Tax Rate 1991-92	\$19.65	
Estimated Tax Rate 1992-93 Proposition No. 1	\$20.39	

The estimated tax rate is based upon the August 1, 1991 assessed valuation of \$52,862,107. Any change in the assessed valuation as of August 1, 1992 will effect the estimated tax rate. Changes in laws affecting state aid and property valuations could change the amount to be raised by taxation.



SAMPLE BALLOT

You will be asked to vote on the following on May 6, 1992

**Member, Board of Education
Term Ending June 30, 1997
To succeed Elinor McAuliffe**

1) Andrew J. Walters

2) _____

**PROPOSITION NO. 1: Valley Stream Union Free School District #30 Budget
RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of Valley Stream Union Free School District #30,
Town of Hempstead, Nassau County, New York
is hereby authorized to expend the sum of \$12,277,009
for the 1992-1993 school year, and to levy the necessary tax therefor.**

**PROPOSITION NO. 2: Valley Stream Central High School District Budget
RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of Valley Stream Central High School District
Town of Hempstead, Nassau County, New York
be and the same hereby is authorized to expend the sums
in the General Fund Appropriation (\$\$, \$\$\$, \$\$\$) to be raised through taxation
in the several districts included within the Central High School District.**

VOTING INFORMATION

Voting will take place on Wednesday, May 6, 1992 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.

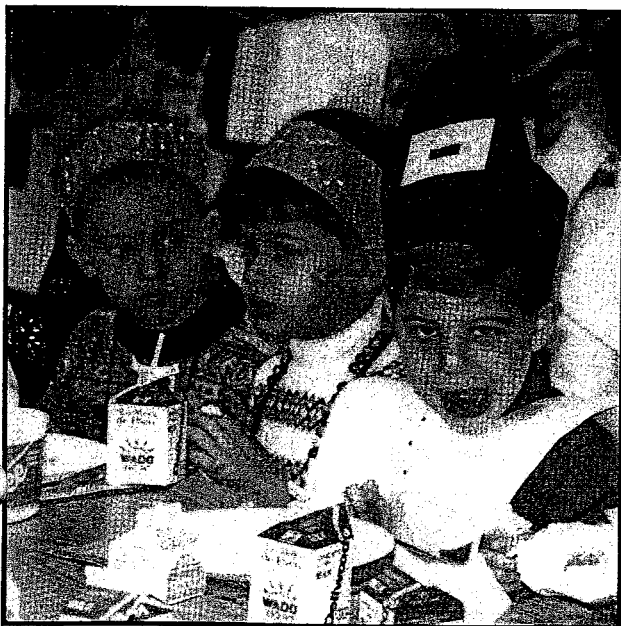
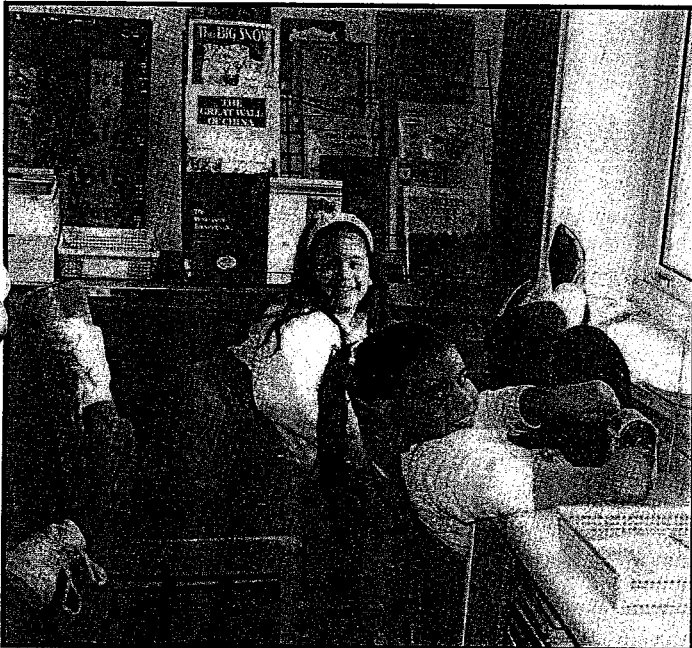
Electors will be voting on the budgets of the Valley Stream Union Free School District #30 and the Valley Stream Central High School District and for the election of one (1) trustee to the Valley Stream Thirty Board of Education.

VOTER REGISTRATION INFORMATION

The last day of registration for the May 6, 1992 election is Wednesday, April 29, 1992. 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 6 if your name appears in the General Election Lists of Nassau County, the process of voting on May 6 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 6 ... 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.



DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday, April 8

Combined Budget Hearing,
Clear Stream Avenue School - 8:00 p.m.

Friday, April 10

Kindergarten and First Grade
Registration, All Schools
9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Monday, April 18

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

Wednesday, April 29

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

Wednesday, May 6

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

District Art Exhibit, All Schools

7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

1992-1993 ESTIMATED SCHOOL TAXES FOR PRIVATE HOMEOWNERS

ASSESSED VALUATION OF HOME	ESTIMATED ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TAXES	ESTIMATED INCREASE OVER 1991-92
\$1,000.00	\$ 203.90	\$ 7.40
\$4,000.00	\$ 815.60	\$29.60
\$5,000.00	\$1,019.50	\$37.00
\$6,000.00	\$1,223.40	\$44.40
\$7,000.00	\$1,427.30	\$51.80
\$8,000.00	\$1,631.20	\$59.20

PLEASE VOTE ON MAY 6, 1992

**THE FRIENDLY SCHOOLS
VALLEY STREAM U.F.S.D. #30
VALLEY STREAM, NY 11580-3056**

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BOARD OF EDUCATION**

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SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
Lawrence R. McGoldrick

TIME DATED MATERIAL

THE FRIENDLY SCHOOLS



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CLEAR STREAM



FOREST ROAD

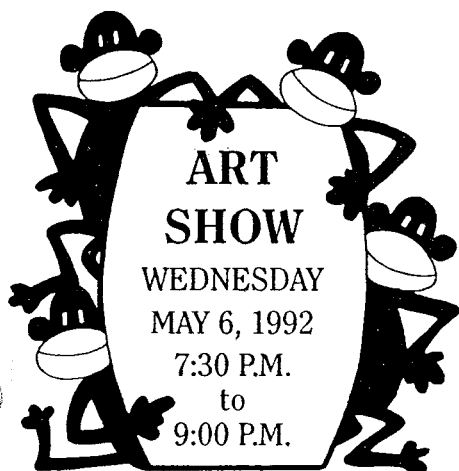
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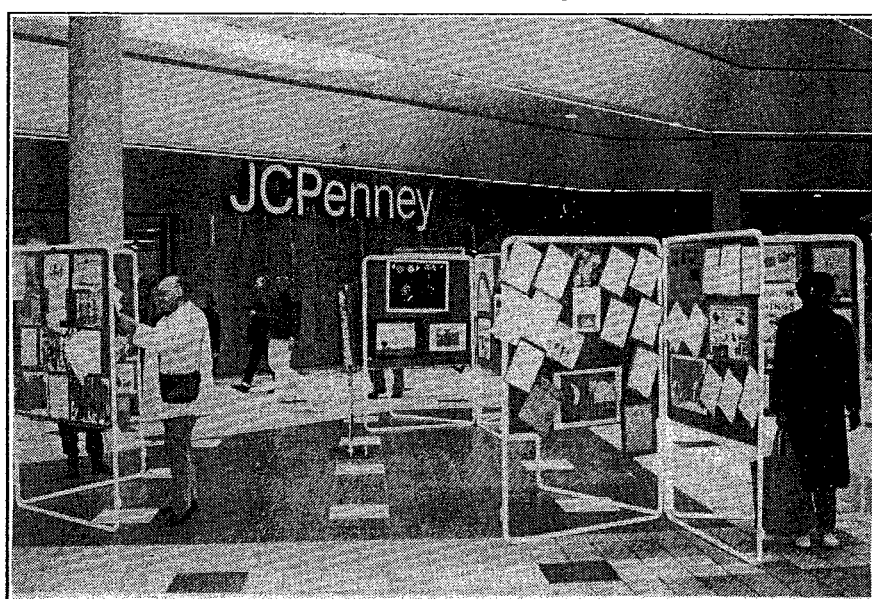
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District's Display At Mall



You are cordially invited to attend the Annual District Art Show at Clear Stream Avenue, Forest Road, and Shaw Avenue Schools.

Please note: Children attending must be accompanied by their parent.



Projects from District 30's students who participated in the PTA Reflection Program were displayed at the Green Acres Mall from March 2-8. Shoppers stopped to view these outstanding projects; the theme was "Exploring New Beginnings."

The winners from our school (mentioned in the March Friendly Schools) who advanced to the Nassau District PTA competition were: Kurt Fredericks (Photography) from Clear Stream Avenue School; Vanessa Lawrence (Music), Charles Mura-tore (Photography), and Crystal Worthington (Literature-Special Education) from Forest Road School.

Kurt Fredericks also advanced to the State level of competition. Congratulations to all the participants.

SCHOOL BUDGET VOTING:

Wednesday,
May 6, 1992

7:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.

Your vote is important.
Be sure to cast your ballot.

Mr. Walters Seeks Election

Mr. Andrew Walters is a candidate for the School Board Trusteeship which will be vacated as of June 30, 1992. This will be a five year term.

Mr. Walters and his wife, Victoria, have been residents of Valley Stream District 30 for 13 years. Both their children attend Shaw Avenue School; Jennifer, 5th grader, and Michelle, 4th grader.

Mr. Walters attended La Salle Military Academy and St. John's University. He is the District Manager of Amerford International Airfreight Company. Mr. Walters coaches a girl's soccer team, "The Valley Stream Blast," and a softball team, "Blessed Sacra-ment Yankees."

Mr. Walters was previously appointed by the Board of Education to fill the vacancy of retired Trustee, Mrs. Elinor McAuliffe.

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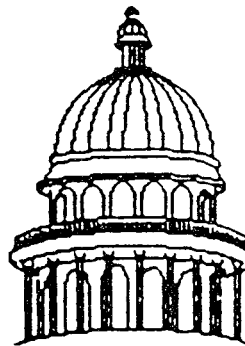
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PLEASE NOTE:
 ALL VISITORS TO OUR SCHOOLS MUST
 USE THE MAIN ENTRANCE AND OBTAIN A
 VISITOR'S PASS FROM THE MAIN OFFICE.

History Comes Alive At Washington, D.C.

Our District's 5th graders, along with teachers and parent chaperones, embarked on their Washington, D.C. trip on March 5, 1992. Their itinerary included: A tour of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing; the United States Capitol; asking questions of Congressman McGrath; the National Air and Space Museum; and the Lincoln and the Jefferson Memorials. Our travelers spent the night at a Holiday Inn in Maryland. Their next day's adventure began at 6:00 a.m. Their first stop was the Arlington National Cemetery. A special highlight



of the trip was a wreath-placing ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Ronald Breuer, Kate Friedman, and Allyson DeLuca represented our District in this very beautiful and moving ceremony. Before leaving for home, they visited the Vietnam Memorial and National Geographic, where staff members of the National Geographic presented gifts to students, parents, and teachers. Everyone arrived in Valley Stream at 11:20 p.m., a tired but excited crew, anxious to share their memorable trip with waiting families.

Executive Summary Mid-Year Report

(The following is a segment of the report presented by Dr. Raymond Brodeur, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, at the March Board of Education Meeting.)

The coordinated approach that has been developed in response to the theme "District Thirty Continually Striving for Excellence" developed by Mr. Lawrence McGoldrick, Superintendent of Schools, has been multi-faceted. In the executive summary presented to the Board of Education during the February, 1992 meeting, emphasis was placed on describing a framework that was developed by the administrative team utilizing building action plans that addressed aggregated student performance. Closely paralleling this was a series of curricular and instructional initiatives that address certain key components. These initiatives are on-going districtwide and are the subject of this executive summary.

Several key curriculum/instruction initiatives were identified on a priority basis. The initiatives are overlapping in their features and are designed to assist all members of the faculty in their desire to fully meet academic needs of each child, both as an individual learner and as a member of the group.

Identified as curricular and instruction priorities at the district, building, and classroom levels were:

1. The utilization of an integrated

language approach;

2. An emphasis on writing across the curriculum, which is closely aligned with the first priority;

3. The utilization of manipulative strategies in Mathematics;

4. The use of selected instructional strategies related to questioning;

5. Identified needs of selection Grade 1 students through transitional programs.

HOP-N-ING

Kindergartners at Forest Road School eagerly participated in a Hop-n-ing. This event was an Easter Seal fundraiser. The activity taught the children about less fortunate children with disabilities and handicaps.

The kindergartners hopped with all their energy to raise as much money as possible for this worthy cause. They raised almost \$400. "Wow! We sure are proud of our champs and all the caring they demonstrated," stated teachers, Mrs. Roslyn Scheidt and Mrs. Susan Moskowitz. A special thank you to all those who made pledges and donations. Thanks to Mr. Vincent Manzo, Physical Education Teacher, and Mrs. Verna Brown, Psychological Service Teacher, too. It's a wonderful feeling to know we can make a difference and help others.

LIBRARY NEWS

Breakfast and Books

Mrs. Mary Mathews, Library/Media Specialist at Shaw Avenue School, provided breakfast to introduce teachers to new professional books and audiovisual materials. "Teachers need a time to examine these materials. It gives faculty members an informal relaxed atmosphere to discuss with each other how they might use these educational tools," stated Mrs. Mathews. This is the second time teachers at Shaw Avenue School were treated to breakfast in the Library surrounded by materials that enhance student learning.

National Library Week

This year's theme for National Library Week is "7,000 Stars Shine for New York's Great Reading-Alouds." At Clear Stream Avenue School, Library/Media Specialist, Mrs. Alice Dorb, and Reading Teacher, Mrs. Nancy Lowenkron, coordinated a special event. They invited several "stars" to join them and read a book to students. Among the visitors were: Mr. McGoldrick, Superintendent of Schools; Dr. Brodeur, Assistant Superintendent of Schools; Mayor Donley; Stella Schlaeger, District 30 retiree; Gloria Eversman, Kay Albers, and Ann Tortosisi, who are senior citizens in our community.

Similar activities are being held in Forest Road and Shaw Avenue Schools. Many of the student's relatives and friends have joined in the celebration, and are among the stars shining in the Great Reading-Alouds.

America Was Beautiful



"Wake Up America!!" was the title of the play performed by 5th graders in Mrs. June Burgess' class. Through songs and flashbacks, students demonstrated how "progress" has polluted our country. Under the direction of Mrs. Linda Pratt, Music Teacher, these Clear Stream Avenue School students did an outstanding performance that left you speechless.

Thomas Jefferson's 249th Birthday Celebration

*Written by 5th graders:
Anne Marie Lachmeyer
and Allyson DeLuca*

Mrs. Susan Wasserman's 5th grade class at Shaw Avenue School celebrated Thomas Jefferson's 249th birthday on April 13. Each student in the class had an assigned project to do for the celebration. Thomas Jefferson was a man with many talents. One of his talents was writing the Declaration of Independence. One of Jefferson's great achievements was purchasing the Louisiana Territory. Thomas Jefferson also invented several things, such as: the dumb waiter; the swivel chair; the movable bed; and the decimal system. Jefferson was the third President of the United States. He was also Secretary of State for George Washington, and Vice President for John Adams. Thomas Jefferson lived in a mansion in Monticello, which he designed. Thomas Jefferson was a great man and we are happy to celebrate his birthday.

From The Computer Lab

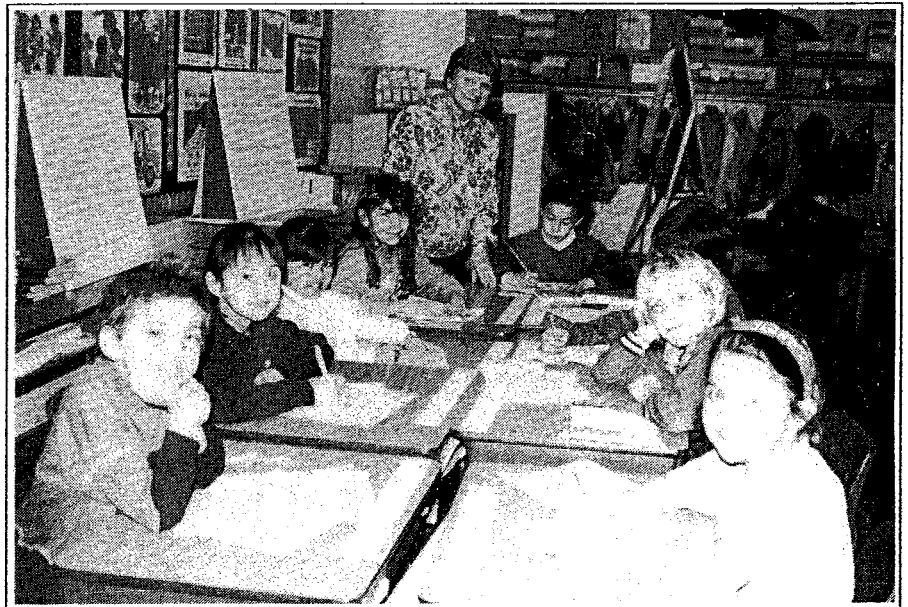
The 6th graders from Mrs. Jane Voss's class using their keyboarding skills typed a composition called "If I Were President." Under the supervision of keyboard instructor, Mrs. Martha Iverson from Central High School, Mrs. Noleen Douglas, Computer Aide, and Mrs. Voss, the students had many different and innovative ideas that they would initiate to make life better for all of us.

Reading Fun

In connection with the "Reading Is Magic" program at Shaw Avenue School, Mrs. Josephine Harper's 2nd grade class created acrostics using the word "Reading." An example of how the children feel about reading follows:

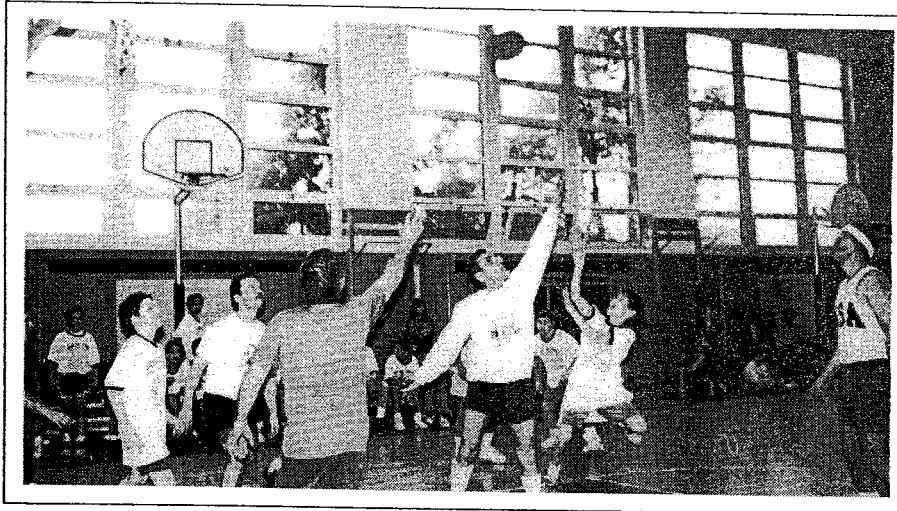
- R - relaxing
- E - excitement
- A - adventure
- D - delightful
- I - interesting
- N - neat
- G - grand

Our Letters Are Here!



The children in Mrs. Rose Marie Patterson's 3rd grade class are excited when letters from their pen pals arrive. The children shared their personal experience with Ms. Jane Hammer's 3rd grade class in Galva-Holstein Elementary School in Holstein, Iowa. These Shaw Avenue School students are learning letter writing skills, while expanding their understanding and knowledge of weather in different parts of the United States. Mrs. Patterson's class was surprised to learn that the children in Holstein, Iowa learn cursive writing and multiplication in the third grade, too!

All Star Games



Teachers vs. Boys

The results of the Shaw Avenue School 1992 All Star Basketball Games have been announced by Mr. Thomas Rouse, Physical Education Teacher and organizer of the games!

March 26 Game: TEACHERS vs. BOYS—Final Score: 50–32. Some outstanding performances were made by: John Wei (who scored 16 points for the Boys), Danny Catropa, and Sean Anderson.

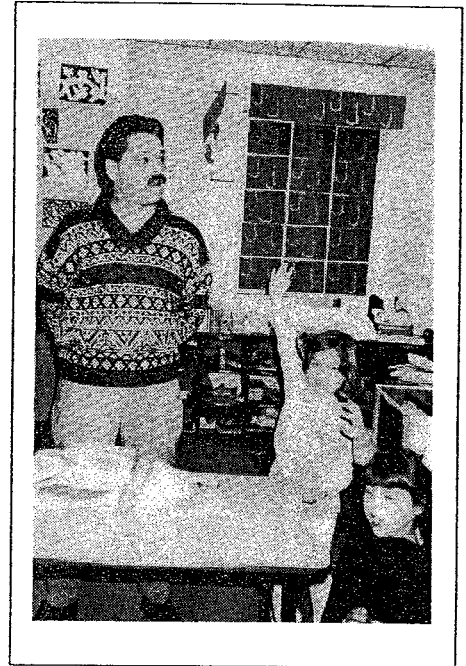
March 27 Game: TEACHERS vs. GIRLS—Final Score: 26–20. Some outstanding performances were made by: Alicia Esposito, Olivia Fey, and Michelle Clancy.

March 28 Games: DADS vs. BOYS—Final Score: 40–34.

MOMS vs. GIRLS—Final Score: 34–26.

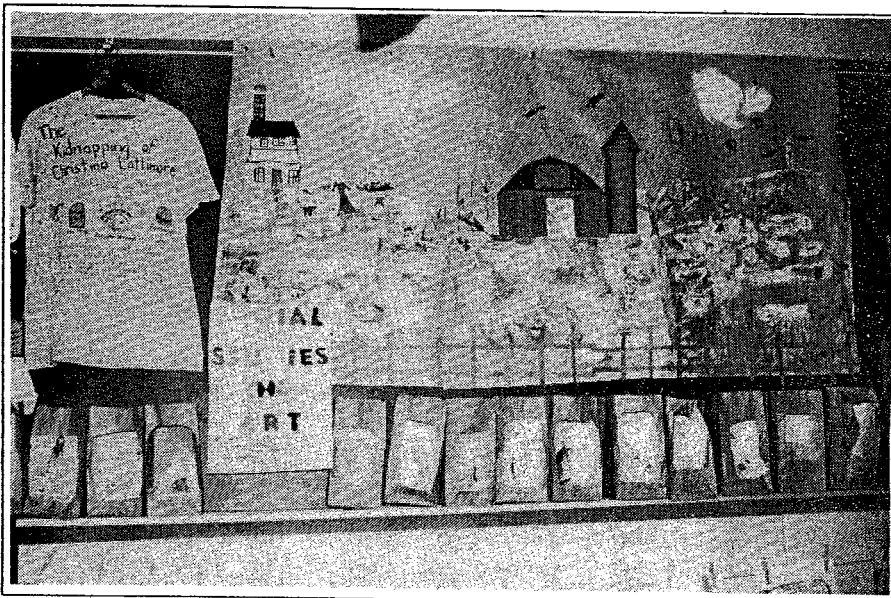
The gymnasium was packed with spectators during this riveting double-header!

Community Members Help Out



Members of our community, including parents, visited the kindergartners to talk about themselves. Without the assistance of these cooperative people the Community Helpers Unit would not be as successful as it is every year. Some of the community helpers that visited Mrs. Roslyn Scheidt's and Mrs. Susan Moskowitz's classes at Forest Road School were: Dr. Corey Slipman (Dentist, pictured); Dr. Anthony Alario (Veterinarian); Mrs. Christine Black (Lawyer); Mrs. Janice Brown (Dental Hygienist); Dr. PrithePal Singh (Radiologist); Mrs. Cathy Hicks (Nurse); Mr. Charlie Egbert (Mailman for Forest Road School); and Officer Peter Prine (Police Officer).

Lights On For Education



Our District's "Lights On For Education" displays were entitled "District 30, Continually Striving for Excellence. Integrated Learning: Meeting the Needs of the Child." There was a large variety of displays demonstrating the on-going integration of subjects. Pictured is "Social Studies Thru Art," which was presented by Mrs. Marie Federici's 1st graders in Shaw Avenue School, with the assistance of Art Teacher, Mrs. Rita Cohen.

Talent Search

Anyone who enjoys a hobby or has a special interest PLEASE contact Art Teacher Mrs. Susan Baron. The Art Department at Forest Road School is anxious to display the work of talented people whose children, or grandchildren, attend our school. Our students will enjoy seeing the creative endeavors of people who live in the community and to see how adults channel their creativity.

Once again, EXCEL students dominated the Odyssey Of The Mind Competition. They walked away with three 1st place trophies. Congratulations to all of them and

EXCEL NEWS

their instructors, Miss Gail Starler and Mr. Ed Fare (who are pictured with the winners)!

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Marissa Goldfaden, Eva Kiviat, Pamela Verasco, Garrett Shaw, and Scott Fowler won 1st prize for their skit, "Alice in Omerland."



Kara Hanson, Michael Amico, and Daniel Brody (and students not pictured, Candice Lau and Steven Lakovits) came in 1st place for their skit, "The Weight of the World."

After reading an article in the Valley Stream Herald entitled, "Renowned Artist Calls Valley Stream Home," Miss Starler invited Li Shan to visit the EXCEL class. Since the 3rd graders had recently completed a Big Book on China, they were very excited about the arrival of their guest. The students were enchanted with Li Shan's talent, exhibited through delicate watercolors. The artist fascinated the children by teaching them a variety of techniques. "After an explanation of the types of paint bristles used (pig, fox, sheep) and how precise one needs



Jeff Chen, Neel Panchal, Frank Apap, Roy Bachar, and Joshua Klein won 1st place for their skit, "The Stolen Structure."

to be when working on rice paper, the class was wide-eyed," commented Miss Starler.

Li Shan's advice to everyone was to travel and "live" new experiences. These first-hand experiences would then become sources of inspiration to them.

Local Vet Visits Kindergartners

Dr. Anthony Alario, his assistant Sandy Kinzler, as well as "Joey," visited the Forest Road School kindergarten classes of Mrs. Roslyn Scheidt and Mrs. Susan Moskowicz. Dr. Alario is a member of the Central Veterinary Hospital. As previously reported in local newspapers, he was on hand to help the dog that was rescued at



Joey is examined by Dr. Alario.

the Valley Stream Pool.

As in the past, Dr. Alario gave a fine presentation to the students. The children were fascinated watching Joey get his heart checked and his temperature taken. During this visit, the students watched Joey get his rabies vaccination and the doctor explained the importance of immunizations.

♪ Music Notes ♪ Music Notes ♪ Music Notes ♪ Music

• Russell Weiss (Clear Stream Avenue), Sean Anderson (Shaw Avenue), and Anna Kanterakis (Forest Road) represented our district at the recent "Nassau Music Educators County Festival." This is the premier music festival in our area and represents many hours of student achievement and participation.

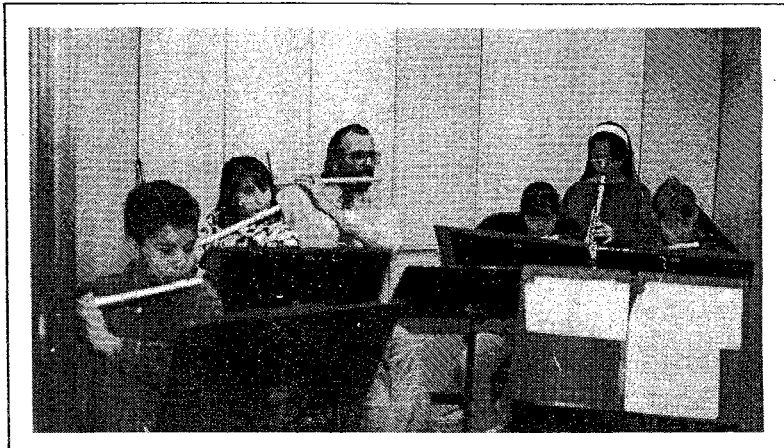
• Pictured are Mr. Henry Kohlman, Music Teacher, and District 30 musicians: Sean Soto, Marni Coccaro, Rosemarie Parks, Gina Pelle and Allyson DeLuca. These students, along with other District 30 musicians are practicing for the evening concerts and the Annual



Nassau Music Educators County Festival participants.

Memorial Day Parade. This year, each building has its own band, and its own Evening Concert.

• The children of the Shaw Avenue School presented their annual Spring Concert on April 2. The chorus, under the direction of Mrs. Barbara Briker-Kreeger, presented a "Blast From The Past," a retrospect of music from the teens through the 60's.



Practice makes perfect!

Stars Amongst Shamrocks



"Reward for a Leprechaun" was a delightful play performed by Mrs. Miriam Sweet's 4th grade class at Shaw Avenue School. Each student performed his/her lines flawlessly, and deserves a "star" on their classroom door. Candice Lau played two parts in this play—as an Elf

and then as a Shamrock. She also found a moment to play the song "Für Elise" on the piano for the "Ballet of the Violets" as the children gracefully danced across the stage. Bradley Zoref also played "March Militaire" on the piano during the performance.

ART ENRICHMENT

"The Postman Roulin" came to visit the primary grades at Forest Road School. This famous van Gogh portrait was introduced to the students by Mrs. Ellen Popper, a parent volunteer presenter for the Art Enrichment Program. The children sharpened their observation skills as they discussed the painting. Upon viewing this piece of art, 1st graders in Mrs. Georgene Rogers' class made his/her version of "The Postman." Their lively interpretations are displayed outside their classroom. Mrs. Marie Barry's 1st graders presented their own description of Roulin's personality and life style by writing stories about him. "The Art Enrichment Program presenters provide student with a thought-provoking program that inspires their enthusiasm and creativity!" stated Mrs. Baron.

Long Island Under Construction

"I found it! I found another town!" shouted a student running from a wall map to a wooden model of Long Island. These sounds of excitement coming from the 4th grade classrooms at the Forest Road School have been heard for months. Students in Mrs. Susan Stiefel's and Mr. Bruce Lesser's classes completed Phase II of their local studies project, which integrates the study of Social Studies and Art. The teachers, working together with Art Teacher Mrs. Baron, created a "hands-on" learning experience beginning during the 1990-91 school year. At that time, during Phase I, 4th graders applied their knowledge of L.I. geography to trace, cut, and paint a 3' x 8' model out of wood that would eventually be mounted on a wall in their school. Mr. Henry Ostop, School Custodian, assisted the children in cutting the map and applied his woodworking talents to this project.

Early in this school year, 4th graders began studying Indian paths which eventually became major roadways. They learned where these roads started and where they end today and began tracing them onto their wooden map. Furthering their knowledge of map skills, the children then located and entered towns and villages on their L.I. model. Presently, their Long Island map is on display at District 30's Administrative Offices.

Mr. Lesser and Mr. Stiefel have started to plan several activities for Phase III, in the 1992-93 school year.

Congratulations, Authors!

The 4th graders in Mrs. Susan Stiefel's class at the Forest Road School have written and illustrated a book entitled "Class Trek." This project was an integration of writing, language arts, art, and computer skills. They celebrated the publication of the book at a "Meet The Authors" party on April 8. At that time, they presented copies of the book to Mr. McGoldrick, Superintendent of Schools, and to Mrs. Carol Tolle, Library/Media Specialist, for inclusion in the Forest Road School Library collection.

4th Grade Winners



Mrs. Miriam Sweet, from Shaw Avenue School, stands proudly with her 4th graders who recently received awards: Candice Lau, for her participation in *The Odyssey of the Mind (OM)* (See Page 5 for OM winners); Gina Pelle, who made a design for a button and won a third place plaque for her participation and design; and Patrick Cunningham, who was one of the winners in the PTA Reflection school contest. "We are very proud to have three such talented children in our fourth grade class," said Mrs. Sweet.

Special Books, Special Friends



Recently, Mrs. Madelyn Schweigert's kindergarten class had a wonderful surprise. Mrs. Gail Sherman's 6th graders came to read to them. The books they brought with them were original stories they had written and illustrated in class. The books were about elephants, ducks, super dogs, cats, pigs, raccoons, all the subjects that interest young children. The kindergartners were entranced as the authors read enthusiastically. A positive learning experience was had by all.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

May 6	School Budget Voting—7 a.m.–10 p.m. Art Show—7:30 p.m.–9 p.m.
13	District 30 Board of Education Committee Meeting—8 p.m. at Washington Avenue
18	District 30 Board of Education Meeting—8 p.m. at Shaw Avenue School
22–25	Memorial Day Recess—SCHOOLS CLOSED
June 15	District 30 Board of Education Committee Meeting—8 p.m. at Washington Avenue
22	District 30 Board of Education Meeting—8 p.m. at Shaw Avenue School
24	6th Grade Graduation—8:15 p.m.
26	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

A WINNER TO US

Keith Phillips, a 2nd grader at Forest Road School, responded to a newspaper article asking for nominations for the 1992 Presidential Awards for Excellence in Science and Mathematics Teaching, which is awarded by the State Education Department. Keith asked his teacher, Mrs. Mary Ruschin, if he could read the article to the class. After doing so, his classmates voted unanimously to nominate their Science Teacher, Mr. Richard Kaufmann. The class assisted Keith in writing to the State selection committee:

all—HIM!

Mr. Kaufmann's EXPRESSIONS make everything he's talking about seem so REAL—his lessons are never dull! We listen to him because he's like an actor—on stage doing this GREAT act; it's not like having to sit and learn about something, it's like being at a Science Show! He's the GREATEST!"

"Mr. Kaufmann makes us use our brains in a fun way. He paints pictures and makes us use our own imagination, then we can see it for ourselves, in our own heads. He talks and makes us pretend, keeps us in suspense, like he's a Mystery Scientist! He lets us TOUCH—our mealworms, for example. He explains everything in a fun way and you can tell he likes children—he's a very smart man. My brother, like me, even likes Mr. Kaufmann and he's in 6th grade. He's persistent but *never* forceful! Whenever you have a question, you can tell he knows the answer, but he makes YOU figure it out by yourself in your own way.

Learning about our Life Cycles was difficult but exciting and now I know all about the generations in my family! I like to go to Science because his room is so exciting and full of wonderful things—tortoise shells, planes, shells, deer skeletons, fossils, nests, snakes, fish, turtles, snails, and most of

Moving?

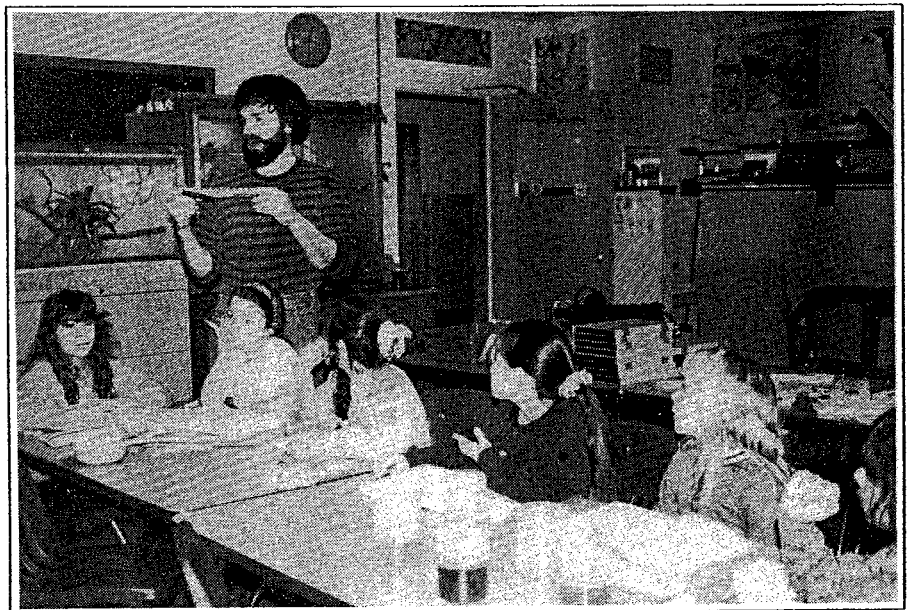
If you plan to move out of the District during the summer, please inform us as soon as possible. If you know of someone who is moving into your neighborhood with school age children, ask them to contact the school. This will assist in planning classes for next year.

Surprise!

First graders in Mrs. Georgene Rogers' class, at Forest Road School, were thrilled to receive a "King Cake" sent air express by their pen pals in Louisiana. This delicious and colorful Mardi Gras cake contained a surprise within—a plastic baby doll, found by Sharon Hecht. Good luck will follow Sharon in the following year.



Matter Is Measurable



This lesson is designed to demonstrate to the students that matter is measurable. The students received instructions on the various methods of measuring temperature, units of weight, volume and linear dimensions. Working in groups, the class was divided into six stations, each practicing a different aspect of measurement. The students recorded the results in their notebooks. "Activities of this type are characteristic of the quality of our District 30 Science Program, which has consistently placed our students among the top ranked in Nassau County," stated Mr. Ralph Laudano, Science Teacher at Shaw Avenue School.

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NOON HOUR AIDES TRAINING

Under the direction of the district's Principals all District 30 noon hour aides attended a special safety training session. A video entitled, "Playground Discipline—Positive Techniques for Recess Supervision," which was developed by Dr. Randall S. Sprick, was shown, and followed by a discussion. Some of the topics covered were:

- The basics of how to supervise
- Consequences for infraction
- Dealing with tattling
- Handling crisis situations
- Dealing with conflict

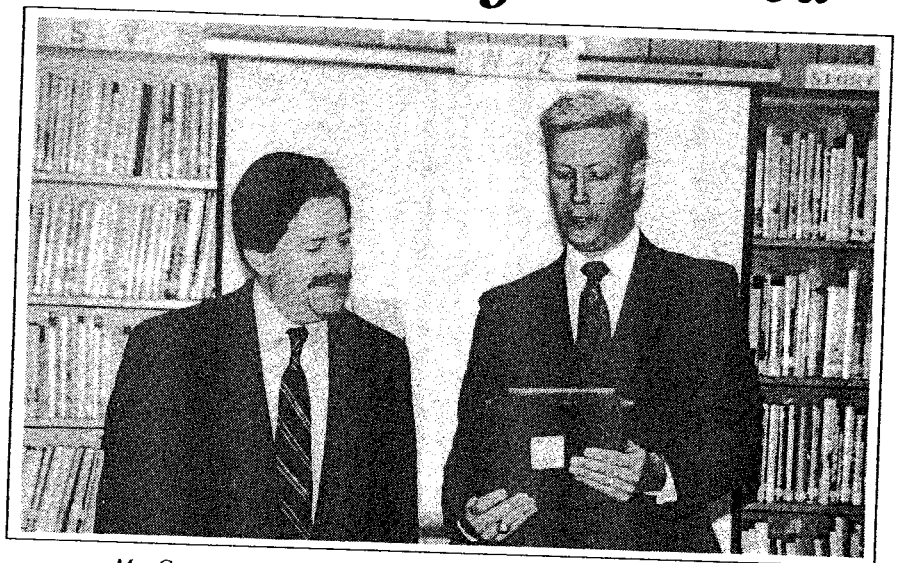
Through special memos a channel of communication between noon hour aides, teachers and principals has been developed. This program is designed to implement a positive and well-disciplined recess where problems can be significantly reduced. The result: A safe and happy time for all students and staff.

SUMMER READING PROGRAM

The district's first Summer Reading Program proved to be a tremendous success. At the end of the 1991-92 school year, with the assistance of their Reading Teacher and School Library/Media Specialist, each student was given a suggested summer reading list appropriate to his/her grade level. Students were asked to keep a list of the books they read during the summer. Many students read titles from the recommended bibliography, as well as exploring other titles and authors that were not on the list.

Students read various titles by popu-

Mr. Eisenberg Honored



Mr. Gauger presenting the plaque to Mr. Eisenberg (right).

Mr. Richard Eisenberg was honored by the District 30 Board of Education at its September 21 meeting. Mr. William Gauger, President, expressed his thanks to Mr. Eisenberg for his extra efforts in establishing the foundation of the fine rapport that exists between the Board of Education and Superintendent of Schools. During Mr. Eisenberg's two years as president, he had the difficult task of appointing and initiating two new principals and a Superintendent of Schools. "I am honored to know him not only as a colleague but as a friend," enthusiastically stated Mr. Gauger, as he presented Mr. Eisenberg with a plaque as

inscribed below:

*Richard Eisenberg
President, Board of Education
July 1, 1990 to June 30, 1992
In recognition and appreciation of your
distinguished, dedicated and professional
service to the children, staff and community
of Valley Stream Union Free
School District Thirty.
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lar authors such as Judy Blume, Patricia Reily Giff, Dr. Seuss, and David Adler. The number of students that participated were: 125 from Clear Stream Avenue; 122 from Forest Road, and 132 from Shaw Avenue School.

ENROLLMENT UP

At the end of the last school year, enrollment in District 30 schools was 1,115 students. As the doors opened this year, 1,197 students were enrolled for an increase of over 7.3%. This is the highest enrollment since 1977.

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“Class Of ’99” Begins

And what a beginning it is for our kindergartners! They started their full day program gradually. First they attended school for the morning session only, and then started staying through the lunch hour. Finally, the kindergartners spent an entire day at school, just like their upperclassmen, and they loved it!

All children in kindergarten have the experience of being taught by special area teachers. They go to music, computers, art, and gym. Kindergarten is the foundation for all the elementary grades. It is the place where youngsters establish good work habits, routines to follow, and become enthusiastic students who continue to learn and grow during their seven years in elementary

school. Good luck to our “Class of ’99”!

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Kindergarten Happenings at Forest Road School, from teachers, Mrs. Roslyn Scheidt and Mrs. Susan Moskowitz: “Both classes are involved in a variety of themes incorporating whole language. They are busy reading, and learning about colors, shapes and themselves. This year our school is privileged to have Mr. Ralph Laudano as our Science Teacher. The boys and girls are very excited about all the new things in their Science Room, such as: a variety of birds from many nations, a snake, a frog that doesn’t live in water but sits in a tree, and last, and perhaps most exciting, a hedgehog. Both the children and teachers agree he is fascinating to watch.”

Music Notes

Betsy Ross and Francis Bellamy came to visit Clear Stream Avenue School on October 9th. Betsy is said to have made the nation’s first flag over 200 years ago; she spoke about what the flag means to her. Francis Bellamy wrote the Pledge of Allegiance for the first National School Celebration on October 9, 1892, proclaimed by President Benjamin Harrison for the purpose of exhibiting patriotism. The entire school celebrated the 100th anniversary of the pledge with ceremonies in the auditorium, an essay contest on “What the Flag Means to Me,” and a second celebration on October 16 commemorating Columbus’ discovery of America.

When Columbus came to America, he found people and ideas different from his own. In the 500 years since he came to America, our nation has become a patchwork quilt of ideas from many nations. To reaffirm their patriotism as well as their ethnic pride, each class, under the direction of Mrs. Linda Pratt, Music Teacher, performed folk dances from other countries (Germany, Mexico, Italy, Russia, etc.). The festival was to take place on the playground and parents were invited to attend.

Mrs. Pratt, who coordinated both programs, stated: “These activities will tie in perfectly with our ethnic activities of last year, and with our good citizen activities both last year and this year. The children worked diligently on their performances and essays.”

Farewell, Retirees

Mr. Richard Kaufmann, after serving 2 years in the Army, began teaching 5th grade at Forest Road School 35 years ago. He then taught 6th grade up until



Mr. Richard Kaufmann

1979 when he was asked to teach science as a full time specialist. After one year of teaching science at Forest Road School, the program was expanded to all three district schools. Clear Stream Avenue School was included in his

program, while another science teacher took charge of Shaw Avenue School. He has taught science at Forest Road and Clear Stream Avenue Schools up until his retirement in June, 1992. He has been responsible for creating an innovative science program and has developed children’s enthusiasm for science through hands-on activities. Last year he was nominated for the 1992 Presidential Awards for Excellence in Science and Mathematics Teaching.

Upon retirement, Mr. Kaufmann commented, “I plan to relax, pursue my hobbies of tennis, golf, and dancing, plus visit my children and grandchildren in Kansas and Colorado.” Students and parents of all ages will miss Mr. Kaufmann and think of him often as they dust off their 5th grade insect collection! We all wish him well and many, many years of enjoyment!

Mr. Thomas Pena also retired in June. Mr. Pena, a member of our “behind the scenes” custodial team, has been with our District for 10 years. He plans to travel and watch his grandchildren grow. “It will take me a while to get used to this new life, but then again, I have nothing but time—miss you all—really!” commented Mr. Pena. We shall miss you too, Tom—good luck!

Teachers And Staff Continue To Learn

• At a recent Board Meeting, Mr. Gerard Camilleri, Computer Education Teacher, presented **Mrs. Carolyn Biscardi**, Computer Aide, a "certificate of completion." She received this for mastering the knowledge and skills essential to the instructional use of computers in the classroom. Mrs. Biscardi diligently achieved the distinction after completing a graduate level course. For several years she has instructed both teachers and pupils in the use of computers. Mr. Camilleri stated, "We are fortunate to have Carol on our team. She has a vision to understand that computers are not a toy or a fad, but a tool—a tool that can better enrich our lives."

• **Mrs. Joanne Lufrano**, 1st grade teacher at Shaw Avenue School, and current President of the Nassau County Mathematic Teachers Association, will be participating in a grant funded by the National Science Foundation. The program will begin this fall at Hofstra University and will include courses in the content and pedagogy of mathematics and the use of computers and calculators in mathematics. Using Mrs. Lufrano's experience, a math workshop will be available for all District 30 teachers.

• Art Teacher, **Mrs. Susan Menkes**, is currently attending the New York Institute of Technology for a Masters Degree in Computer Graphics. "I am very excited about expanding my knowledge to include Computer Art! Computer Art is the art of the future and I think it will be interesting to integrate this with the art program in District 30," commented Mrs. Menkes.

• **Mrs. Susan Wasserman**, 5th grade teacher at Shaw Avenue School, was selected by the U.S. Department of Education's 1992 Fulbright-Hayes Seminars Abroad Program to participate in the seminar: "Challenges of the 1990's: Economic Development, Social Equity, and Environmental Protection in Mexico and Guatemala." During this seminar abroad program, Mrs. Wasserman traveled throughout Mexico and Guatemala from July 2 to August 6, 1992. She will be sharing her experiences with her colleagues and students.

Talent Search

Anyone who enjoys a hobby or has a special interest PLEASE contact Art Teacher, Mrs. Susan Baron. The Art Department at Forest Road School is anxious to display the work of talented people whose children, or grandchildren, attend our school. Our students will enjoy seeing the creative endeavors of people who live in the community and to see how adults channel their creativity.

Dedicated People

New York State has designated October 26-30 as "School Board Recognition Week." We would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge with pleasure our school board members for their outstanding dedication.

They continually strive for improvement and progress in education, with an understanding and commitment for change and growth in our schools. Our board members are men and women elected by you to service our schools. They are strictly elected volunteers who receive no payment for their time and effort. They are special people who

are willing to do this job to benefit all our children. The district's Board for 1992-93 includes Mr. William O. Gauger, who has served the district since 1984; Mr. Thomas M. Galgano, on the board since 1983; Mrs. Leanore Egan, elected since 1984; Mr. Richard Eisenberg, a member of our Board since 1984; and Mr. Andrew Walters, who joined us in 1991.



William O. Gauger



Richard Eisenberg



Thomas M. Galgano



Andrew Walters



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Quick Notes

• We would like to welcome new staff members to District 30: **Ms. Pamela Garvey**, who was formerly a Contractual Substitute Teacher in our District, and is presently our 4th grade teacher at Shaw Avenue School; plus, **Ms. Concetta Madonna**, whom the Board of Education appointed as part-time Instrumental Music Teacher for our District.

• The Board of Education accepted the resignation of **Mr. Henry Kohlmann**, Music Teacher, for reasons of retirement. We wish him well!

• A plaque from the Nassau School Library System was presented to **Mrs. Alice Dorb**, Library/Media Specialist at Clear Stream Avenue School. She participated in the Nassau School Library System's model program to change the role and image of librarians in the Nassau County schools.

• Last year, students of District 30 wrote a literary magazine entitled *Write On*. The writing in this special magazine represented classroom assignments that students regularly undertook during the course of the 1991-92 school year.

• The Greater Five Towns YM & YWHA will be utilizing the Forest Road School for their KEYS PROGRAM. The

hours will be from 2:45 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. For further information, the cost, and an application, call the KEYS Program at 569-6733.

Principal Attends Harvard University

From July 13 to 23, Mr. Robert Cohen, Principal at Clear Stream Avenue School, attended the Summer Institute at Harvard University entitled, "The Art and Craft of the Principalship." 125 people from 28 states and five countries attended. "It was extremely exciting and I learned a great deal about a number of topics," stated Mr. Cohen. Some of the topics included: the key ingredients in a school environment that foster growth and learning for everyone in the school; the role of the principal; creating a mentally healthy school; and meeting the needs of America's children.

"From a personal standpoint, I feel this institute was an extraordinary professional experience. All of it will be shared with my colleagues for the benefit of the children in District 30," commented Mr. Cohen enthusiastically.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- October 19 District 30 Board of Education Committee Meeting—8 p.m.
- 26 District 30 Board of Education Meeting—8 p.m.
- 28 Breakfast With The Superintendent—9:30 a.m. at Shaw Avenue School
- November 3 Election Day/Superintendents' Conference Day—NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
- 11 Veterans' Day—SCHOOLS CLOSED
- 16 District 30 Board of Education Committee Meeting—8 p.m.
- 23 District 30 Board of Education Meeting—8 p.m.
- 26-27 Thanksgiving Recess—SCHOOLS CLOSED

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

An Example For Us All

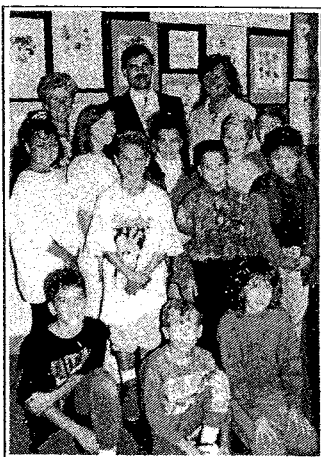
Once again our schools are being visited by Dennis Oehler and Todd Schaffhouser. Both are gold medal winners in the Paralympics. Their first stop was to Clear Stream Avenue School, where they delivered an upbeat motivational talk designed to provide students with a better understanding of the physically disabled. "We are physically disabled, not handicapped. We want to build an environment that fosters the right education," commented Dennis. Their enthusiasm and message went further. Through their experiences in life, they demonstrated to students the need to set goals and work toward them. "Winning a gold medal does not make a winner. Overcoming life's problems and getting on with your life—that's what makes you a winner!" stated Todd. Den-



Mr. Robert Cohen (Principal), Todd, Dennis, and Ms. Amy Agnesini (Phys. Ed. Teacher) with 6th graders at Clear Stream Avenue School.

nis and Todd are exceptional individuals who have a positive effect on those around them. The lessons they teach students are sure to remain with them. Forest Road and Shaw Avenue School are also scheduled for their visit.

Student Councils Meet



The Student Councils in all our schools are on their way to planning some exciting activities and projects for their schools.

Pictured are Mrs. June Burgess, 5th grade teacher; Mr. Robert Cohen, Principal; and Ms. Amy Agnesini, Physical Education Teacher, with the Clear Stream Avenue School Student Council: (front) Sal Randazzo (Vice President), Kirk Sendlein, Lauren Conway, (middle) Danny Marrero, Chris Bastardi, Dino Doromal, (rear) Jennifer Fusco, Theresa Isler (Secretary), Dawn Hoffmann (Treasurer), Ronnie Breuer, and Michael Albano (President).

The New School Year Begins

(A few notes from our schools concerning activities during the first few weeks of school)

- The children in Mrs. Joann Lufra-no's class at Shaw Avenue School welcomed their *Teddy Bears* to school. They enjoyed reading *bear* stories, *bear* poems, and sang *bear* songs. The class sorted their *Teddy Bears* by their different properties, compared weights and heights, and graphed their results. For the finale the class prepared *BEARY* good treats for their *Teddy Bear Picnic*.

- Mrs. Josephine Harper's 2nd graders began the year writing riddles. "We stumped our parents on Meet the Teacher Night," at Shaw Avenue School. Can you tell "Who Am I?" stated Mrs. Harper: "I have blond hair. I have blue eyes. My favorite sport is soccer. My favorite food is pizza. I am missing two front teeth."

- Students are in the swing of things and using the computers in our schools. Mike Garaputo and Bryan Moore demonstrated their math skill on the computer at Clear Stream Avenue School. "They became the 'Blackout' champions of the Computer Lab," commented Mrs. Noeleen Douglas, Computer Aide.

- Mrs. Dale Ehrenreich's 4th grade class's theme was Big Beginnings. "We've written Big News reviews about the books we've read and stories about something enormous," stated Mr. Ehrenreich. After reading the "Magic Bubble Pipe," they attempted to blow the biggest bubble! They had a great time doing this in the school playground at Clear Stream Avenue School.

A Great Experience

Sixth graders are once again having an experience that is not possible in the classroom—the Caumsett Experience! This two day and one night stay at the BOCES Center, located at Lloyd's Neck, L.I., exposes the students to a variety of outdoor activities such as: exploring the shorelines, nighttime solo walks using a compass, canoeing, and bird watching. This is an extraordinary outdoor education for our children, and an excellent experience in environmental education.

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Dear Residents,

School has been open for about three months and we have all settled into our normal routines, so I thought this might be a good time to pause for a moment and look at where we are and where we are going. But before I do, I would like to extend to all the new residents of our District a very warm welcome to the District Thirty family. We are glad to have you!

I am pleased to report that the opening of school went very well and everything continues to run smoothly. On the day before the children returned to school, I had the pleasure of welcoming the staff and faculty back for another school year. During this meeting, I had an opportunity to personally meet most of our staff and I asked each of them to meet the new year with renewed dedication and to continue to strive to attain professional excellence.

Also, I am happy to announce that the Board of Education was able to reinstate a part-time instrumental music program in the District. An additional accomplishment in the area of instrumental music was the development of the *Parents of District 30 Children Instrumental Music Charitable Trust*. The founding of this support group is just one example of the fine things that can happen when the community works cooperatively with the Board of Education.

Another area of note is the gifted and talented education. Representatives of the community have met with faculty and administration to develop a position paper concerning gifted education. The paper will be presented to the Board of Education in early winter. I hope to have more information about the work of the committee for you in a future issue.

We are all aware of the fact that the recession is still upon us and all

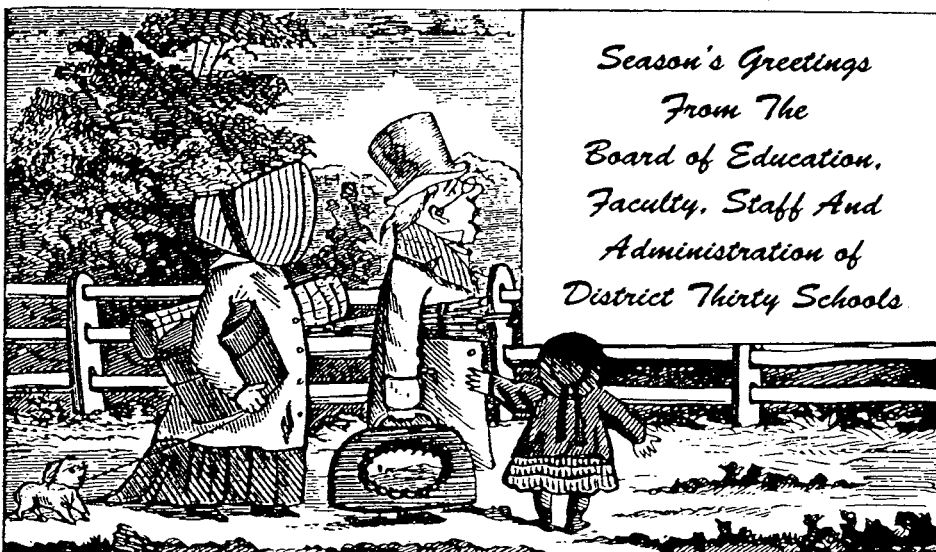
of our citizens have been called upon to do more with less resources. In order to help our Board of Education meet that challenge, we have attended several days worth of workshops and seminars geared to the professional development of school board members. As always, it was very rewarding to discover that many of the initiatives undertaken in District #30 are also being spoken about at the state and national level.

During the Spring of 1993, we will begin to implement the New York State Board of Regents' "Compact for Learning"; we will be faced with many challenges and changes. The Board, staff, and faculty cannot meet these challenges and changes alone—we must have your continued cooperation and support. I invite all of you to join us at our monthly Board Meetings. Our commitment to Excellence in Education and providing our children the best education possible is paramount.

As the holiday season is here and the year draws to a close, I would like to say, "Thank you" to everyone who helped make 1992 a success. On behalf of the Board and Administration, I extend to you my best wishes that your holidays will be safe and happy, and you will have a peaceful and prosperous New Year.

Sincerely,

Bill Gauger, President
Board of Education



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Energy Savings?

With the approval of the Board of Education, Mr. Lawrence McGoldrick, Superintendent of Schools, has entered into a Long Island H.E.L.P. Cost Recovery Agreement with the New York Power Authority (NYPA) to investigate the potential for energy savings in the school district. This conservation assistance program was established to assist school districts in Nassau and Suffolk counties to identify, finance, and install, cost-effective energy conservation improvements. This program will replace standard light bulbs and fixtures with high efficiency equipment that produces the same amount of light, but uses less energy.

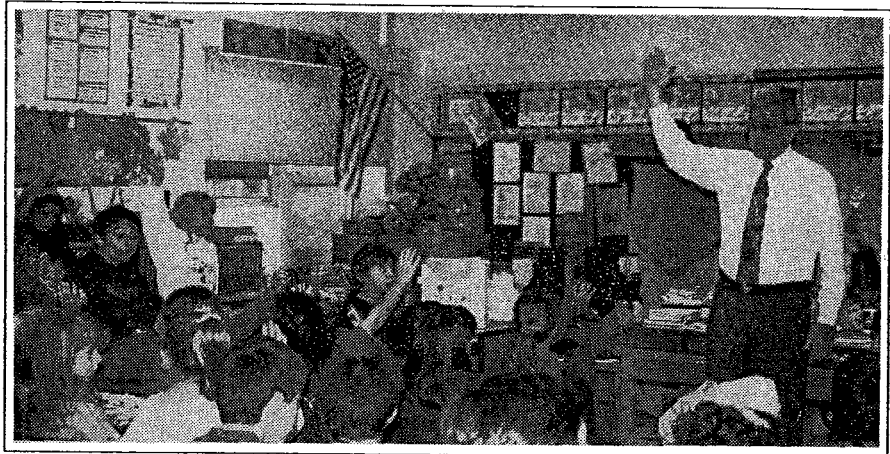
The NYPA will assist in financing the net cost of improved lighting installation, with recovery of the amount financed over a specified time. NYPA's financial recovery will be achieved by sharing the bill savings with the school district which results from conservation measures. Any remaining costs will be offset by rebates offered by LILCO and any other credits that may apply.

By signing the Cost Recovery Agreement the school district does not commit to the program but indicates its intent to investigate the potential for energy savings.

Mayor Visits Classroom

Mayor Donley visited 4th graders in Mrs. Lois Benedetto's, Ms. Pam Garvey's, and Mrs. Miriam Sweet's class at

Sass, a 5th grader, for being among the essay contest winners in the "Operation Separation" Contest. (For addi-



Mayor Donley visits 4th graders.

Shaw Avenue School. The first topic discussed was recycling. Mr. Phil Caroleo, Sanitation and Recycling Supervisor for Valley Stream, was on hand to answer questions. At this time, Mayor Donley presented an award to Laura

tional winners of this contest, see box below.)

Mayor Donley discussed what local government does, how it helps us, and the November election. A question and answer period followed.

RECYCLING CONTEST WINNERS

Winners of the Valley Stream recycling contest entitled "Operation Separation" were announced in our local newspapers. Among them were some District 30 students: Poster Contest Winners—1st grader, Jessica Salazar, and 5th grader, Domonique Riccardo from Clear Stream Avenue School; Essay Contest Winners—Chris Munch, 3rd grader, and Anthony Garcia, 5th grader, both from Clear Stream Avenue School, and Laura Sass, 5th grader from Shaw Avenue School.

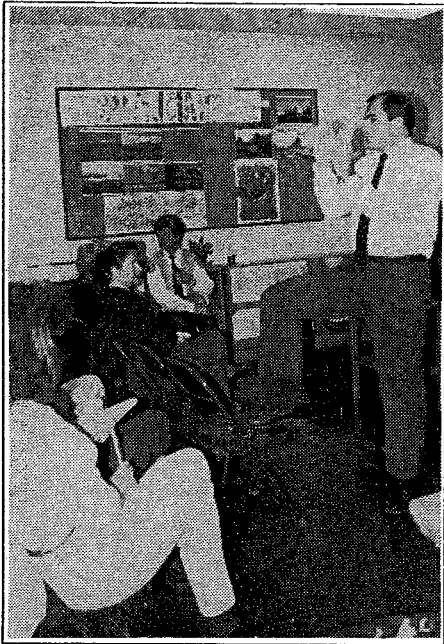
Spotlight on Opera

Students at Forest Road School were entertained at an assembly by the "Spotlight On Opera" Company. They were taught to appreciate opera as they were being entertained with vignettes from such operas as Barber of Seville, Porgy and Bess, West Side Story, The Magic Flute, and more. Several of the students were brought up on stage to be included in the production. Pictured is performer Marilyn Wells, with 6th grader Andrew Schwartz. This special program was arranged by



Mrs. Charlotte Lurie, PTA 2nd Vice President in charge of Programming.

Breakfast With The Superintendent



The October 28th "Breakfast With the Superintendent" was held at Shaw Avenue School. Among the topics and questions discussed were: taxes, curriculum, and reading as a whole integrated language. If you have a question, or would like to meet Mr. McGoldrick, the next scheduled "Breakfast With The Superintendent" will be at Clear Stream Avenue School, at 9:30 a.m. on January 13, 1993. Parents and community members are welcome to attend.

Talent Search

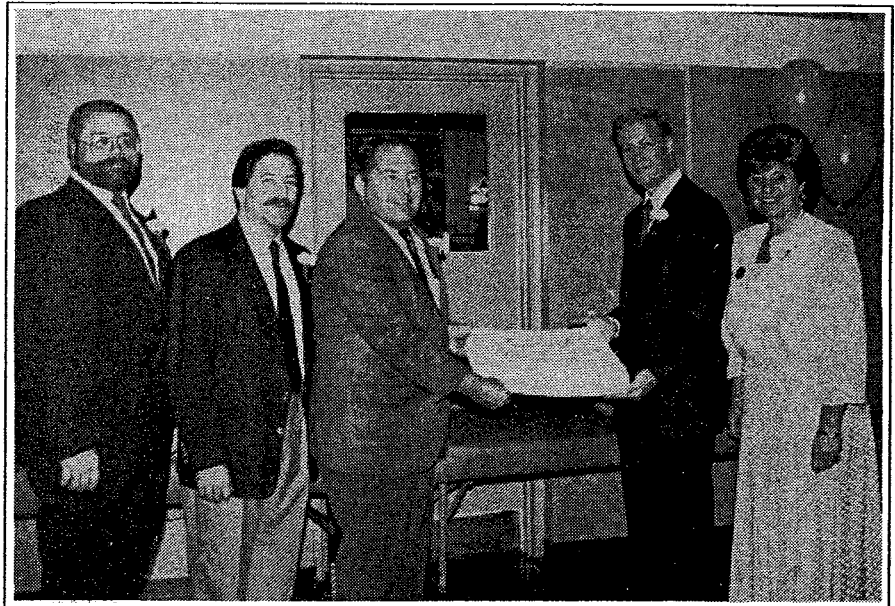
Anyone who enjoys a hobby or has a special interest PLEASE contact Art Teacher, Mrs. Susan Baron. The Art Department at Forest Road School is anxious to display the work of talented people whose children, or grandchildren, attend our school. Our students will enjoy seeing the creative endeavors of people who live in the community and to see how adults channel their creativity.

PTA Honors The Board Of Education

In celebration of "School Board Recognition Week" (October 26-30) the PTA units held a special reception for the Board of Education members. This joint celebration was the result of all District 30 PTA members and their Co-Presidents: Mrs. Peggy Robinson and Mrs. Joanne Spano from Clear Stream Avenue School; Mrs. Susan Viggiano and Mrs. Maria Fletcher from Forest Road School; and Mrs. Chris Shazar and Mrs. Carmelina Giacalone from Shaw Avenue School.

Leanore Egan, Mr. Richard Eisenberg, and Mr. Andrew Walters, and of course, our wonderful Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Lawrence McGoldrick.

These special cherry trees have a special meaning: the trunk represents the Superintendent of Schools and the Board of Education; the main branches represent the Principals and Teachers; the smaller branches represent the PTAs; the leaves represent all District 30 students; and the fruit stands for all the things we have accomplished by



District 30 Board Members honored. From the left, Mr. Walters, Mr. Eisenberg, Mr. Galgano, Mr. Gauger, and Mrs. Egan.

The dedication was delivered by Mrs. Valerie Campolo (Vice President, Ways and Means for Clear Stream Avenue School PTA). She began the presentation: "We are here tonight to express our deep gratitude to a very special group of people who have dedicated their time, efforts, and hard work to a single cause—making the District 30 schools the very best they can be. Those very special people are: Board of Education President, Mr. William Gauger, Vice President, Mr. Thomas Galgano, and Trustees, Mrs.

working together for the good of District 30 children. The inscription on the plaque reads:

"DEDICATED
TO OUR
BOARD OF EDUCATION
WITH APPRECIATION
FROM INTERSCHOOL
DISTRICT 30 PTA
OCTOBER 1992."

Following the presentation, Mr. Gauger performed the ceremonial "cutting of the cake" and refreshments were served.

PLAN AHEAD!

READ "MARK YOUR CALENDAR"
ON THE BACK PAGE OF THIS NEWSLETTER

Run For The Gold

Eighty-five students in grades 4-6, in Clear Stream Avenue School, participated in a "Run For The Gold" program to benefit Special Olympics. Special Olympics is an international organization dedicated to sports training and athletic competition for persons with mental retardation. Pupils completed sponsor sheets and then took part in the "Run For The Gold" during Physical Education classes. Students will receive awards according to how many sponsors they were able to get. All students will receive a certificate, others will receive sports bottles, t-shirts, and bags with the "Run For The Gold" logo.



Ms. Agnesini, organizer of "Run For The Gold," with 4th grade participants.

received the most pledges, \$529. Students who raised over \$100 in pledges were: 4th graders, Dana Albert, Jessica McComb, Raquel Quezada, and Ellen

Weiss; 5th graders Bernard Lam, Richard Kalinowski, James McCormick, and Jennifer Allen; and 6th graders, Jennifer Fusco, Brian Rojas and Erin O'Neil. Many teachers also participated, either running with their class, or running after school. The teachers that received over \$100 in pledges were: Ms. Edith Yelland, Mrs. Arlene Sacks, Mrs. Dale Ehrenreich, Mrs. Sharon Schulman, and Mrs. Linda Pratt.

Clear Stream Avenue School would like to thank all participants, sponsors, parents, and teachers for their fine efforts. Once again, Clear Streamers came through to help others. We are very proud of all of you.

Clear Stream Avenue School's teachers and students will have raised \$5,444 when all donations are collected. Ms. Edith Yelland's 5th grade class raised the most money, \$1,089; Mrs. June Burgess' 5th graders came in second, \$954; and Mrs. Barbara Clarke's 4th graders came in third, \$909. Bernard Lam, 5th grader,

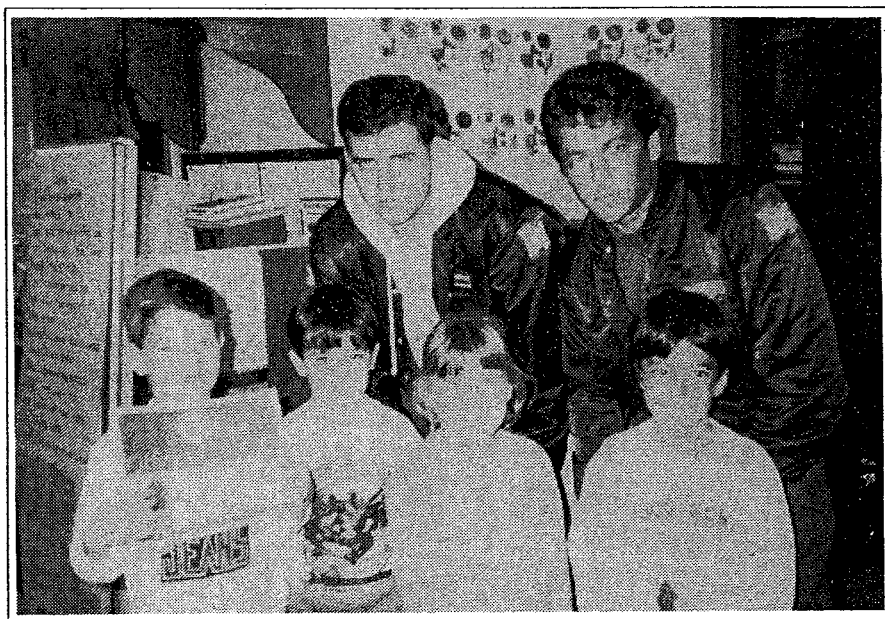
Eating Healthier

The 2nd graders in Mrs. Carol Ventura's class received a crate of apples from the State of Washington.



The children signed a proclamation, pledging to make more healthy choices in the foods they eat. "All this was a follow-up to a unit of study on nutrition, incorporating the new federal guidelines," stated Mrs. Ventura. Variety and healthy choices were the topics covered in a cross-curriculum study.

In addition, the class play, scheduled for May '93, will be coordinated to this nutrition unit as an exciting way for these 2nd graders to inform their peers of what they learned.



Kindergarten classes received a Fire Prevention Certificate.

The kindergartners, from Mrs. Susan Moskowitz's and Mrs. Roslyn Scheidt's classes at Forest Road School, took part in Fire Prevention Week. They had the Fire Rescue Truck come to visit the school, with Firemen Michael Seltzer, Tim Maloney, Ed Donaghue, and Junior Fire Fighter Ed Daley.

The students were able to board the

truck to see how it worked and to examine all the equipment on it. They saw a demonstration of how a fireman enters a burning building, a film, and received an award for participating in Fire Prevention Week.

Once again, District 30 would like to thank the Valley Stream Fire Department for their time and efforts in speaking to the students.

Students Express Their Patriotism

In celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Pledge of Allegiance the Clear Stream Avenue School held an essay contest entitled, "What The Flag Means To Me". Below are segments of the winning essays:

"What the flag means to me is if you say the pledge it is another way to say you love your country." Written by Jessica D'Alessio, 2nd grader.

"The flag of my country means to me respect, honor, and freedom. Freedom, because you can believe in anything, say anything, and live any way you want." Written by Timothy Hardway, 3rd grader.

"It represents hope for a new tomorrow.

Some countries are starving, while we take food for granted ... The honor of our flag is sometimes inexplicable." Written by Kirk Sendlein, 4th grader.

"When I look at our flag I see the

freedom to be myself. I think of all the people who died so I can live in a democratic country." Written by Cilo Lewis, 5th grader.

"As I was marching by (5 years ago in the Memorial Day Parade) our

his wheelchair so he could salute it. It was then, that I realized how important the flag was to him, to me, and to all of us. It means freedom and hope." Written by Theresa Isler, 6th grader.

"(red) ... reminds me of the fighting and the war. (white) ... stands for all the people who fought from the start, who will always have the appreciation coming straight from my heart. (blue) ... stands for all the people who fought for the good, and for those who died that never should." Written by Diana McConeghy, 6th grader.

"The flag is a symbol of peace, freedom, justice, and honor for all who come to this country. The flag especially means a lot to me because I am not from this country, and it is a great honor to

be here in the United States, where the American flag stands." Written by Ginger Villacampa, 6th grader.



Mr. Robert Cohen, Principal, and Mrs. Linda Pratt, Music Teacher, with winners of the essay contest: Jessica, Timothy, Kirk, Cilo, Theresa, and Diana. (Not pictured is Ginger Villacampa.)

Brownie Troop passed a veteran in a wheelchair. When he saw the flag coming, he struggled to get up from

Ancient Artifacts

Mrs. Susan Menkes, Art Teacher, has involved the students in projects that integrate art and social studies. The 6th grade students at Clear Stream Avenue School, after studying ancient Egyptian culture in their classroom, created authentic looking mummy cases in the art room. To coincide with their studies of ancient Greece, they created Greek vessel reproductions from clay.



A special assembly was held at Clear Stream Avenue School in celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the Pledge. Some very important and influential people addressed the assembly: President Harrison (Michael Albano); Betsy Ross (Kristine Zurlo); Mr. Robert Cohen, Principal of Clear Stream Avenue School; Mr. Ross (Mr. Vincent Libertini); Francis Bellamy (Sal Randazzo); and Mr. Robert McLoughlin, a Veteran and Firefighter, who spoke about what the flag means to him.

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GOOD HEALTH TO YOU
AND YOUR ENTIRE FAMILY

Library News

Scheduling a school-wide celebration of reading during Book Week has proven to be an effective means of developing a love for literature among students. Our schools participated in many activities that proved to be very successful:

Clear Stream Avenue School: Each classroom teacher selected his/her favorite book and shared the book with his/her class. The class then spent time on silent reading. Each teacher was asked to submit the title of their book, along with a small photograph of themselves. Mrs. Alice Dorb, Library/Media Specialist, used these to conduct a "matching" (title and teacher) contest among the students as a culminating activity.

Forest Road School: Mrs. Carol Tolle, Library/Media Specialist, conducted a school-wide Geography Awareness Contest entitled, "Where in the World Does the Story Take Place?" Using library reference sources, students located picture book settings on an outline map. In preparation for a Thanksgiving Book Feast display, all children decorated plates featuring their favorite authors and titles.

With the guidance of Art Teacher, Mrs. Susan Baron, 5th graders designed new book covers for "tired" picture books on the library shelves. Kindergartners in Mrs. Susan Moskowitz's class shared their very first book reports with the class by decorating vests with information about books read with their parents.

Shaw Avenue School: Selecting entries for a "Hall of Fame for Favorite Books," was a great time for 1st graders. Four winning books received a special award created by Mrs. Carol Blankshine, Library Aid. Mrs. Linda Muckle, Art Teacher, assisted students

in illustrating their new colorful, attractive book jackets. "Students love to see these jackets years after they have created them," commented Mrs. Mary Mathews, Library/Media Specialist. Fourth graders enjoyed a book talk that introduced them to the writing of Gertrude Chandler Waner. Nineteen books fit into a wooden bookcase that is shaped like a railway car. "This decorative piece that promotes books was purchased last year," said Mrs. Mathews, "and was introduced to the children for Children's Book Week." This "railway car" will be on permanent display in the library. Another activity initiated for Book Week was the Calendar Club Game. This weekly game is open to all 5th and 6th grade students. The game helps students sharpen their reference skills and is a challenging activity. "Tex and Kitt" and "Dapper Dan," dancing wooden puppets, again performed for 1st and 2nd graders.

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Mrs. Grace Guttman's and Ms. Lucille Maresca's students have been

participating in Book and Bagel Parties. While dining on bagels and apple juice, these Forest Road School 3rd grade students shared information discovered in their non-fiction library book selections. Based on their classmates' recommendations, the children visited the library with a list of books they wanted to read.

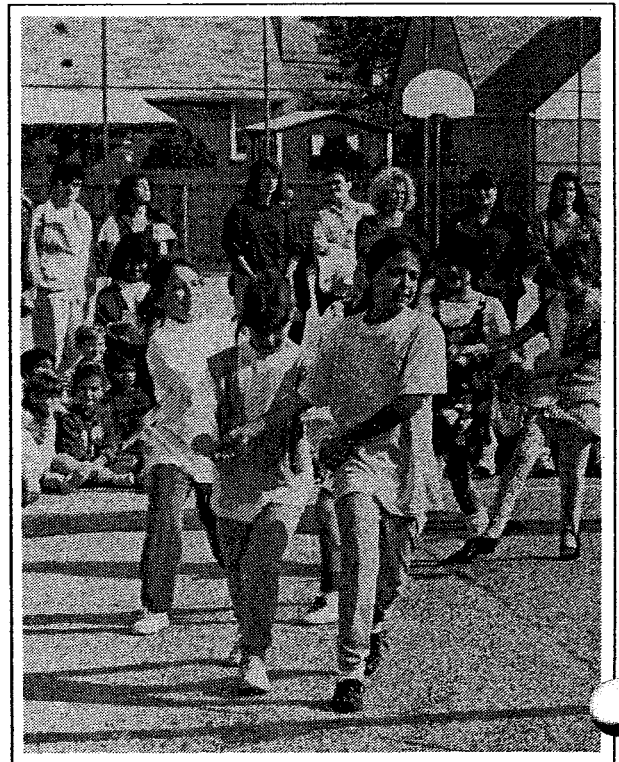
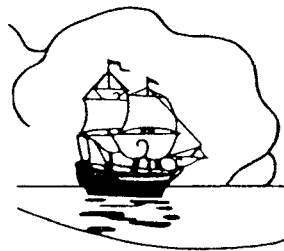
Courtesy Citizenship Program Continues

Last year Clear Stream Avenue School instituted a program that promoted a courtesy and good citizenship topic each week. This program was to remind children about important things such as: good manners, using common sense, and being respectful toward themselves and others. "The staff and I felt the program was successful, and we received many positive comments from parents throughout the year. Therefore, we will be following a similar program this year," stated Mr. Robert Cohen, Principal.

Columbus Celebration

In celebration of the 500th Anniversary of Columbus' great discovery, Clear Stream Avenue School held an outdoor "Multicultural Dance Festival" and invited parents, friends, and administrators.

Each class, under the direction of Mrs. Linda Pratt, Music Teacher, performed folk dances from other countries. The sun was shining and so were the faces of the children and spectators during this special celebration.



Klumpakojis, a dance from Lithuania, was performed by 4th graders in Mrs. Barbara Clarke's class.

Who Is John Chapman?

Ask any 2nd grade student in Mrs. Mary Rushin's and Mrs. RoseMarie Patterson's class, and they can tell you all about John Chapman. The students had a great time studying the life of the legendary Johnny Appleseed, and the importance of the apple harvest in the United States. The children learned map skills as they tracked Johnny's seed planting journey from Massachusetts through the Ohio Valley. Students also learned new vocabulary words such as: orchard, seedlings, bushels, tale, adventure, instinct, and many other words found in the "Johnny Appleseed Story."



At the end of the unit students, with the help of their teacher and class mothers, prepared apples for baking. The apples were baked in the school's kitchen oven and were they DELICIOUS! Many of the students never ate a baked apple before, commented Mrs. Ruschin. One thing for sure, each time they eat an apple, or go apple picking in Autumn, they'll remember the funny little man with the pot on his head, and his Bible under his arm. The man pioneers called Johnny Appleseed.

Jogging Club News

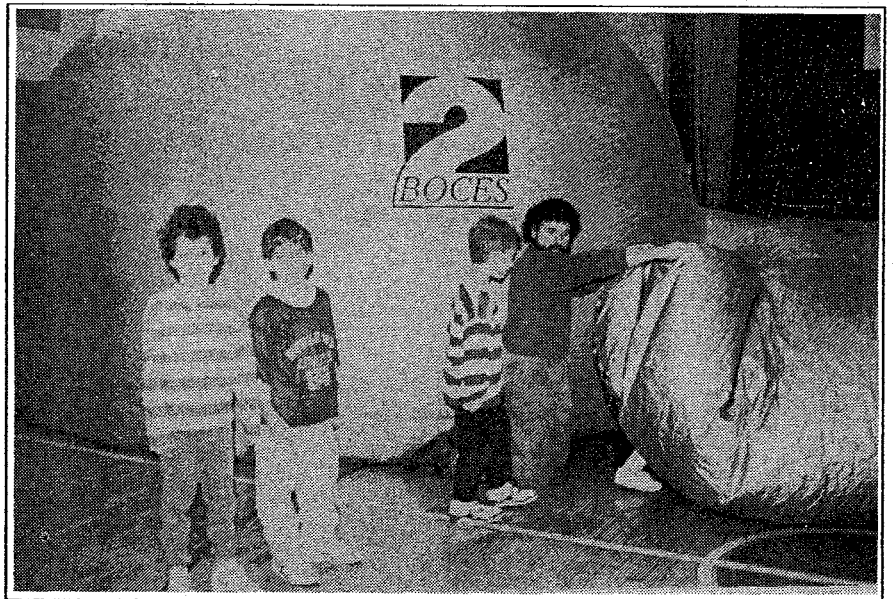
On Saturday, November 21, the Shaw Avenue School Jogging Club participated in the 2.1 mile Turkey Trot on the boardwalk in Long Beach. Physical Education Teacher, Mrs. Joan Stein reported the following students who participated in this annual event: Jame Shea, Jackie Long, Chris Bregenzer, Adam Shazar, Patick Ryan, Maurizio Sorbara, Gabriel Sorbara, Gina Antoniato, Stephen Werbeck, Michael Phillips, Johnny Tripodi, Amanda Larsen, Doug Muhlbauer, Dennis Vesely, Terry Thorgramson, David DePalma, Michael Genco, and Eric Werbeck.

Election Day '92

Mrs. Dale Ehrenreich's 4th graders coordinated a schoolwide presidential election. First they decided on requirements for Clear Stream Avenue School voters. Participants had to be at least five years old and had to study or work in their school. The children advertised the voting day (Monday, Nov. 2) by creating posters and sandwich boards.

At the 6th grade mock presidential debate, 4th graders recited a relevant poem and introduced the candidates. As election day grew closer, the 4th graders distributed ballots to each class and placed a ballot box and voting booth (designed by their student teacher, Miss Pokross) in the Lobby of the school. The results were: George Bush - 176; Bill Clinton - 107; and Ross Perot - 48. It was a landslide, but the dark horse didn't win!

Sky Lab



An adventure into the stars.

If you look straight ahead, the earth looks flat to the eye. If that is so, how can the world be round? Students in Forest Road School know the answer and the answer to many other questions about gravity and the stars.

Through the efforts of the Forest Road School PTA, Mrs. Charlotte Lurie (PTA 2nd Vice President in charge of Programming) arranged for Mr. Tom Affitagato to visit the Sky Lab

is a portable inflatable planetarium. Students entered this special lab through a tunnel that led into a huge balloon-like area. Once inside, they viewed a movie projected on the ceiling of the Sky Lab. Pictured is Science Teacher Mr. Ralph Laudano, with Joanna Cetta (entering the Sky Lab), Scott Weiner, Adam Jeuda, and Jesse Steinberg, 2nd graders from Mrs. RoseMarie Patterson's class.

NOT GETTING THE FRIENDLY SCHOOLS?

If you know of any district resident who is not receiving *The Friendly Schools* and would like to, ask them to send their name and address to the Administrative Offices, V.S.U.F.S.D. #30, Washington Avenue, Valley Stream, N.Y. 11580-3056.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

December	21	District 30 Board of Education Meeting—8 p.m.
	24-31	Holiday Recess—SCHOOL CLOSED
January	1	New Year's Day—SCHOOL CLOSED
	13	Breakfast With The Superintendent held at Clear Stream Avenue School—9:30 a.m.
	18	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day—SCHOOL CLOSED
	25	District 30 Board of Education Meeting—8 p.m.
February	15-17	Washington's Birthday/Winter Recess—SCHOOL CLOSED
	22	District 30 Board of Education Meeting—8 p.m.

(Note: District 30 Board of Education Meetings are held at Shaw Avenue School.)

Are Schools Open or Closed?

Should weather conditions make it necessary to close the schools, the Valley Stream Fire Department will sound its alarm 10 times at 7:05 a.m. and the following stations will make early morning announcements:

WCBS (88)	WKJY (98FM)
WHLI (1100)	WGSM (740)
WGBB (1240)	News12 (Cablevision)
	WINS (1010)

Please do not call the schools; listen for the alarm and radio and TV announcements.



The football season is here, and the day is sunny and warm for teachers and 6th grade students, from Shaw Avenue School, who could not resist playing a game of football. Students played a very aggressive and professional game and by half time the game was close and the teachers weary. In the background you could hear the Shaw Avenue School Cheerleaders.

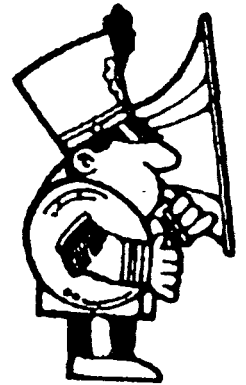
After getting their second breath, the teachers won the game 35 to

21—but, watch out teachers, the 6th graders are planning their strategy for the next game!

The team of teachers (pictured) were: Lenny Feldman, their close friend who cheered them on, Jay Comcowich (School Psychologist), Stanley Kaminsky (Principal), Thomas Rouse (Physical Education Teacher), (back) Dennis Carr (Skills Teacher), and George Beyer and Carl Riccobono (both 5th grade teachers).

Instrumental Music Committee News

There is now in existence a district-wide Instrumental Music Charitable Trust to which tax deductible donations can be made. This trust will help supplement our instrumental music program. Presently, booster stickers are being sold and will continue throughout the school year.



Kaleidoscope — *A Musical Review* is our major upcoming fundraiser and will take place on Saturday, January 23, 1993 at 8 p.m. in the Central High School Auditorium. Tickets will go on sale shortly.

If you have any questions, contact Joanne Ferraioli, 791-7232 (Forest Road School Representative), Kathy Russo, 872-9393 (Clear Stream Avenue School Representative), or Cathy Tillotson, 561-2296 (Shaw Avenue School Representative).

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.



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Dear Resident:

I hope everyone enjoyed their holidays and that 1993 has started in a very promising fashion. As the year unfolds, your Board of Education is finding itself involved in a great many exciting projects.

Several weeks ago the Board of Education and Superintendent held their first "Cracker Barrel." This gathering was an opportunity for the community to exchange ideas, discuss concerns and desires, and to ask questions of the Board in an informal setting. The evening was hosted by Mr. Robert Cohen, Principal of Clear Stream Avenue School, with support and refreshments supplied by the PTA. Approximately 25 parents and community members joined us to discuss many subjects. The feedback that we received about this meeting has been positive. As a result of that feedback, we will be holding future "Cracker Barrel" sessions at the Shaw Avenue School and the Forest Road School during the spring. Please watch for further details and please plan on attending these informal dialogues.

The Gifted and Talented Committee continues to meet and is planning the implementation of a modified Gifted and Talented Program for the remainder of this year. It is our plan that the program will assume club status. This pilot program will be held after school hours and will be staffed by three District Thirty teachers, each representing a different academic discipline. The program will focus on the topic of Rain Forests. The children will be involved in an interdisciplinary approach to the study of this vital resource.

As I indicated in my previous letter, we have been preparing for the implementation of the Regents' Compact for Learning. The Board of Education and the entire administrative staff met on Saturday, January 30th for an all day workshop facilitated by Larry McGoldrick. This workshop was extremely informative and assisted the Board in deciding upon the composition of the planning committee. This committee will include parent, teacher, and administrative members. The parent members will be selected by the PTA and SEPTA as provided for by the Compact. I will continue to keep you informed on the implementation of the Compact.

I would like to take this opportunity to clarify any misconceptions that may surround the status of our current instrumental music program. At this time, and since the beginning of the school year, our district has offered a band program three days per week. This program is supported through the district budget and its operation is in no way supplemented by any other means.

During the spring of 1992, when the district was facing some very difficult budget decisions, several programs were suspended. Since that time, due to several positive economic developments, the district was able to reinstate an instrumental music position of three days per week. Reinstatement of this position is reflective of the needs of the children of District Thirty.

As I am writing this letter, the district finds itself well into the development of the '93-'94 School Budget.

Unfortunately, the Executive Budget of the State of New York has once again earmarked our district for a loss in revenue. However, due to the overall financial picture, the Board of Education will be presenting a budget that includes a full time instrumental music program, a part time program for the gifted, and a resumption of class field trips. I believe that we will be able to reinstate these items in the budget and still maintain a fiscally responsible tax rate.

In the upcoming weeks, my colleagues and I have been invited to present our proposed budget at each of our schools. These meetings will be sponsored by the PTAs. I invite and urge all of you to attend these meetings to learn more about the budget. Please remember to exercise your right to vote on our budget on Wednesday, May 5th. In order to do so, you must be registered. If you have any questions about registration, please contact Mrs. Furst at the district office.

I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming budget meetings. Also, please be reminded that our regular scheduled board meetings are held the 3rd and 4th Mondays of each month. Remember, your help and participation in our schools is essential if we are to attain our goal of excellence in education.

Sincerely,

Bill Gauger, President
Board of Education

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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.

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. This transportation is provided only when the following conditions are met:

1. A written request for a specific school is made by the parents to the school district no later than April 1, 1993.
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, 1993. New York State Education Law specifically states that applications must be made annually for each new school year.

If your child meets the above requirements, please send in your request for the 1993-94 school year no later than April 1, 1993. Send your request to the Valley Stream School District 30, Administrative Offices, 150 Washington Avenue, Valley Stream, N.Y. 11580.

Budget Information And Dates

To assist taxpayers to better understand the budget, a presentation of the proposed budget has been arranged for Wednesday, April 14, 1993 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 Thirty budget. Any organization or individual from the district is invited and encouraged to ask questions. The actual voting on the Valley Stream Elementary and High School District budgets will take place on Wednesday, May 5, 1993 from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Election of candidates for the District Thirty Board of Education will also take place at this time. 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 5. 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 5, 1993.

PLEASE NOTE: Registration for voting on the budget and for Board members will be at all three schools (Clear Stream Avenue, Forest Road and Shaw Avenue) on Wednesday, April 28, 1993 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.

CORRECTION

In the last issue of *The Friendly Schools*, Erick Werbeck was inadvertently misspelled in the "Jogging Club News." Scott Gray should also be listed among the participants.

Permanent Registration for Voting

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 1989-90 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.

PLEASE 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.

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 Friday, April 30, 1993 between 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. at Clear Stream Avenue, Forest Road and Shaw Avenue Schools. No registration will 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, 1988 to be eligible for admission to kindergarten in September, 1993. NO EXCEPTIONS ARE EVER MADE TO THE ENTRANCE AGE REQUIREMENTS. Children entering school for the first time *must* present one or more certificates indicating that they have received at least 3 diphtheria and tetanus immunizations, at least 3 poliomyelitis immunizations, and two doses of measles vaccine after 12 months of age. In addition, one dose of mumps and rubella vaccine must be given at least one day after the child's first birthday.

Special Budget Issue

Under the supervision of Mr. David Kutcher, Assistant Superintendent for Business, and in conjunction with the Board of Education and Superintendent of Schools, a Special Budget Issue of *The Friendly Schools* will be distributed in April. Be sure to look for this in-depth report of the proposed 1993-94 school budget in your mail.

Geography Bee

As part of Geography Awareness Week, our three schools participated in this Bee sponsored by National Geographic *WORLD*, the Society's magazine for children. A preliminary round was held in the classrooms; the following students advanced to the final school championship round: At Clear Stream Avenue School: 5th graders, Anthony Garcia and Daniel Brody; 6th graders, Brian Kidney, Liam McLoughlin and Richard Zobkiw; At Forest Road School: 5th graders, Sean Salley, Pamela Verasco, Melissa Barreto, Eva Kiviat; 6th graders, Marc Kline, Randy Cohn, Matthew Krantweiss and Kashif Sheikh. At Shaw Avenue School: 4th graders, Loren Cappellson, Gerson Martinez, and Adam Shazar; 5th graders, Garrett Shaw, Denny Yeung, and Brad Zoref; and 6th graders, Laura Smith, Lauren Gunderson, Jonathan Shazar and Sean Soto. These students proceeded to the school championship round. The school winners and their Geography Bee coordinators are: Clear Stream Avenue School—Daniel Brody. Runner-up—Liam McLoughlin. Coordinator Mrs. Ellyn Fitzgerald; Forest Road School—Matthew Krantweiss. Runner-up—Kashif Sheikh. Coordinator Mrs. Karen Barcalow. Shaw Avenue School—Denny Yeung. Runner-up—Jonathan Shazar. Coordinator Mrs. Susan Wasserman.



The school winners will now take a written test. Up to 100 of the top scorers in each state and territory will then be eligible to compete in their upcoming state Bee. The National Geographic Society and its co-sponsors will provide an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. for state champions and teacher escorts to participate in the National Geography Bee National Championship.

Healthy Hearts



*"Be good to your heart, it works for a very long time,"
Dr. Kirschner said to the children.*

Second grader, Emily Popper, proudly introduced her "Papa Paul" to her fellow students at the Forest Road School on February 2. Emily's grandfather, Dr. Paul A. Kirschner, graciously accepted an invitation from Emily's teacher, Mrs. Mary A. Ruschin, to visit her class and speak on the importance of a healthy heart.

Joined by Mrs. RoseMarie Patterson and her 2nd graders, Dr. Kirschner showed the children a model of a heart and outlined its chambers, arteries, and veins. He spoke of the importance that good nutrition and exercise have in keeping a heart and body healthy.

Dr. Kirschner, a well-known cardiac surgeon at Mt. Sinai Hospital in N.Y., is also a trained race walker. He brought some of his medals and t-shirts from races he participated in to show the students. He also demonstrated the difference between jogging, walking, and race walking. Also present during the

visit were: Mr. Vincent Manzo, Physical Education Teacher at Forest Road School, who will have the students engaged in "healthy heart exercises," and Forest Road School Nurse, Mrs. Elaine Friedman, R.N., who was his scrub nurse in the Operating Room at Mt. Sinai Hospital many years ago.

Following, and embellishing, a curriculum unit they received from the American Heart Association, Mrs. Ruschin and Mrs. Patterson decided to kick off "Healthy Hearts" in their classes. What better month than February? The students will be studying the basic food groups and will be assigned to bring in a healthy snack for the entire class throughout February and to read "healthy" books from the Library; they will be taking brisk walks around their school and watching their weight. "Hopefully, all this knowledge will remain with them so they may lead healthy, active lives," commented Mrs. Ruschin.

The next **Breakfast With The Superintendent** is scheduled to be held at Forest Road School, at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 17. This forum gives you the opportunity to ask questions and voice concerns you may have about the district. Come join Mr. Lawrence McGoldrick and other community members and parents! Remember, District 30's priority has always been quality of education for our children. This goal can only be achieved by having the home, the community, and the school district working together in close cooperation.

ART & ACADEMICS

Write Your Own Ending

Mrs. Susan Baron, Art Teacher at Forest Road School, and Mrs. Carol Biscardi, Computer Aide, attended the Desktop Publishing Workshop given by Mr. Gerard Camilleri, Director of Computer Education, during Superintendents' Conference Day. Sparked by their interest in combining art and literature, Mrs. Baron invited Mrs. Biscardi to bring the Macintosh computer into the Art Room, and an exciting, creative learning process unfolded with the Kids Work 2 program. The children brainstormed their ideas for a Thanksgiving story. How do you think it all worked out? Students in Mrs. Grace Huttman's 3rd grade class are trying to figure it out for themselves as they enthusiastically solve "The Night Before Thanksgiving Mystery." Each child is creating his/her own ending to this class story. Mrs. Biscardi led the writing process on the computer and Mrs. Baron guided the children in creating a cover and illustrations for their books.



This Kids Work 2 will be put to use in the same manner with Ms. Gail Starler's 6th graders. They are creating a class "Mummy Mystery," based on their study of ancient Egypt. Each student is writing an individual ending to his/her story. In art class, each student is creating a decorative mummy case, or sarcophagus, which will become the cover of their book.

The ART EXHIBIT will be held in each of our three schools on Wednesday, May 5, 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Preparations are well underway—don't miss it!

Art In Many Forms

The emphasis in the Art Room has been on integration of art and academic subjects. Because it is visual, art has proven not only to enhance learning, but also to reinforce concepts that are taught in the regular classroom. The following are some Art Room projects at Clear Stream Avenue School: 6th graders combined a scratch board technique with the creation of their own Greek mythology pictures; 5th graders completed a project that required them to create a person, place or thing by using as many shapes of states of the United States as possible; 4th graders have been combining community studies with Fine Arts. Marc Chagall's famous painting, "I and the Village" served as a starting point to their art project, "I and the Village of Valley Stream"; 3rd graders enthusiastically studied the art of Chinese characters (calligraphy). They were so interested in the Chinese symbols that a lesson on drawing simple words



evolved into learning to write whole sentences in Chinese; 2nd graders have combined math and art; using the geometric shapes of a tangram, students discovered how to rearrange the shapes to form a variety of designs. First grade students combined vocabulary and art which will help them in the reading process.

Thanks to a grant from the Valley Stream Teachers Center, Clear Stream Avenue School students are busy at work on a ceramic mural which will be permanently installed in the cafeteria upon completion. Under the direction of Mrs. Menkes, students from grades 1-6 have been meeting after school to work on this multi-cultural creation. The theme required students to research native costumes from around the world! Art and Academics are proving to be an enriching part of our children's learning!

Super Reality

When is a bird not a bird? Students in the 4th, 5th, and 6th grades at Forest Road School pondered this notion as they discussed the painting, "The Return," by surrealist artist Rene Magritte. As part of the Art Enrichment Program, this painting was brought into the classrooms for a lively discussion by parent volunteer Mrs. Ellen Popper. Mrs. Susan Baron, Art Teacher and coordinator of this program, commented: "This is our third year, and I'm happy to say that the teachers, students, and presenters really enjoy these discussions!" Mrs. Charlotte Lurie, a new parent volunteer, is a "picture lady" for the younger children in grades K-3. Students look forward to meeting these wonderful parent volunteers. "I believe that enjoying art in this informal way takes art out of a classroom and into our everyday world. It develops esthetic values our students can carry into their adult lives," commented Mrs. Baron.



Sharing Their Talent

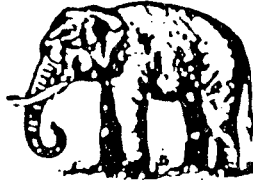
In response to a call for community members to share their talents and hobbies with Forest Road School, a wonderful display of handprinted objects is being exhibited in the lobby showcase of the school. Mrs. Sophi Turk, great-aunt to Matthew and Kate Freedman and Julie Klein, is the first "Art is a Partner for Life" exhibitor. Learning, creating and sharing her talents has been a lifelong process for this lovely octogenarian. Her artistic talents are evident on the handpainted t-shirts and decoupage plaques. Two wonderful hand-crafted stocking dolls are also on display.

We hope that other community members will share their special talents with our students and look forward to the next featured exhibitor. Please contact Mrs. Susan Baron, Art Teacher, if you are interested. Let us share how art has been a part of your life, too!

Rights of Animals

The children of Clear Stream Avenue School have been investigating the rights of animals and their responsibility to animals. In October, the pupils were treated to a lively visit from a veterinarian, Dr. Paul Perrier from Rockville Centre, who brought along a surgical patient, a dog. In November, the children learned about the elephant and its endangered status. They also wrote letters to President

Bush to request that he extend the ban on the importation of ivory into the United States. President Bush very graciously answered the letters and sent a reply and a color photograph. In December, the children, with the assistance of Student Council, raised enough money to adopt a manatee and a humpback whale. January brought a discussion about hunting. The primary grades were asked to collect pictures of animals that are hunted, and the upper grades wrote opinion papers on whether hunting is good or bad. These were all assembled on the bulletin board in the main hallway. "Through these programs, the children are developing a respect for animal life and realizing that animals have rights but that it takes the interest and commitment of people to insure these rights," stated Mrs. Mary Maclean.



A penny jar (which included other coins, and a \$10 bill) filled up rapidly, as the Shaw Avenue School family made donations to CARE for Somalia Relief. A guessing game as to the amount collected was held, and Jennifer Vasquez's guess of \$500.50 was the closest. Pictured is Jennifer with PTA Co-Presidents, Mrs. Chris Shazar and Mrs. Carmelina Giacalone, with a mock check. The \$511.04 collected will help many children.

Class of 2000 Speaks Out



Students from Mrs. Sherrie Lewis' class, at Forest Road School, performed a special skit for parents. It was a game show entitled, "The Price of Life." The questions did not concern art, history, geography, or the price of merchandise. They concerned smoking, and what it does to your body. The prize

was not money, or gifts, but the biggest prize of all—life and healthy lungs.

During a commercial break on this mock game show, students performed a rap song entitled, "We're the Smoke Free Class of 2-0-0-0." Their message is "Choose to Refuse!"

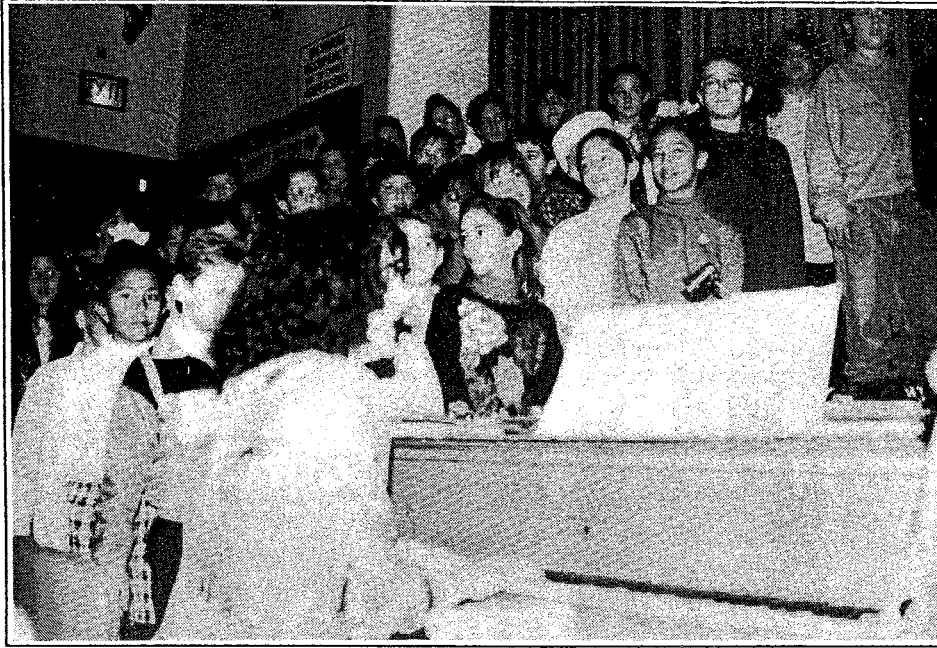
History of Rock & Roll

Students at Forest Road School were entertained at an assembly by The Squeaky Clean Band as they presented The History of Rock & Roll. The performers are: Suzanne C. Smithline (bass fiddle, electric bass, and vocalist), Christ Patti (drums and vocalist), and Glenn Paul Manion (electric guitar and vocalist).

They performed songs made famous by rock and roll's pioneer musicians and related the story of how rock and roll developed. Songs included: "Lollipop," "All Shook Up," and "La Bamba."

Students were asked to participate and assisted the band in the sound effects. This special presentation was arranged by Mrs. Charlotte Lurie, PTA 2nd Vice President in charge of Programming.

WINTER CONCERT



Frost in the air, but sounds that would warm your heart, came from the Shaw Avenue School auditorium during their Winter Concert. Under the direction of Mrs. Barbara Briker-Kreeger, Music Teacher, several chorus groups sang songs that were sure to please everyone—it even included rap and songs to square dance to.



The District 30 musicians played harmoniously as they participated in the Winter Concert at Shaw Avenue School. Under the leadership of Miss Concetta Madonia, Music Teacher, they performed arrangements such as "Tenderfoot March" and "To A Wild Rose."

March is **Music In Our Schools Month**, and Clear Stream Avenue School is gearing up to celebrate by presenting some dances from their fall Dance Festival at **Lights On For Education** at Memorial Junior High School, on March 4.

The student body will also participate in **WLC '93** (World's Largest Concert), a sing-along concert televised on March 11

between 1-1:30 p.m. on Channel 13. If you sing along at home, let Mrs. Linda Pratt, Music Teacher, know and she will add your name to the number of participants.

Watch for the Handbell Choir, the 5th and 6th Grade Chorus, and the Clear Stream Band at their **Spring Concert** on the evening of April 22.

A Bat For Babe

Do you know the name of the house that Babe Ruth built? The children at Clear Stream Avenue School know the answer to this question. Mrs. Barbara Clarke's 4th grade class performed a play "A Bat For Babe." The play was about a group of modern day children who found a magical baseball, which included a genie. The children were granted wishes and chose to go back in time to Yankee Stadium in the year 1926. After the children arrived in the past, they found that someone had stolen Babe Ruth's favorite bat. They successfully solved this crime and were able to give Babe back his bat and return to the 1990's.

"The play was a huge success. The cast had fun working together and making the scenery. The children were interested in doing a baseball play and 'A Bat For Babe' was a perfect choice for them. They said they will always remember that Yankee Stadium was the house that Babe Ruth built," commented Mrs. Clarke.

Radio Celebrities

For one very special week in January, the students, staff, PTA Co-Presidents, Mrs. Joanne Spano, and Mrs. Peggy Robinson, and principal, Mr. Robert Cohen, had the wonderful opportunity to be celebrities on the radio. During the week of January 25, the Clear Stream Avenue School was saluted as the School of the Week on the radio show, "Small Things Considered," on Station WGBB.

The host of the show, Larry Miller, spoke to each child and adult who was able to get through to the radio station. Mr. Miller asked the children questions about things going on in their classrooms. He made the children feel at ease and was very knowledgeable about children's television shows and other topics that interest them (sports, computer games, baseball cards, comic books, etc.). The audience was pleasantly entertained by Diana McConeghy and Karen Russer, two 6th graders who made their radio debut through Mr. Miller's encouragement. Diana sang
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The children in Mrs. Josephine Ferranti's 2nd grade class, at Shaw Avenue School, have been reading and enjoying the poems of Jack Prelutsky. On February 28th, they shared some of their favorite poems with schoolmates and parents at an assembly program.

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"Someday," and Karen played "New York, New York" on her flute. Both girls gave a splendid performance. Additionally, under the direction of Mrs. Linda Pratt, Music Teacher, the Clear Stream Avenue School Chorus was invited to send a recording to the station. Students visited a nearby professional recording studio and discovered that recording is very hard work. These talented 5th and 6th graders recorded three tunes that were played several times on the radio during the week. During this week-long tribute to Clear Stream Avenue School, Valley Stream's Mayor Donley and the Governor's wife were also guest speakers on this show.

The grand finale was a drawing from the names of those children who spoke on the show. The winners of this drawing were Andrew Stache, Anthony Garcia, Kristin Zurlo, and Daniel Brody. Mr. Miller visited Clear Stream Avenue School and gave these children gifts, plus a book to each child who participated in the show during the week.

The Clear Stream family is extremely proud to have been part of such a valuable and memorable experience. We thank Mr. Miller and WGGB for making our children feel special and for giving them the opportunity to express themselves on the radio. "Larry Miller and his show 'Small Things Considered' made our children feel like 'Super Stars'," commented Mrs. Barbara Clarke, 4th grade teacher.

We Like To Read

On Friday, January 15th, Mrs. Mary Maclean's 3rd grade class presented the play, "Sir Bookworm." These Clear Stream Avenue School students took parts of various characters from books in an attempt to encourage reading. The message of the play was: *Read a Book*. "It was a fun play and a very fitting beginning to the Parents as Reading Partners Program," commented Mrs. Maclean.



The 5th graders from Shaw Avenue School performed at the EAB Plaza in Uniondale, under the direction of Mrs. Barbara Briker-Kreeger, Music Teacher. Their program which included "A Hot Cup of Cocoa" and "Winter Fantasy," was televised during the Holiday season on Channel 25 and 30. Their invitation came from Kathy Nugent, Program Director for the Cable Television Station. Kathy is a former graduate of Shaw Avenue School and student of Mrs. Briker-Kreeger.

Instrumental Music Committee News

On Saturday, January 23, The Parents of District 30 Children Instrumental Music Charitable Trust held a fund-raiser entitled, "Kaleidoscope—A Musical Revue," in the Central High School Auditorium. The show was well-attended and warmly received by the community. "Have Cast Will Travel" gave a spectacular show. The performers held the audience captive with a variety of musical selections from "Phantom of the Opera," "An American Tail," and more. The finale, "You're A Grand Old Flag," had the audience clapping in their seats.

One of the highlights of the evening was the performance given by our district-wide ensemble. The District 30 students played flawlessly and were a credit to their teacher, Miss Concetta Madonia, their school, parents, and community. President of the Music Trust, Mrs. Joanne Ferrioli, expressed her thanks to Dr. Donald Howard, Central High School District Superintendent of Schools, and Mr. Lawrence McGoldrick, District 30 Superintendent of Schools, for their assistance and support. She continued to extend a special thank you to the performers of "Have Cast Will Travel," the parents, community, Board of Education, and to all those who support instrumental music in our schools. Kaleidoscope—A Musical Revue, was an enjoyable family experience.

National School Nurse Day



"Thank you, Mrs. Lombardo, R.N."

They comfort our children when they have a tummy ache. They soothe our children's skinned knees. These special people are called School Nurses. January 27th was National School Nurse Day and the District 30 students would like to express their heartfelt "thank you" for being there when you were needed. Our School Nurses are: Mrs. Alyce Gardner, R.N., at Clear Stream Avenue School; Mrs. Elaine Friedman, R.N. at Forest Road School; and Mrs. Susan Lombardo, R.N. at Shaw Avenue School.

In recognition of this day, the Shaw Avenue School kindergartners presented Mrs. Lombardo with "larger than life" nursing tools. A band-aid, stethoscope, thermometer and Kold Kompers are now decorating her office.

IN MEMORIAM: We at District 30 send our sincere sympathy to the family and friends of a former Clear Stream Avenue School Nurse, Mrs. Marilyn Lynch.

February A Time To Celebrate

There were many exciting happenings in Mrs. Maureen Spiess's class in February. They celebrated Groundhog Day by going outside to see if they could see their shadows. The class celebrated St. Valentine's Day with cards and special treats, but they also remembered to take special care of their "real" hearts.

Chocolate chip cookies were a big item in Room 1. They read about them, wrote about them, and tried to decide who makes the best chocolate chip cookies in the whole world. The results are presently being placed on a graph. The book, "The Doorbell Rang" by Pat Hutchins, was a big help for this project. Student teacher, Mrs. Lorraine Radice (a Valley Streamer and mother of two) has added her ideas to the celebration.



"We will begin a very important project on recycling soon. Perhaps we will enter a contest sponsored by the Town of Hempstead," stated Mrs. Spiess. A final comment from these Clear Stream Avenue School 1st graders: "Hope you had a loving month of February!"

The Year of the Rooster



A big thank you from the kindergartners at Shaw Avenue School.

In conjunction with the Chinese New Year (The Year of the Rooster), some of our classes followed up on their studies with a brisk walk to the Hunan Pavilion Restaurant on Merrick Road. Second graders from Clear Stream Avenue School met the chef and had a look at the kitchen. Mrs. Lulu Ng spoke to the children about various Chinese customs. A delicious luncheon of fried noodles, chicken nuggets, spareribs, fried rice, chicken with broccoli, and ice cream was served and specially prepared for the children and their teachers, Mrs. Janet Fariel, Mrs. Christine Murray, and Mrs.

Carol Ventura. "This experience gave the children a better insight into the culture of some of their peers, as well as firsthand knowledge of the jobs done by community workers," stated Mrs. Ventura.

Mrs. Mary Kay Ficarrotta's kindergarten class, at Shaw Avenue School, also journeyed to the Hunan Pavilion. "Our informative Chinese celebration was hosted by Lulu and Alfred Ng. We were treated to a story about the Chinese customs and fine food," commented Mrs. Ficarrotta. The children were given the traditional red envelopes for prosperity and good luck.

Teachers Receive Mini-Grants

The Valley Stream Teacher Center has awarded 15 mini-grants for Valley Stream School teacher-developed projects. These projects are to assist and benefit students in their learning experiences. District 30 teachers were the recipients of two of the mini-grants awarded. They are:

- Miriam Sweet and Carl Riccobono, at Shaw Avenue School, for "Literature Based Bookstore." After completing a survey of students interested, students will review requests and set up a bookstore including purchasing, display, advertising, merchandising, and accounting.

- Susan Menkes, at Clear Stream Avenue School, for "Multi-Cultural Mural." Students from several grade levels will work together to create a multi-cultural ceramic mural that will become a lasting addition to their school.

A Special Presentation

During the Summer of 1992, Mrs. Susan Wasserman (5th grade teacher at Shaw Avenue School), was selected to receive a Fulbright-Hays grant for travel to Guatemala and Mexico. Accompanied by ten other teachers from different areas of the country, she explored areas of economic development, addressed issues of social equality and environmental protection. At a recent Board of Education Meeting, Mrs. Wasserman made a presentation of her travels which included: a panoramic view of the historic temples, some of which took over 100 years to complete; paths through a forest ("Sounds of toucans, howler monkeys and other animals filled the morning air as if they were announcing our arrival in their domain," commented Mrs. Wasserman); eroded rain forests; and slash-and-burn agriculture. She continued her presentation by

showing slides of the mountain agriculture, art and architecture. In closing, she distributed several posters to the Board of Education, teachers, and principals. "And lastly, to the students of District 30, I dedicate this book of 30 cartographic post cards, one for every year I have taught in District 30, with my heartfelt thanks for making teaching such a joy."

Mrs. Wasserman raised the dilemma: Do we emphasize environmental concerns while permitting a largely illiterate indigenous population to starve, or do we concentrate on feeding a burgeoning population and risk sacrificing a most essential resource?

Mrs. Wasserman has developed a curriculum project for presentation to the 5th grade social studies classes which will attempt to assist the children in understanding this problem and aid them in looking for a solution.

How Big Were They?



At Shaw Avenue School there is a new student who is 50 feet tall! Can you guess what he might be? His name is Tyrone T-Rex and he is a dinosaur. It all began when Mrs. Mary Clavin's kindergarten class started studying dinosaurs.

After learning the names and the descriptions of several dinosaurs, the children wanted to know how big they really were. With a little research from

books and armed with rulers, the children measured 50 feet in the school courtyard. They blocked off 8 feet for the head, 6 inches per tooth, 10 feet for some arms, etc. They then traced and painted the tremendous Tyrannosaurus Rex. He sure is big and we've had some reports from a few pilots that he can be seen quite clearly from the air. We hope he stays with us for a long time.

NEWS FLASH

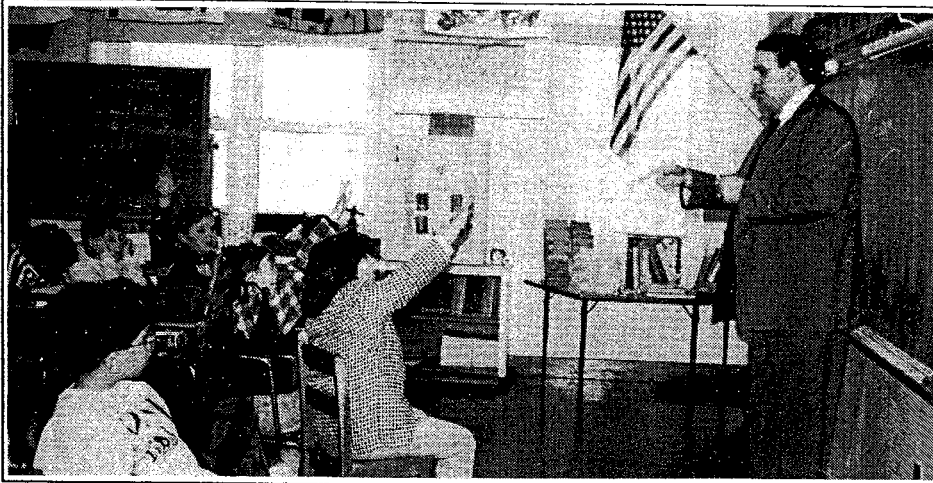
Just in from the Clear Stream Avenue School Computer Lab: "The third edition of 'Huberman's Happenings' is almost ready for publication," stated Mrs. Noeleen Douglas, Computer Aide. Every other month, a group of students from Mrs. Debra Huberman's 6th grade class prepares this special newsletter. Their staff and assistants include: Mrs. Huberman (their teacher), Mr. Gerard Camilleri (Director of Computer Education), and Mrs. Douglas.

Winning Motto

Clear Stream Avenue School held a contest to develop a motto for their school. There were over 125 entries. The winning entry was submitted by Karen Russer, 6th grader. She utilized their school's logo and name in a very clever manner!

**FUTURE STARS
CLEARLY STREAM
FROM HERE.**

Roadrunner to the Rescue



The Forest Road School 4th grade students have been demonstrating outstanding devotion to the environment. The children and their teachers, Mr. Bruce Lesser and Mrs. Susan Stiefel, named this thematic unit, "Roadrunner to the Rescue," in honor of the school mascot. The unit consisted of more than a dozen activities including writing research reports and poetry, creating filmstrips and transparencies, developing original board games, and making buttons and magnets, to name a few. One highlight of the program was the "Roadrunner Recycler," a rolling cart the children designed. Another activity was the choral reading

and re-enactment of Helen Cowcher's "Rainforest." With the assistance of Mrs. Susan Baron, Art Teacher, students created puppets of rainforest animals. These 4th graders are also quite proud of the environmental magazine that they wrote and published.

Finally, they wrote letters to many government officials to ask and encourage them to be more involved in environmental issues. On February 2, Mr. Joseph Galante, pictured, a representative from Governor Cuomo's office, visited the students in response to a letter that they sent. Upcoming event for these 4th graders: A visit from Supervisor Peterson's Ecology Department.



Mrs. Alice Dorb, Library-Media Specialist, and Mr. Robert Cohen, Principal, at Clear Stream Avenue School, accepted new books donated by Brownie Troop #2293. The troop, led by Mrs. Gloria Sciara and Mrs. Fran D'Alessio, raised money from a recycling project to purchase the books. A special thank you to Brownie Troop #2293!

OUR CLASS'S WAY OF CELEBRATING THE INAUGURATION AND ELECTION

In Mrs. Arlene Upton's 6th grade class we prepared for the election and inauguration in many different ways. One of the ways was current events. We put them in summaries and read them to the class. Then we had quizzes based on the current events.

Our class voted. We watched the presidential debates in our classroom on T.V. The whole class thought they were exciting as Bill Clinton, George Bush, and Ross Perot talked about issues and themselves. We also watched the vice presidential debate. We watched Al Gore, Dan Quayle, and Admiral James Stockdale discuss issues and the new candidates. As we watched we all had fun trying to figure out who was going to win. We learned all about the candidates. The majority of our class liked Bill Clinton. We talked about the parties they represented. In the class we also discussed what each would do for our country. The class decided that Bill Clinton promised the best for all Americans.

We had an election board to help learn about how an election works. Our class held an election. Everyone wrote who they wanted to win on a piece of paper. The poll showed that Ross Perot came in first. It was surprising! The second place was Clinton and last was Bush.

We also celebrated the inauguration. It consisted of many things. Our Inauguration Board had many facts on President Bill Clinton. It included newspaper articles about Bill Clinton. Some of them were serious and some were funny.

On inauguration day the whole class dressed in red, white, and blue. Our classroom was all decorated to match the inaugural theme. We all made buttons that said "Inauguration '92," with Bill Clinton's picture in the middle. We also made pins with the American flag on it. Everyone was patriotic, including Ms. Upton. We had an Inauguration Party, too. We brought in all different things. We had a flag cake, red, white, and blue cupcakes, flag cupcakes, and blue jiggles (which President Clinton likes). During the party we watched the inauguration. The whole class thought it was a very interesting election and inauguration. This will be an inauguration that all will never forget!

(Written by: Andrea Cotsonas, Erin Cunningham, Christina Giacalone, T.J. Rouse, Jennifer Walters, and Megan Winter.)

SPORTS EXTRA

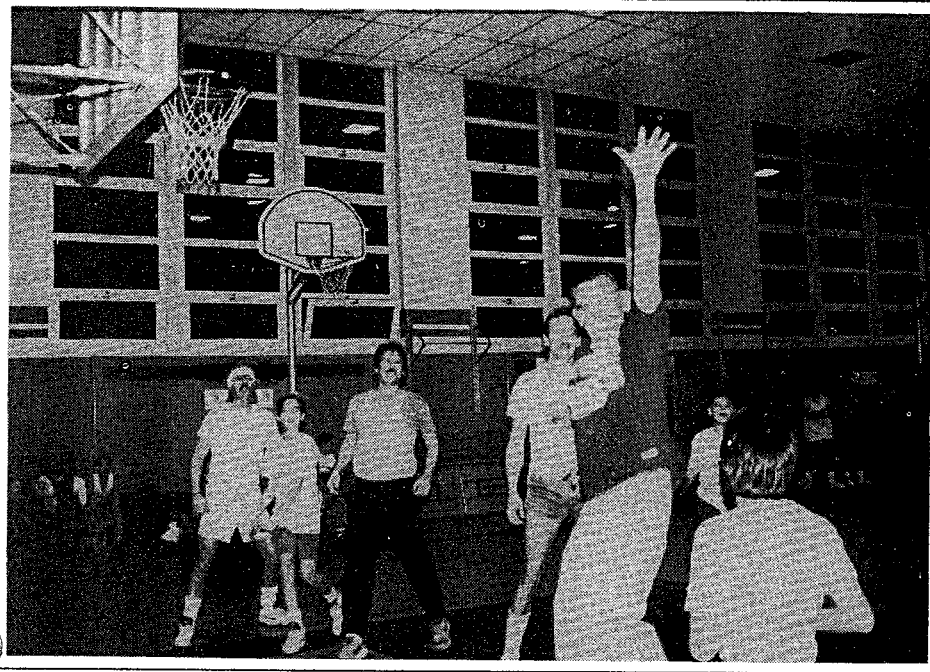
On January 26, the Shaw Avenue School's Annual Father/Son Basketball Game was tied at the end of regulation time at 60 points apiece when Jeremy Chou's 20 foot jump whistled through

lead, only to see it evaporate as the dads and teachers hung on to win by a 64-62 margin. "The game was truly one of the most exciting games ever," commented Mr. Thomas Rouse, Physi-

time ever, all the 6th grade players entered the scoring column. Congratulations to all our participants, players, scorekeepers, color guards, cheerleaders, and to their announcer Lisa Wallach.

The Mother/Daughter Annual Basketball Game (held on January 28) ended with a 38-37 double overtime victory by the 6th grade All Stars. In a game that can only be described as sensational, Kristen Niven's 20 foot jump as regulation time expired, tied the score at 34 points. As if that wasn't enough, Kristen repeated her performance as time ran out in the first overtime period by again sinking a long-range jump to send the game into double overtime. Laura Smith promptly put the 6th graders ahead by canning a baseline jump, which proved to be the difference in the game. Kristen paced the scoring attack with 14 points, while Laura Smith added 8, and Megan Winter pitched in with 4. Stephanie Franzese, Marni Cocco, and Laura Pace provided excellent floor leadership.

"Congratulations to our All Stars, to our cheerleaders, scorers, and everyone who took part in the game to make it such a success," stated Mr. Rouse.



The adrenaline was flowing.

cal Education Teacher. Pacing the scoring for the 6th graders after they fell behind by 12 points. As the game went into overtime, the 6th graders took an early

cal Education Teacher.

Pacing the scoring for the 6th graders was Brian Agostini with 14 points, T.J. Rouse with 12 points, and Al Pangus with 8 points. For the first



On hand to cheer the students and parents at the Basketball All-Star Games were the Shaw Avenue School Cheerleaders. They also performed at the Fourth Annual Festival of the Trees on Saturday, November 28th. Proceeds went to the United Cerebral Palsy Association of Nassau County. The full squad, twenty-four students from grades 5 and 6, participated in this charitable event. The Shaw Avenue School Cheerleaders also performed at Fireman's Field for the July 4th celebration. Geraldene Barbera is their Coach, and Sandra Gallo is Assistant Coach.

Students Reach Out

As part of their **Animal Awareness Project**, the Clear Stream Avenue School held a Fish Guessing Contest. Students and teachers came out in full force to place their 10 cent guess of the amount of gummy fish crammed in a fishbowl. They knew that the money raised would enable the school to adopt a whale and a manatee. Mrs. Phyllis Amalfitano had the closest guess of 615, and the gummy fish found a home in Room 9. She promised to share the fish with her class. There were actually 610 fish in the fishbowl. "Student Council, and our friends of the sea, would like to thank all who participated," stated Ms. Amy Agnesini, Physical Education Teacher and Student Council Advisor.



National UNICEF Day Update: October 31st, a day in our children's lives that is filled with excitement and anticipation. However, in some areas of the world, it is yet another day where children are fighting for their lives. While our children were sifting through their Halloween bags for the "good stuff," there were children wondering if they will ever eat again. Clear Stream Avenue School's Student Council recognized their need for help and sponsored "Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF." Students in grades 3-6 voluntarily carried around the famous UNICEF boxes and collected approximately \$500. Mrs. Dale Ehrenreich's 4th grade class collected the most money. This money will be used to help children in other parts of the world who are innocent victims of war. During the last decade, more than 1.5 million children have been killed in wars. Another 4 million have been blinded, lost limbs, or suffered other disabling injuries. In addition, more than 5 million children now live in refugee camps. "Our money will help children receive food, water, emergency medicine, and allow for special counseling to help heal the mental scars of war," stated a representative from Student Council.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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| March | 15 | Dist. 30 Board of Education Committee Meeting—8:00 p.m. |
| | 17 | Breakfast With The Superintendent—9:30 a.m. at Forest Road School |
| | 22 | Dist. 30 Board of Education Meeting—8:00 p.m. |
| | 24 | Forest Road School PTA Meeting—
Topic: Compact For Learning—8:00 p.m. |
| April | 5-12 | Spring Recess—SCHOOL CLOSED |
| | 14 | District 30 Budget Hearing—8:00 p.m. at Forest Road School |
| | 19 | Dist. 30 Board of Education Committee Meeting—8:00 p.m. |
| | 26 | Dist. 30 Board of Education Meeting—8:00 p.m. |
| | 28 | Budget Voting Registration (See Page 2) |
| | 30 | Kindergarten Registration—9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. in all schools (See Page 2) |

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

IMPORTANT NOTICE

New York State Income Tax forms for 1992 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.

Not Getting The Friendly Schools?

If you know of any District 30 residents who are not receiving *The Friendly Schools* and would like to, ask them to send their name and address to: District 30 Administrative Offices, 150 Washington Avenue, Valley Stream, N.Y. 11580-3056.

TAX EXEMPTION FOR SENIORS

Senior citizens with incomes less than \$20,700 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 \$16,500	50%
At least \$16,500 but less than \$17,100	45%
At least \$17,100 but less than \$17,700	40%
At least \$17,700 but less than \$18,300	35%
At least \$18,300 but less than \$18,900	30%
At least \$18,900 but less than \$19,500	25%
At least \$19,500 but less than \$20,100	20%
At least \$20,100 but less than \$20,700	15%
At least \$20,700 but less than \$21,300	10%

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, 1993. 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.

THE FRIENDLY SCHOOLS

Valley Stream Thirty Public Schools

Special Budget Issue

April, 1993

A LETTER TO OUR PARENTS AND TAXPAYERS

This special issue of THE FRIENDLY SCHOOLS contains information regarding the District's tentative budget for the 1993-94 school year. Registered voters will have the opportunity to vote on the budget on Wednesday, May 5, 1993.

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 to the well-being of our children and our community. Ever aware of the increased costs on taxpayers of the district, we have reviewed each allocation within our control and have attempted to keep increases at a minimum through good planning and attention to

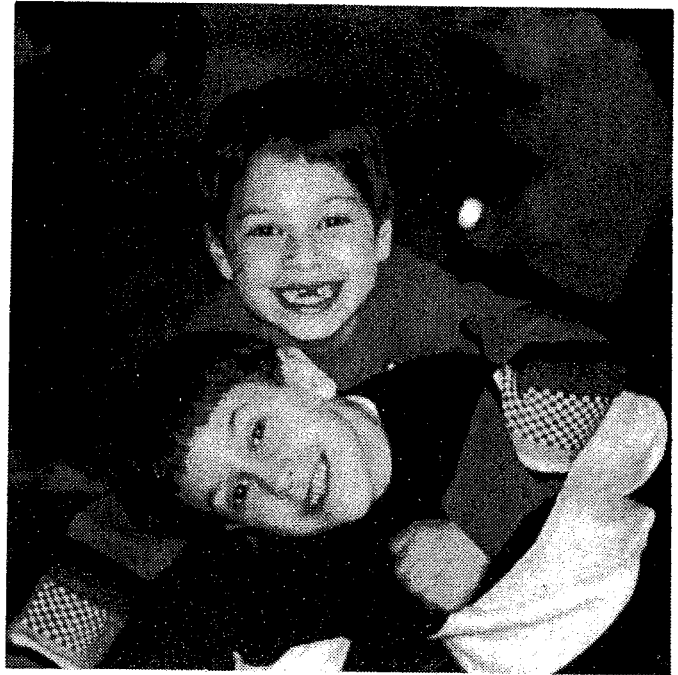
In addition, the Board of Education's budget presentations and work session were conducted in public so that taxpayers could be privy to the Board's discussions and concerns. The budget presented in this issue of THE FRIENDLY SCHOOLS, which will be further explained at the combined official budget hearing at the Forest Road School on Wednesday, April 14, 1993 at 8:00 p.m., and that will go to the voters on May 5, grew out of this process.

Thus, after much thought and deliberation, we are presenting for voter determination a tentative budget in the amount of \$12,635,368. This represents a modest increase of 2.92% in the operational budget; however, Governor Cuomo's promised reduction in non-property tax revenues (State Aid) may cause an increase of 67¢ per \$100 of assessed valuation in the estimated tax rate. We believe the 1993-94 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.

If you have any questions on the budget, please feel free to call the office of the Assistant Superintendent for Business at 285-9880.

Sincerely,

Board of Education

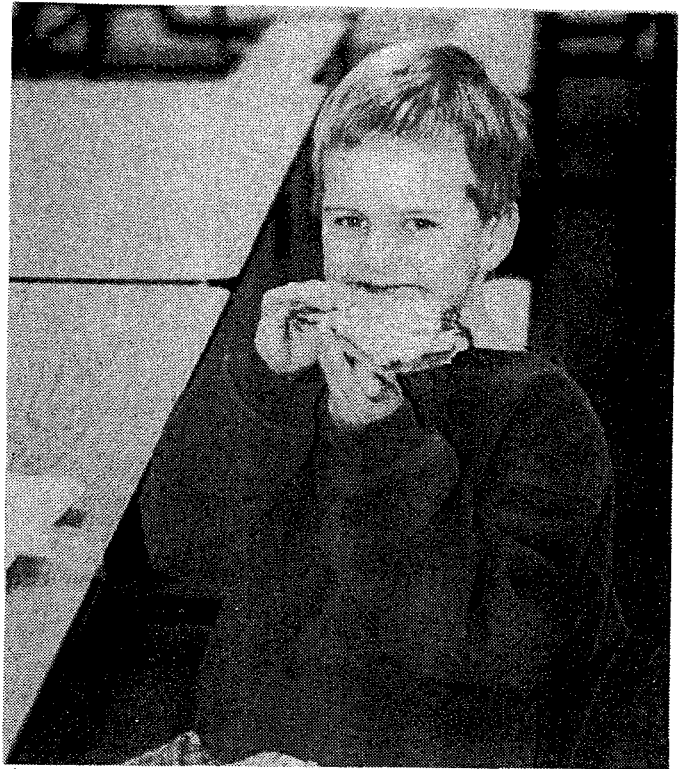
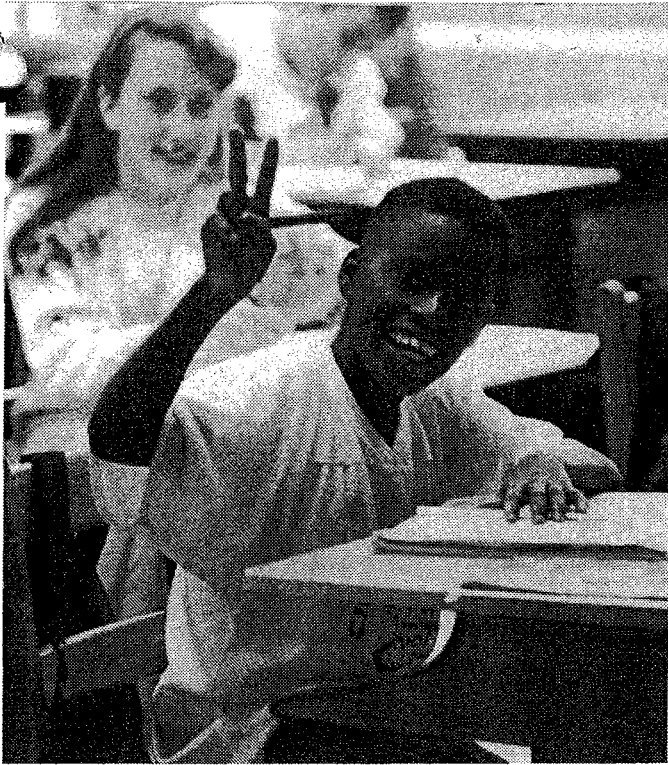


VALLEY STREAM UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT #30

TENTATIVE BUDGET 1993-1994

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>1992-1993 APPROVED BUDGET</u>	<u>1993-1994 TENTATIVE BUDGET</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>
Board of Education	\$ 8,250	\$ 8,250	\$ -0-
District Clerk	6,325	6,325	-0-
District Meetings	9,100	9,100	-0-
Central Administration	154,460	165,525	11,065
Business Administration	265,988	277,158	11,170
District Treasurer	15,500	15,500	-0-
Legal Services	28,600	28,600	-0-
Negotiations	6,000	6,000	-0-
Public Information	20,710	20,710	-0-
Operations and Maintenance	1,041,583	1,010,040	-31,543
Liability Insurance	110,500	110,500	-0-
School Association Dues	6,300	6,700	400
BOCES Administrative Charge	61,000	61,000	-0-
School Administration and Curriculum	523,815	524,905	1,090
Instructional Program	5,414,161	5,475,487	61,326
Special Education Program	1,171,224	1,241,561	70,337
Library and Media Services	277,393	288,549	11,156
Computer Education Program	144,125	155,170	11,045
Health and Psychological Services	258,532	262,198	3,666
Extra Services	20,125	20,125	-0-
Transportation	271,520	301,890	30,370
Community Lectures and Census	9,100	9,100	-0-
Employees' Benefits	2,222,698	2,400,975	178,277
Interfund Transfers	-0-	-0-	-0-
Debt Service - Interest	230,000	230,000	-0-
	\$12,277,009	\$12,635,368	\$358,359





HOW THE SCHOOL DOLLAR IS SPENT

61¢
INSTRUCTION

19¢
EMPLOYEE
BENEFITS

4¢
DISTRICT
ADMINISTRATION



4¢
TRANSPORTATION
and
INSURANCE

8¢
BUILDING
MAINTENANCE

4¢
BUILDING ADMINISTRATION
and
PUPIL PERSONNEL SERVICES

EXPLANATION OF BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE 1993-1994 SCHOOL YEAR

BOARD OF EDUCATION

\$ 8,25

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

DISTRICT CLERK

6,32

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

DISTRICT MEETINGS

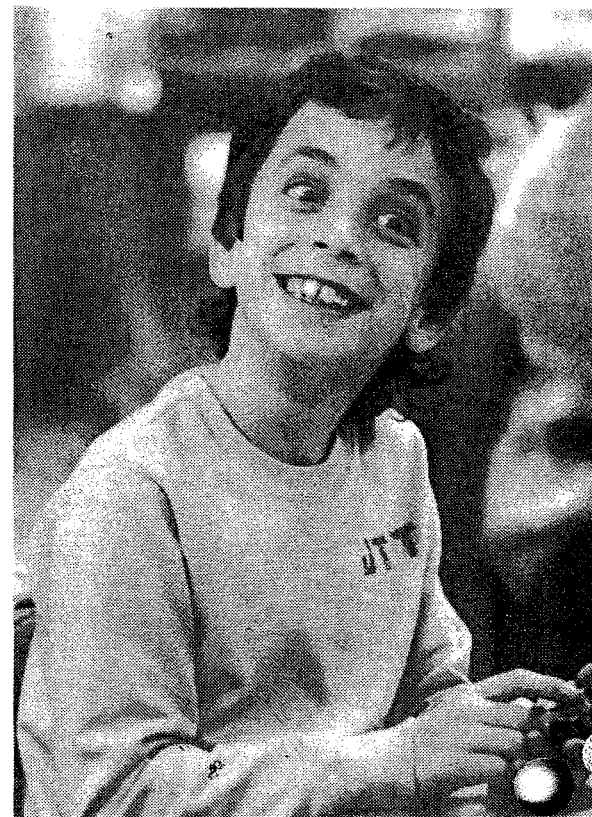
9,10

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

CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION

165,52

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





BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

277,158

Includes the salaries of the Assistant 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

15,500

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

LEGAL SERVICES

28,600

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

20,710

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

1,010,0

	<u>1992-93</u>	<u>1993-94</u>
Salaries	453,953	452,360
Materials for Building Upkeep & Repair	70,875	70,875
Utilities	272,650	274,160
Contractual Repairs, Service Contracts, Security, and Equipment	244,105	212,645

The change in expenditures covers salary increases in accordance with negotiated agreements, a reduction in custodial hours, 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. A minimal increase in the provision for utilities is carried in the new budget based on current industry trends.

LIABILITY INSURANCE

110,5

A continued stabilization in this budget appropriation is planned for 1993-94. Increases are not expected as a result of the district's participation in the New York Schools Insurance Reciprocal.

SCHOOL ASSOCIATION DUES

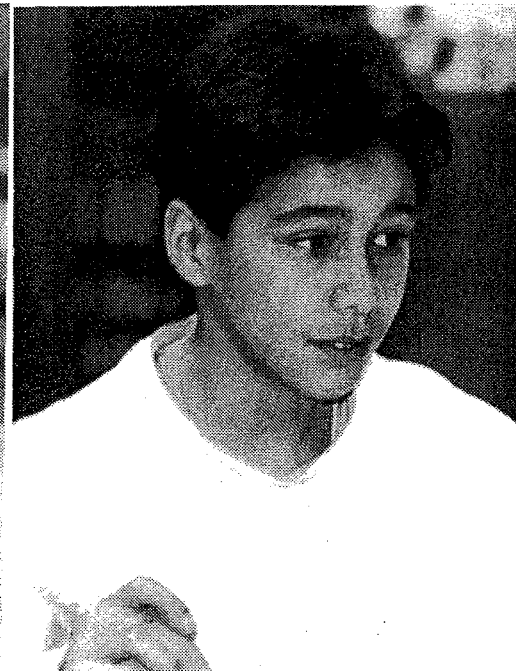
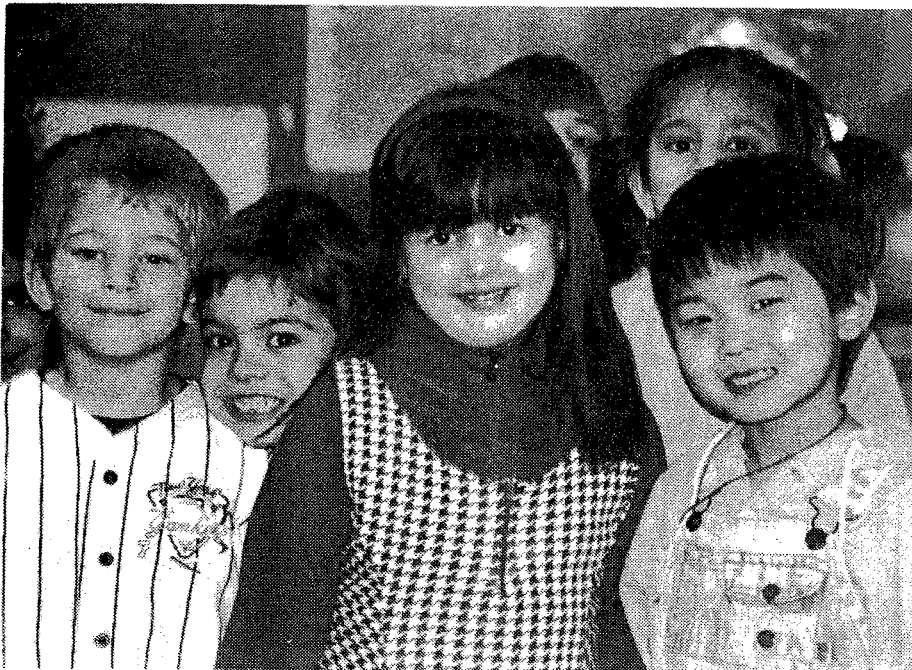
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Includes membership fees in local, state, and national educational organizations.

BOCES ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGE

61,0

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

524,905

Includes salaries for the Assistant Superintendent for Instruction, 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

5,475,487

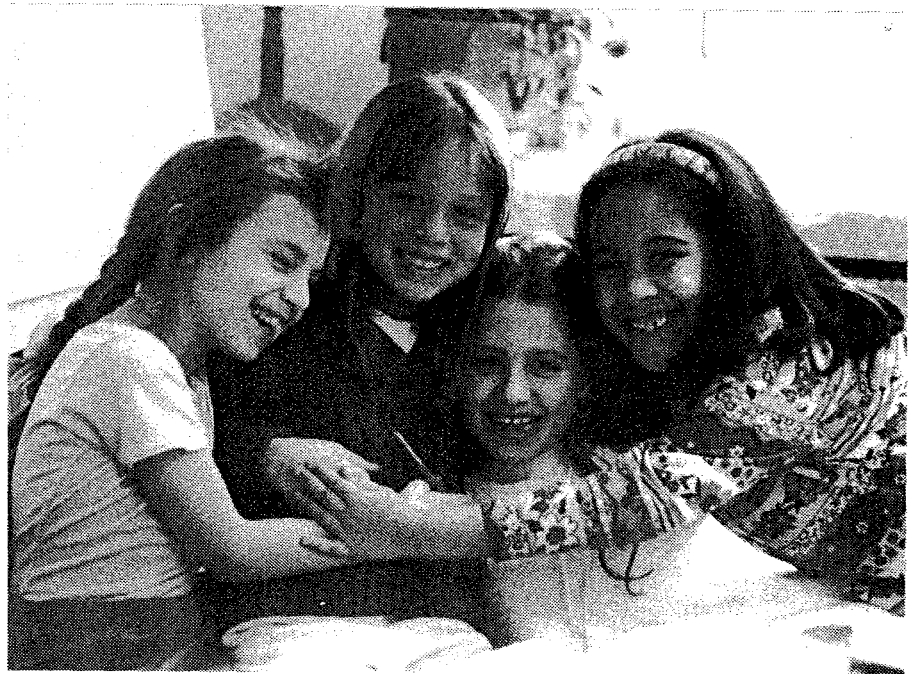
	<u>1992-93</u>	<u>1993-94</u>
Salaries	5,124,261	5,201,912
Equipment	17,125	10,800
Contractual Services	46,990	46,990
Materials and Supplies	102,965	97,965
Textbooks	96,960	91,960
BOCES Services	25,860	25,860

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

Decreases 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 61% of these programs is returned as state aid.





SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

1,241,561

	<u>1992-93</u>	<u>1993-94</u>
Salaries	437,308	427,660
Materials, Supplies & Contractual Services	64,335	123,335
Tuition - Other Districts and Private Schools	265,716	306,640
Tuition - BOCES	403,865	383,926

The decrease in salaries reflects adjustments made in accordance with current negotiated settlements. The district, in addition to operating four special education classes, provides specialists for students who are mainstreamed into regular classes.

The increase 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/or non-residential schools.

SCHOOL LIBRARIES AND MEDIA SERVICES

288,549

Includes the salaries for librarians, library monitors and clerical staff, library and media equipment, library books, periodicals, materials and supplies for the three schools.

COMPUTER EDUCATION**155,170**

Includes the salary for the Teacher of Computer Education and the salaries of four computer aides. The appropriation for computer equipment reflects the continued expansion of our program into the primary grade classrooms.

HEALTH, SCREENING AND PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES**262,198**

	<u>1992-93</u>	<u>1993-94</u>
Health Services	111,284	110,678
Psychological and Screening Services	147,248	151,520

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.

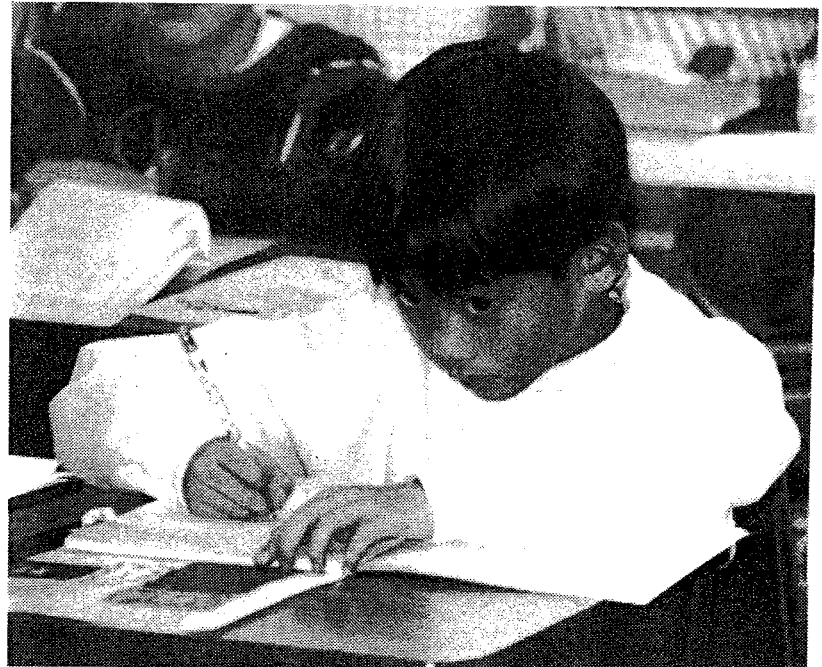
EXTRA SERVICES**20,125**

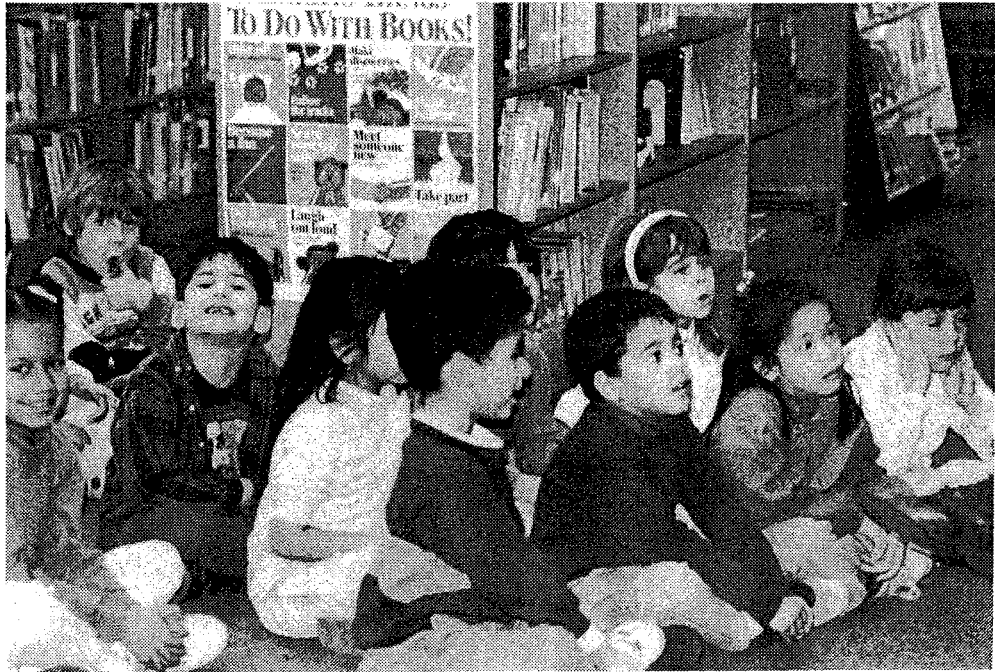
Includes extra pay for extra services and supervision and reflects the district's commitment to provide a broad range of activities for our children both before and after school.

TRANSPORTATION**301,890**

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 stabilization 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. Ninety percent 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 groupsservices
Future transportation aid decrease

Possible negative impact on home resale value

VOTE ON MAY 5, 1993

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

2,400,975

	<u>1992-93</u>	<u>1993-94</u>
N.Y.S. Employees' Retirement System	59,000	84,000
N.Y.S. Teachers' Retirement System	459,010	461,225
Social Security	546,752	621,325
Worker's Compensation	43,970	59,826
Medical & Dental Insurance	1,113,966	1,174,599

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

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In the past, the Interfund Transfers appropriation provided funding for improvements to your District's facilities. Although there are no capital projects scheduled for 1993-94, 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. Funding for reimbursable agency approved projects is no longer accounted for in this category.

DEBT SERVICE

230,000

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

	BUDGETED RECEIPTS 1992-93	ESTIMATED RECEIPTS 1993-94
Surplus	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000
Use of Money and Property	110,000	110,000
State Aid	1,033,000	1,033,000
BOCES Aid	61,000	61,000
Services to Other Districts	10,000	10,000
Other Revenue	10,000	10,000
	\$ 1,724,000	\$ 1,724,000
Amount to be Raised by Taxation	10,553,009	10,911,368
Total General Fund Budget	\$12,277,009	\$12,635,368
Actual Tax Rate 1992-93		\$19.32
Estimated Tax Rate 1993-94 Proposition No. 1		\$19.99

The estimated tax rate is based upon the August 1, 1992 assessed valuation of \$53,474,997. Any change in the assessed valuation as of August 1, 1993 will effect the estimated tax rate. Changes in laws affecting state aid and property valuations could change the amount to be raised by taxation.



SAMPLE BALLOT

You will be asked to vote on the following on May 5, 1993

**Member, Board of Education
Term Ending June 30, 1998
To succeed William O. Gauger**

1) **William O. Gauger**

2) _____

**PROPOSITION NO. 1: Valley Stream Union Free School District #30 Budget
RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of Valley Stream Union Free School District #30,
Town of Hempstead, Nassau County, New York
is hereby authorized to expend the sum of \$12,635,368
for the 1993-1994 school year and to levy the necessary tax therefor.**

**PROPOSITION NO. 2: Valley Stream Central High School District Budget
RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of Valley Stream Central High School District
Town of Hempstead, Nassau County, New York
be and the same hereby is authorized to expend the sums
in the General Fund Appropriation (\$\$, \$\$\$, \$\$\$) to be raised through taxation
in the several districts included within the Central High School District.**





VOTING INFORMATION

Voting will take place on Wednesday, May 5, 1993 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 last day of registration for the May 5, 1993 election is Wednesday, April 28, 1993. 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 5 if your name appears in the General Election Lists of Nassau County, the process of voting on May 5 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 5 ... 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.



DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday, April 14

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

Monday, April 26

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

Wednesday, April 28

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

Friday, April 30

**Kindergarten and First Grade
Registration, All Schools
9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.**

Wednesday, May 5

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

*District Art Exhibit, All Schools
7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.*

1993-1994 ESTIMATED SCHOOL TAXES FOR PRIVATE HOMEOWNERS

ASSESSED VALUATION OF HOME	ESTIMATED ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TAXES	ESTIMATED INCREASE OVER 1992-93
\$1,000.00	\$ 199.90	\$ 6.70
\$4,000.00	\$ 799.60	\$26.80
\$5,000.00	\$ 999.50	\$33.50
\$6,000.00	\$1,199.40	\$40.20
\$7,000.00	\$1,399.30	\$46.90
\$8,000.00	\$1,599.20	\$53.60

PLEASE VOTE ON MAY 5, 1993

**THE FRIENDLY SCHOOLS
VALLEY STREAM U.F.S.D. #30
VALLEY STREAM, NY 11580-3056**

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**VALLEY STREAM U.F.S.D. THIRTY
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

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Leanore Egan, Member
Richard Eisenberg, Member
Andrew J. Walters, Member

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
Lawrence R. McGoldrick

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ART EXHIBIT

MAY 5, 1993

7:30 p.m. – 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 exhibits. Parents and other interested adults in the community are invited to visit the schools. Children attending the exhibit must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Drug Free School Zone

In an effort to provide a safer haven for students and a place where both children can learn and teachers can teach without a threat of physical and psychological harm, the Board of Education established a Drug-Free School Zone around its school buildings and in its community. Chapter 280 of the Law of 1985 defines "School Grounds" as any building, athletic field, playground or land within the real property boundary line of a school together with an area within 1,000 feet of said real property boundary line.

The District 30 Board of Education declared its support for full and strict enforcement of all laws designed to prevent illegal sale of controlled substances within the Drug-Free School Zone. They also support increased criminal penalties for sale of controlled substances within said zone.

The Free Masons of the State of New York, as a public service, will provide warning signs for all District 30 schools.

Read on...

- *Geography Bee Update*
- *Healthy Heart Week*
- *Music News*
and more...

Read on...

See how language, art, science, math, history, etc. are incorporated in many diversified classroom activities!

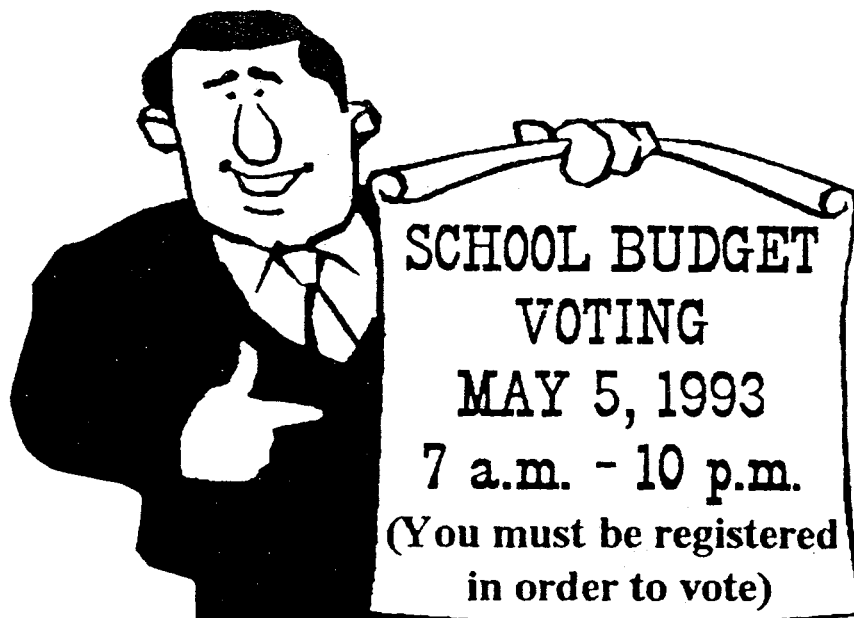
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PLEASE NOTE:

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



Instrumental Music Committee News

On March 10, CHIME (Children Have Instrumental Music Education) held their monthly meeting at Clear Stream Avenue School. Mr. Cohen, Principal, advised the group that in June, Ms. Concetta Madonia would be



visiting the 4th grade students to introduce various instruments. This will encourage those students, who are interested, into choosing an instrument to play in September. This news was enthusiastically received by the parents in attendance.

Mrs. Joanne Ferraioli, CHIME's President, thanked Mr. Cohen for his encouraging news and comments.

(NOTE: CHIME meetings are held monthly for all District 30 residents. Notice is given in the weekly village newspapers.)

Board Notes

- Upon the recommendation of Mr. Lawrence McGoldrick, Superintendent of Schools, the District 30 Board of Education approved the appointments of the following individuals to the position of Teachers of the Gifted Club: Mrs. Susan Baron (Art Teacher), Mrs. Carol Biscardi (Computer Aide), and Mr. Ralph Laudano (Science Teacher). This club will meet once a week for 90 minutes.

- The Board of Education held its first Cracker Barrel, which was hosted by Clear Stream Avenue School. Mr. William O. Gauger, President of the Board of Education, stated that it was a very positive experience and some very fine comments and questions were presented. As a result, the district hopes to schedule additional dates for these informal Cracker Barrel gatherings.

- At a recent Board of Education Meeting, Mrs. Mary Maclean, 3rd grade teacher at Clear Stream Avenue School, presented a report on her trip to New Zealand. She was able to observe firsthand the progress of Whole Language methods in the country where the concept of Whole Language originated. With the visual aid of slides, Mrs. Maclean brought the Board of Education and attendees into two New Zealand classrooms.

Geography Bee Update

After winning the Clear Stream Avenue School's Geography Bee, Daniel Brody, went on to complete a difficult qualifying exam for the State Level Competition. The exam was sent to the National Geographic Society for scoring and the entire school waited anxiously for the results.



When the results came in, Daniel was one of 100 students from all of New York State students selected to participate in this competition. The New York State Finals will be held on April 2 in Kiamesha Lake. If Daniel wins this competition he will advance to the National Competition which is being held in Washington, D.C. "We are all very proud of Daniel and we wish him the best of luck," stated Mrs. Ellyn Fitzgerald, Reading Teacher. Congratulations, Daniel!

(Editor's Note: At the time this issue went to press, the results of the New York State Finals were not known. Whatever the results were, we are all very proud of Daniel's achievement.)

3rd grade class that allowed a person to travel through the body by taking much the same route that blood cells



Slim Goodbody

take through the circulatory system.

Teachers participated in many successful activities after school, which included: Exercising to Richard Simmons "Sweaten to the Oldies;" step aerobics; and yoga, instructed by "Erika".

Other activities included: creative writing (heart theme), a Heart Tree displayed in the lobby, a discussion with a cardiologist. Representatives from the Heart Association held workshops for each grade. The representatives were impressed

with the camaraderie at Shaw Avenue School and plan to use this week long program as a model for other Nassau County schools.



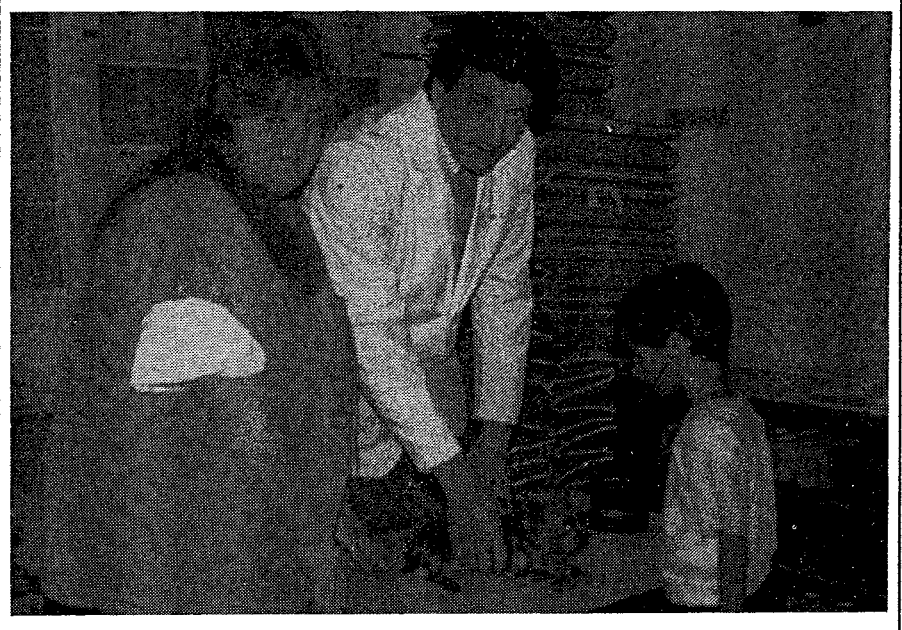
TO THE CLASS OF '93

We wish our 6th graders a lifetime of success and happiness. As they look back on their elementary school years, we hope we have given them some fond memories. Congratulations to our Class of '93!

The Washington, D.C. Experience

Our District 30 5th graders, along with teachers and parent chaperones, embarked on their Washington, D.C. trip. This special overnight trip was packed with tours of our great capital. It proved to be an enjoyable educational experience for our students—an experience they will long remember.

Special Visitors



Dr. Alario allowed students to assist in examining Smokey.



The kindergarten classes of Mrs. Susan Moskowitz and Mrs. Roslyn Scheidt have completed a month long unit on Community Helpers. They were visited by parents who spoke to both classes about their occupations. The children received visits from: Nurses, Mrs. Michelle Feinstein, Mrs. Carol Ignaciuk, and Mrs. Margaret Tannenbaum; Doctors, John Wagner, Carol Dunetz, and Mitchell Tannenbaum; a Mailman, Mr. Charlie Egbert, who is their school's mailman; a Physical Therapist, Mrs. Wendy Martorella; a Pharmacist, Mrs. Donna Magli; an Audiologist, Mrs. Jill Mandel; and an Architect,



Mr. Donald Hickey. Other visitors, who are not parents of our students, but part of the vast natural resources we have in our community included: Dr. Anthony Alario, Veterinarian, and his assistant Ms. Sandy Kenzer (accompanied by Smokey, a Yorkshire Terrier, and Zac, an iguana); and Ms. Pat Pagano, Meteorologist.



All of these people understand the importance for our students to have hands-on and concrete experiences. To all of these "special" people, Forest Road School kindergartners, their teachers, and District 30 are very grateful and extend a big thank you!

Made in the U.S.A.

"Made In The U.S.A." was a very inspirational play presented by several classes in Forest Road School. Through song and dance the students demonstrated their pride in our country and helped the audience get to know our country personally, feel its spirit, and celebrate its diversity. Through singing and dancing students demonstrated this as follows: Kindergartners—"All Of Us Are American," and "A Whole Great



Amy Kraus and Ted Osterer were among the 3rd graders dancing to "O, Susanna."

Land"; 1st graders—"Carolina In The Morning," "Deep In The Heart Of Texas," and "California Here I Come"; 3rd graders—"This Is My Country," "O, Susanna," and "Pop Goes The Weasel"; 5th graders—"Rockin' Robin," "Leader Of The Pack," "Surfin' Safari," "Hang On," and "Old Time Rock And Roll." The finale was "God Bless The U.S.A." and "Let's Hear It For America." Mrs. Fran Gibson, Music Teacher, accompanied the students on the piano and keyboard, as the audience enthusiastically responded to the music.

We at District 30 would like to wish you a most healthful, restful, and enjoyable Summer Vacation!

100 Jumps Each!

On March 19, Forest Road School eagerly participated in a Hop-n-ing. This event was an Easter Seal fundraiser. The activity taught the children about less fortunate children with disabilities and handicaps. The kindergartners hopped with all their energy to raise as much money as possible for this worthy cause. The children jumped on an average of 100 jumps each and raised over \$500. WOW! We are very proud of our champs and all the caring they demonstrated. A special thank you to everybody who made their pledges and donations and to Mr. Vincent Manzo, Physical Education Teacher, and Mrs. Verna Brown, Special Counselor, who assisted in the event.

Martians Land In District 30

Mrs. Paula Franklin's 1st grade class took the Clear Stream Avenue School on "A Trip Around The World" during its class play. Martians descended from outer space to find the perfect Clear Stream earthling to take to the faraway countries of China, India, Pakistan, Ireland, France, and Spain. They traveled high above the earth in a big beautiful balloon meeting children and making friends the world over. A most important lesson was learned by all: Although children may dress, look or talk differently, they are all very much the same—wouldn't it be wonderful if everyone could be friend

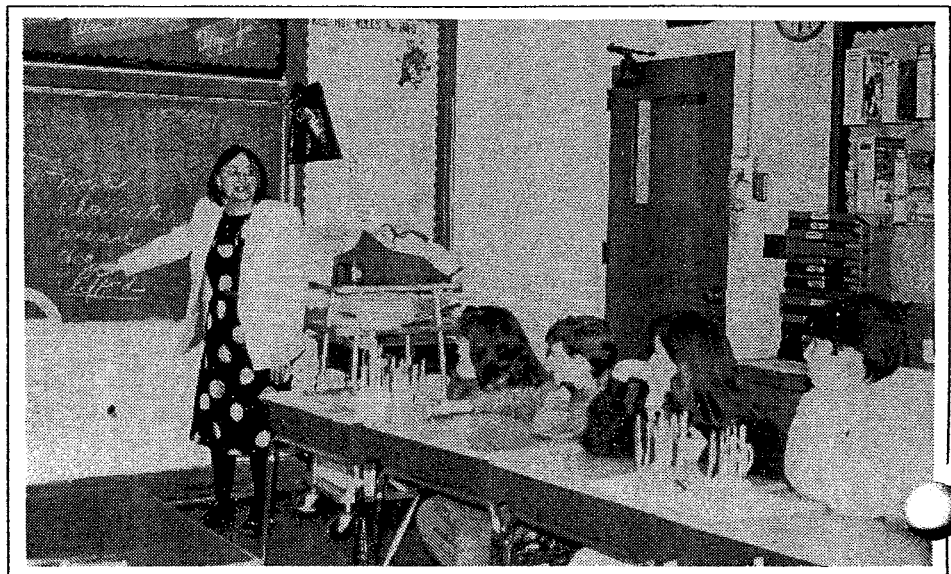
Author Visits

Author Josephine Nobisso spent a week visiting classes in Forest Road School. She has co-authored nonfiction books and written novels and the following children's books: "Grandma's Scrapbook," "Shh! The Whale is Smiling," and "Grandpa Loved," which was cited by Parents Magazine as "Best Kids Book of the Year."

Pictured is Josephine Nobisso visit-

ing Mrs. Linda Kessler's 6th grade class. She spoke to the class about secrets of writing. She stated, "I will give you tips that will last the rest of your life," as the students eagerly participated in the discussion.

Josephine Nobisso's visit was arranged by Mrs. Charlotte Lurie, Forest Road School PTA 2nd Vice President in charge of Programming.



A lesson in writing

Musicians of The Month

The District 30 Instrumental Music Department is proud to announce the recipients of the "Musician of the Month" Award. This award is given to students who fulfill certain requirements. Some of these requirements are musicianship, good attendance, preparedness of each music lesson, attitude/behavior, enthusiasm, good citizenship, amount of weekly practice time and helpfulness. Miss Concetta Madonia, Instrumental Music Teacher, is proud to announce the winners.



February's

"Musician of the Month"

At Clear Stream Avenue School: Dawn Fredericks and Erica Bohringer on flute, and Frank Miale on percussion;

At Forest Road School: Andrew Schwartz on percussion and Melissa Mitgang on clarinet;

At Shaw Avenue School: Andrea Kang and Christine Anderson, on clarinet, and Matthew Viola on percussion.



March's

"Musician of the Month"

At Clear Stream Avenue School: Pamela Russo and Jennifer Fusco on flute, Marlon Briscoe on percussion, and Sal Randazzo on trumpet;

At Forest Road School: Eva Kiviat and Nicole Laurentz on flute, Melissa Barreto on clarinet, Randy Cohn on trumpet;

At Shaw Avenue School: Elizabeth Tillotson and Nicole Colleta, on clarinet, Dennis Vessely on saxophone and Elizabeth Schecter on clarinet.

Once again, congratulations to all of you winners and remember... "PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT!"

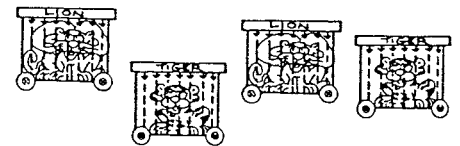


P.A.R.P. (Parents As Reading Partners) was a huge success in our schools. P.A.R.P. is a six week program sponsored by PTA that encourages parents to spend 15 minutes each day reading to their child. Pictured are some parents from Forest Road School who got into the swing of things and dressed up as characters from children's favorite books.



Perfect Penpals

The children in Mrs. Barbara Clarke's class just completed a second set of letters to their penpals. Their penpals are 4th grade students at P.S. 1332 in Bellerose, Queens. "Our class is so enthusiastic about this project. The children await with eager anticipation for the letters to arrive. When they arrive, we share with the class what each penpal wrote," stated Mrs. Clarke. The children have exchanged pictures and asked questions to get to know their penpals better. The children at P.S. 1332 have been on many class trips. They have seen Broadway plays, and our children are so excited to hear their news. Mrs. Clarke's class finished reading "Sarah Plain and Tall" and their penpals are starting to read this book, too. The children hope to keep their penpals when they are in 5th grade. The class is hoping that the 4th grade students of Mrs. Consentino's class in Bellerose will come to visit them. That would be a special treat.



The Circus Has Arrived!

Mrs. Josephine Harper's 2nd grade class at Shaw Avenue School welcomed Spring by presenting a Circus Play. This lively, visual, show was enjoyed by all and the children enthusiastically performed for their school mates.



Plan Ahead:

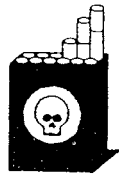
Read
"Mark Your Calendar"
on the back page
of this newsletter.

Healthy Heart Week

The entire Shaw Avenue School student body and faculty participated in a week long event entitled, Healthy Heart Week. "This program started out small and blossomed as more and more people were eager to join and demonstrate the importance of a healthy heart," commented Mrs. Joan

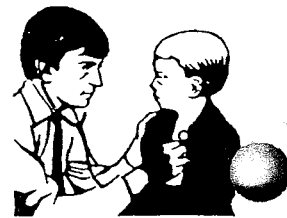
Stein, and her "committee of hundreds", incorporated art, math, language, science, and even lunchtime into this project. This event is sure to remain in the minds of everyone involved.

The hallways were decorated with signs and posters designed by students with messages, i.e., "You are what you eat," "Exercise your Body," and "Do not Smoke." To start off Healthy Heart Week, the entire student body (over 600) and faculty walked 1/2 mile. Other activities included: A Step-a-Thon for kindergarten to 2nd grade students who enthusiastically participated to the rhythm of music; Fifth graders performed a nonsmoking skit for grades 1-3, entitled,



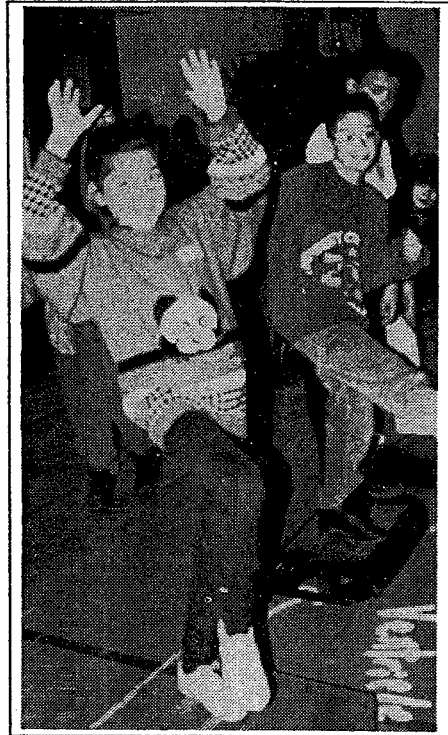
"Smoke Free Class of 2000;" a Tin Man (Mr. Stanley Kaminsky, Shaw Avenue School Principal), visited kindergarten and 1st grade classes; and PTA members visited the classrooms with a Healthy Snack Cart. During this special week, School Nurse, Mrs. Susan Lombardo, R.N., brought her stethoscope

into classes so that students could hear their heart. She also encouraged faculty members to have their blood pressure checked. Students were visited by Slim Goodbody at a special assembly. The entire assembly



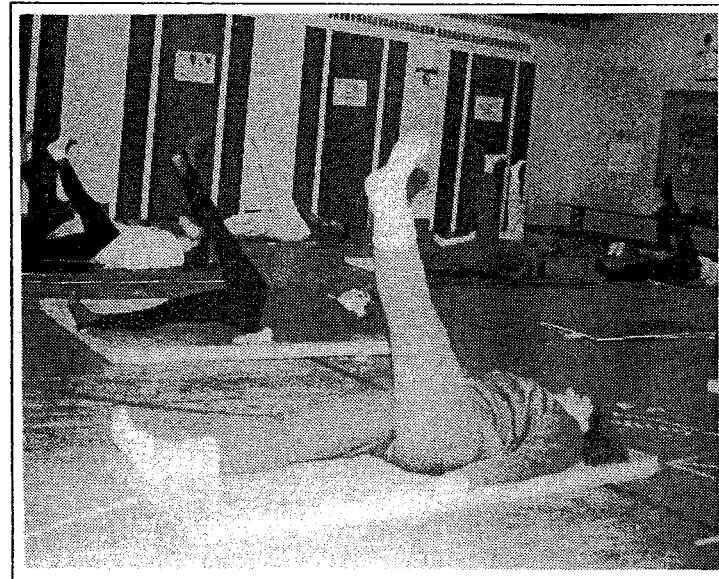
clapped hands and sang (such songs as "Up and Down I'm Your Diaphragm"), as "Slim Goodbody" creatively described the parts of the body.

The Science Room was one center of attraction that provided a hands-on "Journey Through The Body Zone." This was an adventure designed by the

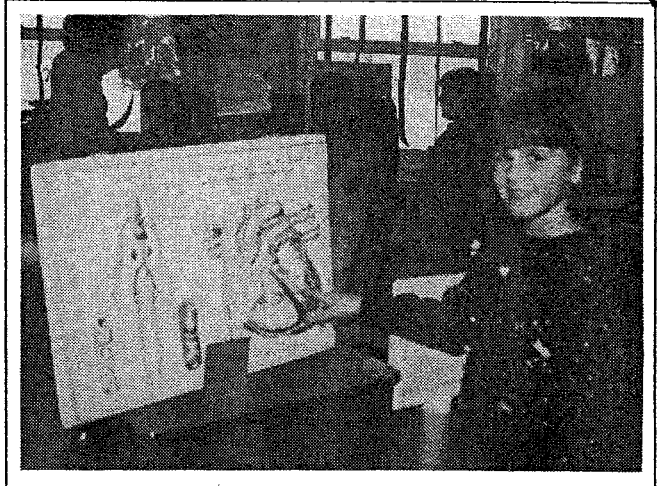


Step-A-Thon

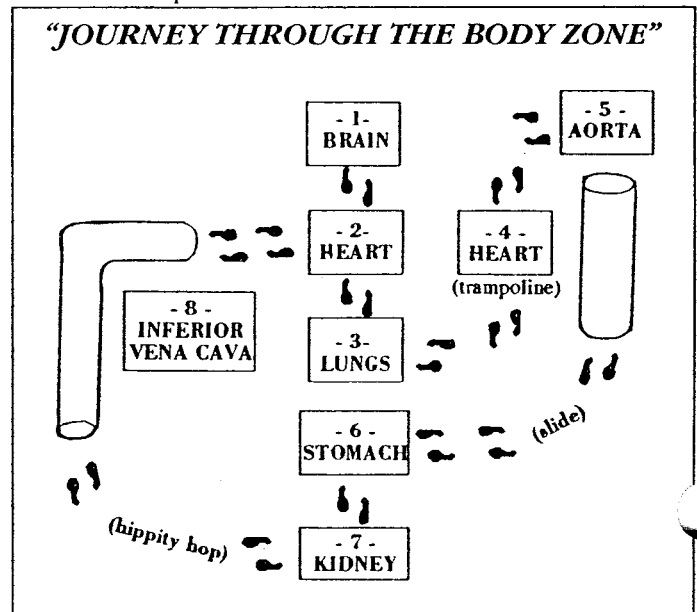
Stein (Physical Education Teacher), coordinator of Healthy Heart Week. Mrs.

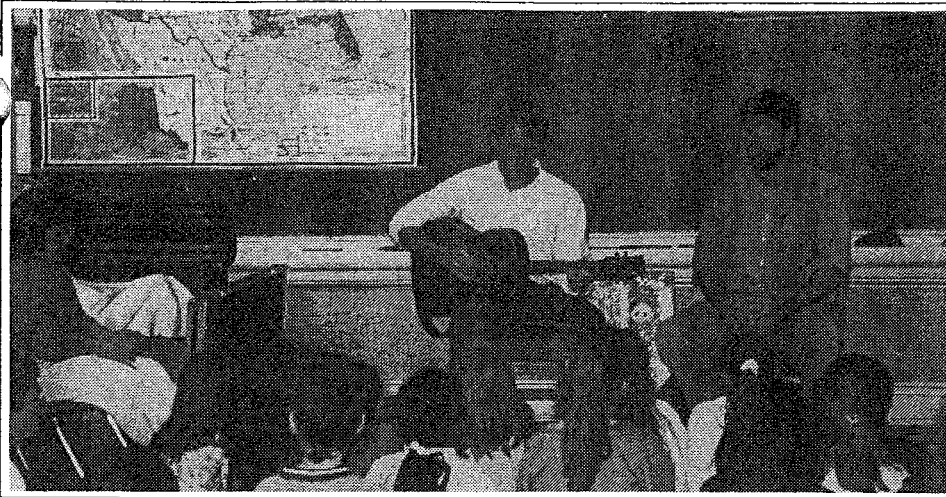


Yoga Class



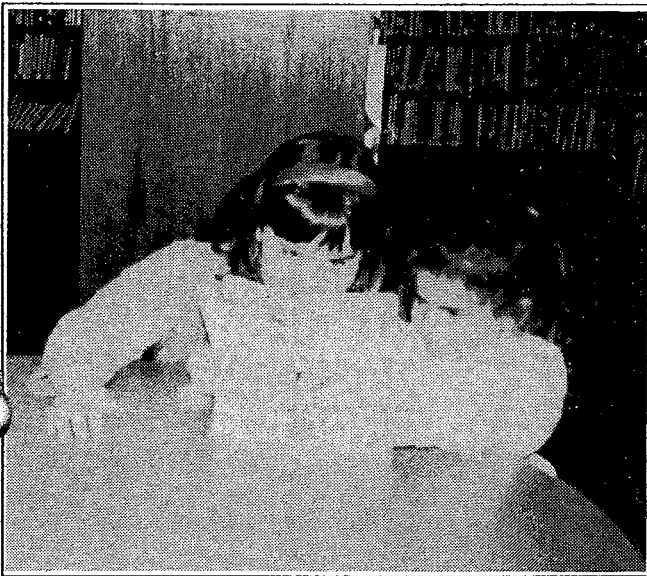
Journey Through The Body Zone





Folk Music And History

Students at Clear Stream Avenue School listen to Jeff Warner and Jeff Davis to learn our history through our rich heritage of folk music. The musical pair sing and play a variety of instruments including fiddle, guitar, banjo, and spoons.



Reading Is Fun!

During their lunch time these Forest Road School's 1st graders decided to spend their time in the library to read a book! This is not an unfamiliar sight in our three schools. Many of our students visit their school library for research work, or just to read for fun!

"Our greatest national resource is the minds of our children."

—Walt Elias Disney

Classroom Excitement

Pupils are actively involved in many different projects in Mrs. Dale Ehrenreich's 4th grade class at Clear Stream Avenue School. They have created timelines of important events in their lives and written wonderful stories about how to catch a leprechaun, choosing between keeping money and giving it away, being lucky, and selling shamrock sofas. Each child is working on a poetry project that involves reading a book of poetry, memorizing a poem, copying one, and writing briefly about the book.



Students are excited about studying the solar system. Their research reports about the planets were prepared by using outlines created by the children's questions and new information discovered each day!

"Congratulations to all the children who are trying the daily math bonus problem, completing Big News Summaries, and are eating healthy snacks!" proudly stated Mrs. Ehrenreich.

I like St. Patricks Day and I like dressing up as a leprechaun. I am so sad that St. Patricks Day is over. I am going to sing McNamaras Band. I have some St. Patricks Day patches. I am going to make a shamrock.

By: Thomas Costanzo

(1st Grader - Mrs. Franklin's class
Clear Stream Avenue School)

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

May	5	School Budget Voting—All Schools—7:00 a.m.—10:00 p.m. District Art Exhibit—All Schools—7:30—9:00 p.m.
	17	District 30 Board of Education Committee Meeting—8:00 p.m.
	24	District 30 Board of Education Meeting—8:00 p.m.
	31	MEMORIAL DAY—Schools Closed
June	21	District 30 Board of Education Committee Meeting—8:00 p.m.
	23	6th Grade Graduation—All Schools—8:15 p.m.
	25	Last Day of School
	28	District 30 Board of Education Meeting—8:00 p.m.

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

Upcoming

While this issue of the Friendly Schools was in the process of being printed the following events are planned:

- The Clear Stream Avenue School PTA will be sponsoring a program entitled **"Talking With Your Children About Aids,"** on April 20. This program will include: a brief video showing examples of parents interacting with their children on this topic; a panel responding to questions and concerns of parents; and an informal packet will be given to each family attending.

- **National Library Week**—April 19-23. Our schools will be celebrating this event with the Great New York Read Aloud. Children have invited

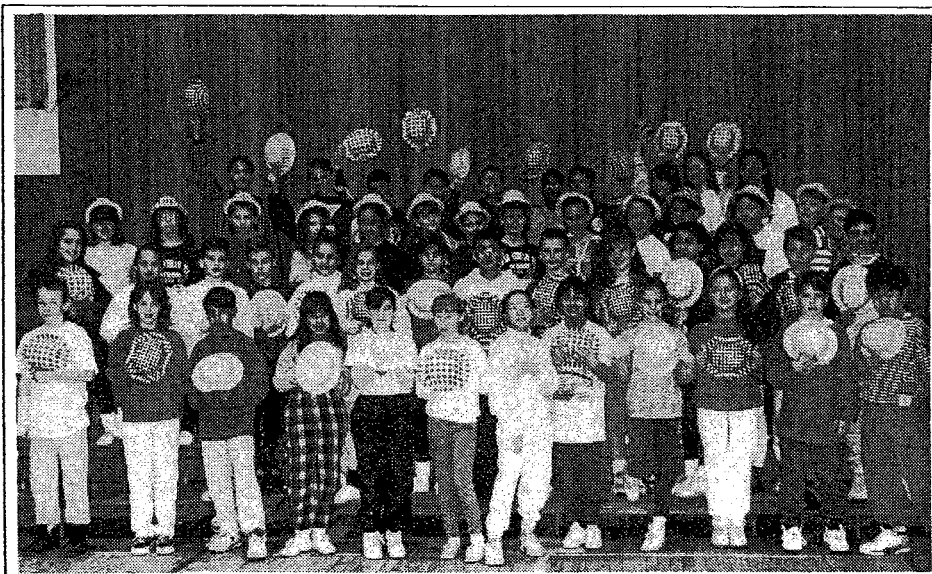
grandparents and other relatives to read to their class during library period. The children will be selecting the book to be read by their honored guests.

- Mrs. Linda Pratt, Music Teacher, has announced the Clear Stream Avenue School Concert Band and Choruses will be entertaining at their **Spring Concert**, on April 22. The program will include a baseball rendition performed by the 4th grade chorus, followed by the Concert Band featuring the clarinets in "Clarinet Blues" and the "Can Can". The handbell choir will ring three numbers. The chorus and a select ensemble will finish the evening with several tunes including "HATS," pictured below.

A Lesson For All



Through the efforts of PTA, Mrs. Charlotte Lurie, PTA 2nd Vice President in charge of Programming, arranged a very entertaining and inspiring program. Ms. Susanmaire Cunningham and her soft sculptures demonstrated the importance of being a friend, needing a friend, and stressed self-esteem with her "Family Album" of soft sculptures. Pictured is Lynn Counio, 4th grader in Mrs. Ma Ruschin's class, demonstrating unique sculptures. Can you tell what parts are soft sculptured and what are Lynn's????

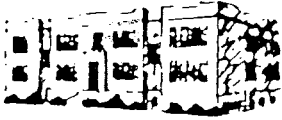


Students practicing "HATS" for their Spring Concert.

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Dear Residents,

Summer is a memory, fall is here and that means another school year has begun. I sincerely hope that everyone had a wonderful summer.

Earlier in the year, I talked about the "New Compact for Learning" and the Planning Committee that was formed to prepare the implementation plan for the district. The committee, facilitated by our Superintendent, Larry McGoldrick, and composed of parents, teachers, and principals, met several times and developed the implementation plan which was accepted by the Board of Education. This plan was then submitted to the State Education Department for approval. The district received approval a few weeks prior to the opening of school. We are one of 8 districts on Long Island and 42 in the State to have their plans approved at this time. This is a tremendous accomplishment and something of which to be proud. The entire Board of Education and I appreciate all the time and effort given by the committee and we extend our congratulations to each member for a job well done.

However, this is only the first step in the implementation process. We will soon be seeking candidates to participate on building level teams. The function of these teams will be the development of building level pilot programs to enhance children's learning. Applications will be available soon.

Last May many of you came to our schools and voted on our budget for this year. On behalf of all our children, I sincerely thank all of you who supported the budget by a 2 to 1 margin. As a result of this vote, we have been able to reinstate several programs that were temporarily suspended. The instrumental music program has been reinstated at a full time level. We are also working toward the establishment of a string instrumental music club.

The benefits of the hard work of the Gifted and Talented Committee are also being realized. The district has hired a part-time teacher and will inaugurate a new Gifted and Talented Program this fall. Lastly, we were able to include class trips in the budget. Your continued support enables us to improve the excellence of our educational program.

There are many wonderful programs and activities going on in all our schools. I encourage everyone to participate in the education of our children.

Sincerely,

Bill Gauger, *President*
Board of Education

November 12, 1953 was a very special day—it was the dedication of Forest Road School. On Saturday, October 23, 1993, another celebration will be held—the 40th Birthday of Forest Road School. The theme will be "The 50's and community spirit." Opening ceremonies will begin at 10:00 a.m., followed by dancing, singing, refreshments, activities (sack races, etc.) and more! This special event is being sponsored by the Forest Road School PTA and promises to be a day that will long be remembered!



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Mrs. Irene Stuto Retires

After 40 years of teaching in District 30 Shaw Avenue School, Mrs. Irene Stuto, 3rd grade teacher, retired. Through the years she also taught 1st and 2nd grade.

Following high school, Irene attended the State University of New York at Oswego, she then went on to receive her MA degree at Wagner College on Staten Island. She has enriched her students' lives by sharing with them her many experiences, materials, and photographs she gathered during her worldwide travels.

Irene has been very active in the Valley Stream Teachers Association. She has represented Shaw Avenue School as Chairperson three times, served as Vice Chairperson twice, and has been on the Executive Council twelve times.

Irene is married to Frank, a musician who plays the French Horn and Saxophone, writes music, and conducts his own orchestra. "Upon retirement I plan to travel and take advantage of the cultural attractions that New York City has to offer," Irene stated.

District 30 students, faculty, and staff will miss Mrs. Stuto, and wish her and her husband years of happiness, and good health.

Introducing...

District 30 is pleased to introduce three new teachers to our staff:

Ms. Karen Catalanotto is our new 5th grade teacher at Clear Stream Avenue School. Ms. Catalanotto is a Valley Streamer and has been teaching for two years, which include 7th and 8th grade classes in Queens.

Mrs. Susan Lipski is teaching 3rd grade at Shaw Avenue School. She has a total of six years in her profession. In 1987, she joined District 30 as a Contractual Substitute; became a Teacher Assistant; and taught 4th grade at Clear Stream Avenue School for one year. Due to budgetary cuts, she was excessed. "Most recently, I spent one year as a 4th grade teacher in the New York City Public School System. I am very happy to be *back*, teaching, in District 30. I am looking forward to a very long and exciting career in Valley Stream," commented Mrs. Lipski.

Mrs. Ronni Horowitz joins us as a part time Gifted and Talented Teacher for our three schools. She taught at Hunter Elementary School, has 10 years of business experience in retail, real estate and art production, and loves music, books, and children. Mrs. Horowitz commented, "I have a strong interest in developing skills for children to become future 'producers' of ideas and products."

Summer Reading

BOOKS!

Reading is too important to be confined to the school year!

To encourage reading, District 30 once again developed a Summer Reading Program, entitled, "Home Runs Begin At Home." In June, students received a packet of materials that included the baseball theme sheets, a reading record, and a bibliography. Parents initialed the sheets for every 20 minutes their child read. One hour of reading equaled one base. Each sheet was completed when the child read 4 hours, which equaled a home run! In September, teachers collected the sheets. Students who have completed their sheet received "Home Run Hitter" pennants, with their name on it, which are displayed in their school. Below are some statistics reported by our Library-Media Specialists:

- Mrs. Alice Dorb, at Clear Stream Avenue School: Ninety-two students participated, hitting approximately

200 home runs, which is approximately 800 hours of reading.

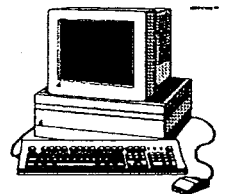
- Mrs. Carol Tolle, at Forest Road School: Students earned 339 home runs for 1,356 hours of Summer reading.

- Mrs. Mary Mathews, at Shaw Avenue School: More than a quarter of the student body participated. Five hundred five pennants are displayed, for a total of 2,020 hours of reading.

Computer Lab News

Sixth graders at Clear Stream Avenue School have started

their 8 Keyboarding Sessions. Mrs. DeCarlo, from South High School, will once again be the instructor for these sessions. Keyboarding will continue until November 24, with grades 4 and 5. Forest Road School's students are also in the process of being instructed in keyboarding. In January, students at Shaw Avenue School will receive their instructions.



Furthering Our Goal

An educational system must constantly evaluate its effectiveness. No matter how effective its program was yesterday, that program cannot fully meet today's and tomorrow's needs without constant evaluation, modification, and planning. The evaluation must take into consideration current knowledge of techniques of learning and needs of our children. The District 30 Board of Education, administrators, and staff members are aware of these realities. They are constantly reviewing programs, techniques, etc. to find the best method that will influence the educational life of our children. These efforts not only go beyond the 3:00 p.m. dismissal bell, but also beyond the months of September to June. The results may seem simple to you, but many hours, weeks and months go into research and planning.

This summer, alone, has been an exciting and productive one as the preliminary preparations began for several exciting projects. Below are some of the projects that took place:

- Dr. Barbara Cronin, Principal, and Mr. Jerry Camilleri, Director of Computer Education, worked closely in writing a legislative grant to further computer technology at Forest Road School. The goal of this project is to make the computer an everyday tool for students and teachers. Through this project teachers and students in grades 5 and 6 will learn about CD ROM, keyword search techniques, database construction, telecommunications and desktop publishing. A mini-network system will be set up utilizing more advanced computer equipment that will be purchased from the grant funds. A variety of staff training activities will also be conducted during the new school year. "We look forward to an exciting project that can be replicated in the other schools," commented Dr. Cronin.

- Mrs. Carol Tolle, Library Media Specialist at Forest Road School, began preparations for the Library Media Center to go on-line with the Nassau School Library System (NSLS). The preliminary work involved weeding out-of-date books from the collection and preparing updated and detailed inventories for BOCES. The conversion is expected to be completed in December and should be on-line with NSLS by the beginning of 1994. This will bring more advanced technology to the school's library.

- The New Compact for Learning is a plan mandated by the State that will see parents and community leaders joining school board and staff in making decisions for the education of the children. As Mr. Gauger, President of the Board of Education, stated on page 1, our Planning Committee submitted the New Compact for Learning to the State, and it was approved. Further plans to implement this program are being developed for the February 1, 1994 starting date.

- The University of Chicago School Mathematics Program (UCSMP) will be piloted at Clear Stream Avenue School, under Principal, Mr. Robert Cohen's direction. Ms. Joanne Wisniewski, Staff Developer, provided in-depth training to 1st and 2nd grade teachers (Mrs. Paula Franklin, Mrs. Arlene Sacks, Mrs. Christine Murray, and Mrs. Carmella Lopez). Some of the topics covered during the summer training were: Mathematics strands; Management strategies; Establishing daily routines; Problem solving; Math games; Assessment and evaluation strategies; and MCTM Standards.

- The Integrated Language Arts Committee recently completed a draft curriculum for grades 4 to 6. Work will begin during the new school year to develop a similar curriculum for grades K to 3. The committee is also working to develop a literature database for each grade level, and determine standards of excellence and scoring rubrics for all grades. A staff development program will also be developed.

- In Health Education, the Health Committee, under Mr. Stanley Kaminsky's (Principal of Shaw Avenue School) direction, is in the final stage of completing a unit of nutrition and will be moving into other areas. Introduction to our staff is in the process, and future units will be revised during the year.

A final note ...

It should be kept in mind that the above projects are not a complete or detailed presentation of all the programs. They are samples of what is involved in reaching our goal of "quality education for all our students." If you have any questions or concerns about our schools, we urge you to attend the monthly Board of Education Meetings, and/or the informal Breakfast With The Superintendent meetings.

Update

At the May 24th Board of Education meeting, Mr. Sheldon Barsky of the Free Masons of New York presented District 30 with "Drug Free Zone" signs. Mr. Barsky explained that since the penalties are doubled in areas designated as a "Drug Free

Zone," drug dealers will think twice before attempting to do business in the school area. On behalf of the children and residents of District 30, the Board of Education would like to thank Mr. Barsky and the Free Masons for their help and support to the community.

The Board of Education has approved a gift of \$275 from CHIME (Children Have Instrumental Music Education). The money is to be used to purchase sheet music for each of our schools. A special thank you to everyone who was involved in this committee.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- October 11 Columbus Day – Schools Closed
 18 District 30 Board of Education Committee Meeting—8:00 p.m.
 23 Forest Road School 40th Birthday Celebration
 25 District 30 Board of Education Meeting—8:00 p.m.
 27 Breakfast With The Superintendent held at
 Clear Stream Avenue School – 9:30 a.m.
- November 2 Election Day
 Superintendent's Conference Day – Schools Closed for Students
 11 Veterans' Day – Schools Closed
 15 District 30 Board of Education Committee Meeting—8:00 p.m.
 15-19 American Education Week
 22 District 30 Board of Education Meeting—8:00 p.m.
 25-26 Thanksgiving Day Recess – Schools Closed



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School Closings

Weather and other emergencies may warrant school closings. PTA Class Mothers will be informed 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 announced on the following local radio stations: WCBS (AM) 88; WGBB (AM) 1240; WGSM (AM) 740; WHLI (AM) 1100; WINS (AM) 1010; WALK (AM) 1370; WALK (FM) 97.5.

IMPORTANT NOTE: In the past, if schools were to be closed, the Fire Department sounded the alarm 10 times at 7:05 a.m. The alarms have been disconnected and will no longer be used.

Concerned Students Are Heard

Last year, Mrs. Lois Benedetto's 4th grade class, at Shaw Avenue School, expressed their concern for endangered animals. The students initiated research on these animals, and by combining the use of the computer and art created a book concerning endangered animals. They included suggestions in their presentations on preserving wildlife and sent their concerns to Vice President Al Gore. During the summer, Mrs. Benedetto received a letter from

Mr. Gore. He wrote: "President Clinton and I believe it is important for all Americans, especially our youth, to become actively involved in helping to bring about the changes we need to put this country back on track. The letters I received from your class were not only outstanding, but reflective of the concerns facing this nation's youth. I sincerely appreciate the time they spent on this project."

Music Notes

Music is in the air as our band gathers for practice on the following days:

In Clear Stream Avenue School:

Tuesday mornings at 7:30 a.m.

In Forest Road School: Thursdays*

In Shaw Avenue School:

Wednesday mornings 7:25 a.m.

Clear Stream Avenue School's Chorus for grades 5 and 6 will be held on Wednesday mornings at 7:45 a.m.

*(Editor's Note: When this issue went to print, the time was unavailable. Please check with Forest Road School.)

Wow! An Exciting Beginning

The children in Mrs. Barbara Clarke's class celebrated the beginning of their 4th grade reading program with tea (iced) and cookies on the front lawn of Clear Stream Avenue School. After their delicious treat was finished, Mrs. Clarke introduced the first book, *Striped Ice Cream*, by Jo M. Lexau. "After I read the first chapter to the class, the children waited with eager anticipation to find out what happened next in the story," commented Mrs. Clarke.

The children are also involved in starting their own 4th grade time capsules. They brought in memorabilia that reflects their interests and feelings. Each child shared their "goodies" with the class and will add to them during the year. They are certainly having fun in 4th grade!



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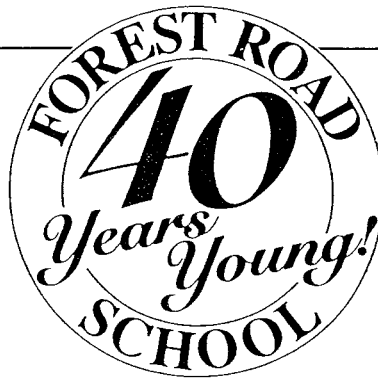
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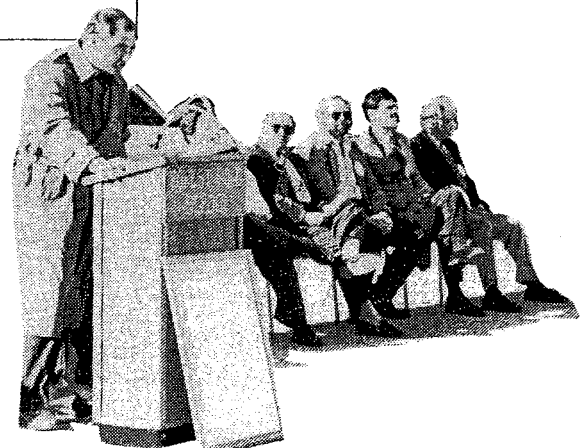
DECEMBER 1993



Saturday, October 23, 1993, marked a special day for District 30. It was the 40th birthday celebration of Forest Road School, which was sponsored by their PTA. The sun shone brightly as students, teachers, parents and community joined the celebration.

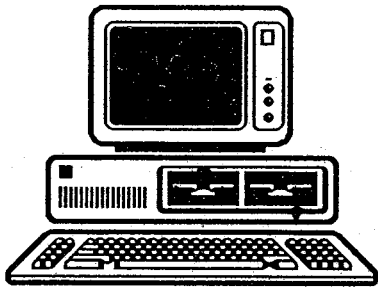
November 12, 1953, the Forest Road School was officially dedicated. In 1953 the dedication program included the district, school, and Green Acres community. "It was intended to continue this joint celebration," commented Mrs. Maria Fletcher, Co-President of PTA. Indeed they did!

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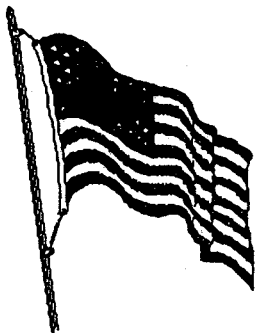
Advancement In Reading Curriculum

The Reading teachers at Clear Stream Avenue School are fortunate and delighted to be able to enrich their students' educational experience through the use of some of the most current computer and CD ROM technology that is available from the Computer Curriculum Corporation.



Reading teachers, Mrs. Ann Glynn and Mrs. Nancy Lowenkron commented, "Selected students are presently using the computer to assist with specific needs in both reading and math. This new interactive technology is highly motivating and is an exciting addition to the varied teaching methods already available to our children in District 30."

Pledge of Allegiance



Clear Stream Avenue School celebrated the 101st birthday of the "Pledge of Allegiance." Under the direction of Music Teacher, Mrs. Linda Matt, students and staff gathered on the front lawn of their school to recite the pledge and to sing "God Bless America."

Speech Department

Earlier in the school year, the Speech Department was very busy screening students. Mrs. Sharon Schulman reported: "There will be a very large number of students receiving speech and/or language services in all three buildings this year." Please feel free to contact the speech pathologist in your school if you feel that your child needs speech or language assistance and is not receiving services. These specialists are Mrs. Sharon Schulman at Clear Stream Avenue School, Mrs. Jill Luba at Forest Road and Shaw Avenue Schools; and, Mrs. Patricia Phillips at Shaw Avenue School

The Speech Department is delighted to welcome two student teachers from Hofstra to their department: Ms Loni Karp, who will be working with Mrs. Schulman, and Ms. Dara Weintroub, who will be working with Mrs. Luba. "We know that this is going to be a wonderful experience for both Student Teachers," commented Mrs. Schulman.

School Board Recognition Week

TO: William O. Gauger,
Thomas M. Galgano,
Leanore Egan,
Richard Eisenberg
Andrew Walters

In honor of School Board Recognition Week, we commend you District 30 Board of Education, for your dedication. You continually strive for improvement and change in our schools. You are men and women elected by the people and deserve recognition and thanks for countless hours of service to education.



Clear Stream Avenue School students are thinking ahead to when Spring will bring nature's beautiful tulips and daffodils. Students who participated in the Summer Reading Program planted bulbs in front of their school. Reading teachers, Nancy Lowenkron (right) and Ann Glynn (left), assisted students in planting the bulbs.

C.H.I.M.E. Donation



C.H.I.M.E. (Children Have Instrumental Music Education) has presented a special gift for students who participate in District 30 band. This gift of 200 blue cardigan sweaters with the Valley Stream District 30 emblem will serve as the students' band uniforms. In a letter to the Board of Education, Mrs. Joanne Ferraioli, President of C.H.I.M.E., wrote, "C.H.I.M.E. is continuing its commitment to enrich and enhance our District's instrumental program." Thank you C.H.I.M.E. from all the students of District 30.

Gifted and Talented Begin

The Gifted and Talented program began in November. The screening process was successful, with 56 students meeting the criteria for admission. At a parent orientation meeting, parents of participating students were given an overview of the curriculum by Mrs. Ronni Horowitz, teacher for Gifted and Talented.



Halloween 1993



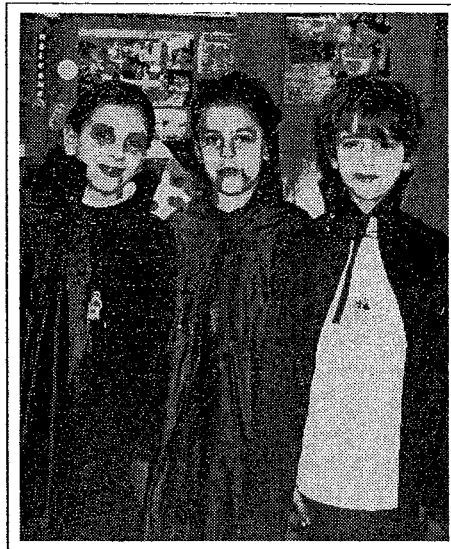
What a celebration it was on that beautiful sunny Friday, October 29th!

The halls of Clear Stream Avenue School were filled with gaiety and anticipation of the upcoming trick-or-treat day. The children partied with special treats, activities, and proudly showed off their costumes.



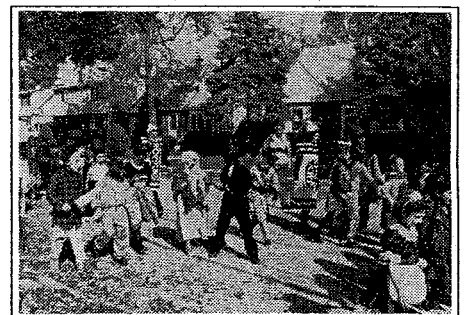
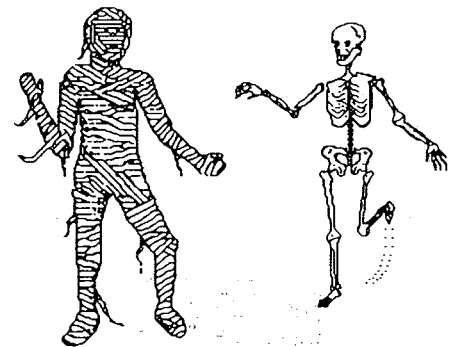
Surprise! Snow White meets Prince Charming.

Forest Road School was visited by Snow White. What a surprise when Snow White appeared on the stage, with a little bird perched on her finger, and told the children she brought along her little friends: Bashful, Doc, Dopey, Grumpy, Happy, Sleepy and Sneezy. Snow White herself was surprised when Prince Charming came on the stage. Students are still talking among themselves how very much Miss Peggy Wakely (teacher) resembled Snow White, and how much the dwarfs looked like their teachers (Mrs. Marie Barry, Mrs. RoseMarie Patterson, Mrs. Mary Ruschin, Mrs. Grace Guttman, Mrs. Lucille Maresca, Mrs. Ellyn Fitzgerald, and Mrs. Susan Stiefel). Others noticed a strong similarity between their custodian, "Mr. Henry" Ostop to Prince Charming.

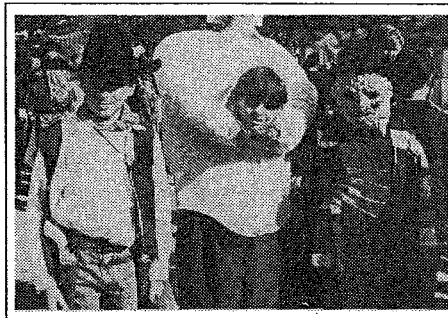


Creatures of the night!

The community around Shaw Avenue School was invaded by Halloween creatures! People came out of their homes to see hundreds of students and teachers parading in the

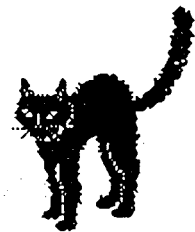


Neighborhood invaded by creatures!



Headless men, Freddie, and a cowboy with a black bat!

streets in costumes. What a sight it was! What enjoyment it was for the entire school and community members!



Leading the parade was Mr. Kaminsky, dressed as a crayon, as was the entire staff.

Thanksgiving Celebration

At the time of printing this issue of *The Friendly Schools*, our schools are buzzing with excitement over the Thanksgiving celebrations. Classes are planning their little feasts, activities, and the re-enactment of pilgrims and Indians gathering to give thanks.

During the month of November Mrs. Madelyn Schweigert's kindergarten class at Shaw Avenue School celebrated Thanksgiving by sharing a feast with the other kindergarten classes. They sampled pumpkin cookies, applesauce, corn bread and popcorn. "Our special activity of 'rolling and cutting' was exciting. For our own pleasure the class prepared apple pies for each child to take home to share with their families," stated Mrs. Schweigert.

School Closings

Weather and other emergencies may warrant school closings. PTA Class Mothers will be alerted and will initiate telephone calls to inform parents in each class. NEWS 12 and Channel 12 will carry school closing information. Such school closings will be announced on the following local radio stations: WCBS (AM) 88; WGGB (AM) 1240; WGSM (AM) 740; WHLI (AM) 1100; WINS (AM) 1010; WALK (AM) 1370; WALK (FM) 97.5.



Pictured here are Mrs. Mary Ruschin and her former second grade student, Ms. Denise Von Werne, during a recently holiday celebration. Ms. Von Werne is a student from St. John's University completing her student teaching in Mrs. Cathy Wood's class at Forest Road School. Ms. Von Werne is a graduate of Clear Stream Avenue School and will continue her student teaching there in January 1994. We are all wishing Ms. Von Werne best of luck in her future endeavors.

SPECIAL VISITORS

Each year kindergartners learn about community helpers. Many of our classes receive first-hand knowledge from some very wonderful parents and grandparents. Mrs. Mary Clavin's class, at Shaw Avenue School, was among the classes that received some very interesting and exciting visitors. There were over twelve volunteers who came into school to tell the class about their jobs. Among them were: Mrs. Fiorito, Mr. Brady and Grandpa Hay who talked about the job of a N.Y.C. firefighter; Mr. O'Shea discussed how water gets to our homes; Mr. Dolan explained how electricity is made; and Mrs. Tafuri showed the children how to bake a cake. In addition, the class was visited by a computer programmer, a spice salesman, a butcher, an electrician, and a police officer. What a treat to have such diverse and interesting people share their careers with the students.

Backpack Adventures

Kindergartners in Mrs. Rosalyn Scheidt and Mrs. Susan Moskowitz' classes at Forest Road School are using backpacks in their classroom. "Backpacks are a real family project, since children get to take them home on a Monday and return them to school on the following Monday," commented Mrs. Scheidt. Each pack contains literature built around a theme, such as "ABC's" or "Friends," etc. The parents read the books with their children and do some of the suggested activities. When the backpack comes back to school, the students share some of the things he or she has done with it. "This gives parents a chance to spend some real quality time with their child," commented Mrs. Moskowitz. Pictured is Adrianna Ferraioli, Crystal Hirth, Anthony Plunkett, and Gregory Sobel with their backpacks.



In Mrs. Scheidt's class, there is also a backpack with a "Forest Road Bear" and a journal. The "Forest Road Bear" spends the weekend visiting a student and everyone pretends he is a member of the family. "When the bear returns on Monday, we read the journal, which tells all about his adventures," stated Mrs. Scheidt.



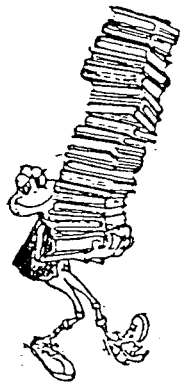
Backpacking, a learning and sharing experience.

Libraries Celebrate Book Week

Theme: Share the Adventure

"Share the Adventure was literally enacted by the students of Clear Stream Avenue School, through a Secret Reader/ Secret Listener activity," stated Mrs. Alice Dorb, Library/Media Specialist. Each student randomly selected, through a lottery, the name of another classmate who would be their secret listener. During the book selection segment of the class' library

period, each student selected books for him/herself plus an additional book that might appeal to the "secret listener." During Book Week, each student "shared the adventure" in the library by reading his/her special book to their "secret listener." In turn, the reader



became the "secret listener" to someone else. Most students were delighted with their partner's selections and were glad to have the opportunity to establish new friendships as well.

A variety of activities took place during this week in the Forest Road School Library. In coordination with Geography Awareness Week concerning water, Mrs. Carol Tolle, Library/Media Specialist, conducted a research contest in which all participants became winners. Students used library resources to locate and identify waterways around the world that were featured in picture and fiction books. Primary grade students decorated "book plates" with scenes from their favorite books while intermediate grade students enjoyed poetry readings.

The children in Shaw Avenue School celebrated Children's Book Week with a paperback book exchange. Mrs. Mary Mathews, Library/Media Specialist, invited children in grades 1-6 to bring used chil-

Libraries Celebrate Book Week (continued)

dren's paperback books from their home collections. These books were delivered to the library in paper bags which acted as the child's ticket when selecting different books. Mrs. Mathews commented, "We think this is an economical way for children to get new books to read and add to their home collections and an opportunity for them to share some of their favorites with others."

Our Library/Media Specialists conducted the school level *Newsday* Spelling Bee. Students competed against each other and the school winner will represent his/her school at the *Newsday* Spelling Bee's regional semifinal on February 1, 1994. We wish our representatives good luck in that competition.

Fire Prevention Week Celebrated

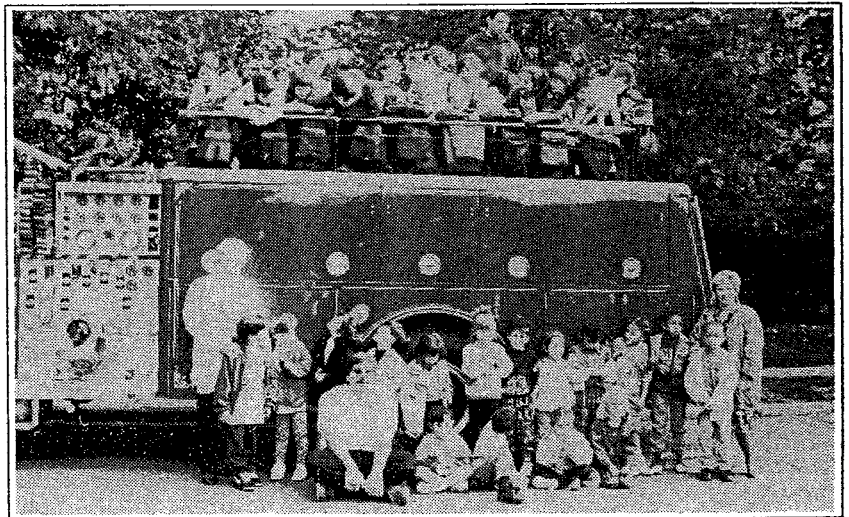
Our schools celebrated Fire Prevention Week through discussions, projects, and visitors from the Fire Department.

Forest Road School's kindergartners were visited by Ron Garafalo and Michael Seltzer, members of the Valley Stream Volunteer Fire Department. They arrived at school in a Pumper Fire Truck and allowed the students on board. Ron demonstrated fire equipment and some of the children tried on future fire fighter jackets. These students in Mrs. Susan Moskowitz's and Mrs. Rosalyn Scheidt's class also saw a movie explaining how to handle yourself during a fire. Each child received a goodie bag complete with coloring book, pencil and fire badge.

Mrs. Madelyn Schweigert's, Mrs. Mary Clavin's, Mrs. Mary Kay Ficarrotta's, and Mrs. Judith Neary's kindergarten classes also received a visit from Fire Department volunteers. "Following an informative and exciting visit, students went home and checked their smoke detectors and practiced stopping, dropping and rolling," commented Mrs. Schweigert.

Mrs. Scheidt spoke for all of our children when she said, "We are certainly grateful for all the good work our Volunteer Fire Department does for our community and hope they will visit us during Fire Prevention Week next year."

It is always a good idea to have a plan that you have rehearsed with your family in case of fire.



Pictured with the students are Kindergarten Aides, Andrea Grabam (left) and Susan DeSantis (right). Their visitors from the Fire Department, Ron Garafalo is sitting in front amongst the students, and Michael Seltzer is on top of the truck, at Forest Road School.

Cooperation

If you turn on the radio or television, much of the music you hear is rap. Below is a rap written by two students in Mrs. Dale Ehrenreich's 4th grade class at Clear Stream Avenue School. This very special message was written by Danielle Fusco and Jessica Appel:

*Hey there children if you want
to learn about a lot of things.*

*You got to go to school to
get more cool.*

You want to learn this

You want to learn that.

*You have to cooperate to learn
more facts.*

First we'd like to say hello.

We're two girls on the go!

*We've come to tell you it's
never too late to*

Cooperate, Cooperate.

*Math and Spelling you
do it right.*

*Do a little practice then you
get it right.*

You can do it here

You can do it there,

Then you can do it anywhere.

*Cooperate, Cooperate it's so
much fun.*

Once you know how to do it

You can do it with anyone.

*If you want to show your friends
that you care,*

Show that you can cooperate

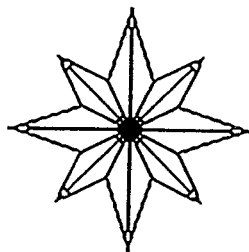
And to learn to share.

Holiday Greetings

*May your heart and home
ring with the joyful sounds of
the Holiday Season, and each
moment be warm and won-
derful for you. May the New
Year bring peace, joy and
good health to your entire
family.*



*From District 30
Board of Education,
Administrators,
Faculty
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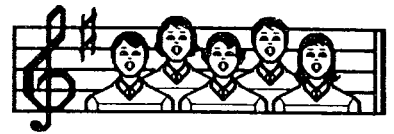
MARK YOUR CALENDAR

December 20	District 30 Board of Education Committee Meeting —8:00 p.m.
24–31	Holiday Recess—SCHOOLS CLOSED
January 12	Breakfast With The Superintendent held at Shaw Avenue School—9:30 a.m.
17	Martin Luther King Day—SCHOOLS CLOSED
24	District 30 Board of Education Meeting—8:00 p.m.
February 9	PTA Founders' Day held at Shaw Avenue School —7:30 p.m.
21–25	Winter Recess—SCHOOLS CLOSED
28	District 30 Board of Education Meeting—8:00 p.m.

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



ATTENTION CLEAR STREAM AVENUE SCHOOL ALUMNI



Come along with us as we sing winter and holiday songs. Our annual neighborhood caroling will be held on Tuesday, December 21st, from 4–6:00 p.m. If any Clear Stream Avenue School graduates would like to join us, please contact Mrs. Linda Pratt at the school. Pass the word and help us put music in the air!

Forest Road School 40th Birthday Celebration

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The program included: speeches; special presentations of Life Memberships and Certificates of Appreciation to two District 30 Board of Education Members, Thomas Galgano and Richard Eisenberg; a musical program presented by each grade; dedication of new playground equipment, given by the Forest Road School PTA; special acknowledgment from PTA to Luke Basile and Richard Trafficano, District 30 Maintenance Mechanics, for their efforts and efficiency in installing the new playground equipment; refreshments; a DJ; races and games on the grass. It was an "old-time" fun day that continued into the afternoon.

(Pictured on the front cover: (left) Forest Road School PTA Co-Presidents, Maria Fletcher and Laura Silver-

man, accepting a Certificate of Merit from United States Representative David Levy; students performing dances from the '50's and '60's; Past graduates of Forest Road School with D-Jay Joey & Company; Mrs. Emily Schrieber (maiden name is Kleinman) who was a graduate of the Class of 1955; and, Mr. Lawrence McGoldrick, District 30 Superintendent of Schools, participating in the opening ceremonies.).

In honor of the Forest Road School's 40th Anniversary, the Green Acres Civic Association donated a gift of a new portable public address system. A gracious thank you to the Civic Association for their continuous support and gift..



CAUMSETT

Once again our 6th graders' overnight trip to Caumsett proved to be thoroughly educational and enjoyable. Students were able to perform and experience many scientific theories studied at school.

Superintendents' Conference Day

Superintendents' Conference Day is held on Election Day, when school is not in session for students. Each year these conferences provide teachers with important staff development programs and an opportunity to learn the latest developments in their field. This year, District 13 and District 30 collaborated to offer numerous workshops. The conference was held at the James A. Dever School on November 2, 1993. It offered an exchange of ideas, grade level meetings and workshops, such as: CD ROM in the Library, presented by Jerry Camilleri and Carol Tolle; Understanding Change, presented by Lawrence McGoldrick; and Idea Exchange Meetings facilitated by District 30 teachers (Paula Franklin, Mary Maclean, Carl Riccobono, June Innella, Carol Tolle, Linda Pratt, Amy Agnesini, and Sharon Schulman), along with faculty members of District 13.

The Conference provided professionally rewarding collaborative experiences for all participants.

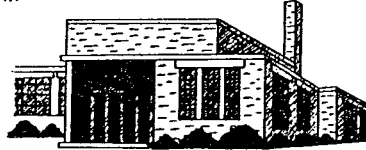
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Reading, Writing and Arithmetic *Plus More...*

Although books are an important tool for learning, District 30 goes beyond book learning. Our classes have numerous innovative learning activities that reinforce learning experiences. Some examples of this reinforcement are: The Brookville Experience; Little Paleontologist; Poetry In Motion; A Story Comes To Life; Busy Hands Are Learning; A Lesson To Remember; Dogs Teach Responsibility; plus more ... read on!



Networked Lab Underway

Using funding from a NYS Legislative Grant, the Forest Road School Computer Lab is piloting the use of a networked Macintosh Lab. A networked lab allows students and teachers to share resources such as software and printers.

While all students from kindergarten to 6th grade will be using the lab, the target group for this project is the 5th and 6th grade. The computer is being used as a tool in the ongoing work of enriching curriculum.

"A staff training day brought together all the members of the team involved in this project to learn about the hardware and software involved and to discuss how to implement the



project," stated Gerard Camilleri, District 30 Director of Computer Education. This group included: LC teachers, Catherine Wood and Dennis Terrel; 5th grade teachers, Suzanne Walsh and Sherrie Lewis; 6th grade teachers, Linda Kessler and Bruce Lesser; Library/Media Specialist, Carol Tolle; Principal, Dr. Barbara Cronin; Computer Technician, Lydia Rosen; Class-

room Computer Technician, Carol Biscardi; and Director of Computer Education, Gerard Camilleri.

Since this training, teachers have been working with staff and students to integrate the computer into their curriculums. Projects underway, or in the planning stages, include: book publishing, computer-based research using CD-ROM resources on the lives of famous Americans, creating a presidential database; using the computer for research and reporting in the study of ancient civilizations.

This is an exciting project that will lead the way to help us implement the best possible program in each District 30 school.

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Gifted and Talented Program

District 30's Gifted and Talented Program began in early November with students diving head-first into an intensive study on "recycling." During this unit students experimented with the degrading process of trash, made their own paper, brainstormed solutions, and generated letters to various officials requesting change. In response to their letters, students at Clear Stream Avenue School met with Mayor Donley, students at Forest Road School met with Mr. Lawrence McGoldrick (Superintendent of Schools), and students at Shaw Avenue School received literature from Governor Cuomo.

What's next? Mrs. Ronni Horowitz, Teacher for the Gifted and Talented, reported that the current unit of study on "logic" will be coming to closure and that a "great debate" video will be produced in early spring.

All-County Participants

The Nassau Music Educators Association held their fifty-eighth annual All-County Festival. Ten students from our district were selected to participate in the All-County Division I East and West for 5th and 6th grades. This exciting and musical concert took place at the Tilles Center for the Performing Arts.

Congratulations to the following musicians who proudly demonstrated their talents and professionalism:

All-County Chorus: Lauren Conway and James McCormick from Clear Stream Avenue School; Melissa Barreto and Pamela Verasco from Forest Road School; and Shaleene Persaud, Laura Sass and Bradley Zoref from Shaw Avenue School.

All-County Band: Pamela Russo on flute from Clear Stream Avenue School; Eva Kiviat on flute from Forest Road School; and Elizabeth Tillotson on clarinet from Shaw Avenue School.

Geography Bee Winners

Our schools once again 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 in the sixth annual National

Danny Brody (6th grader);

At Forest Road School: Pamela Verasco (6th grader); and

At Shaw Avenue School: Denny Yeung (6th grader).

It should be noted that Danny Brody and Denny Yeung were winners in last year's school-level competition. The Runner-ups are: Junior Pava (5th grader) at Clear Stream Avenue School, and Garrett Shaw (6th grader) at Shaw Avenue School.

Thousands of schools in the United States, the District of Columbia, and five U.S. territories participated in this

event. Although the school winners have taken a written test, the results are not in yet. Up to 100 of the top scorers in each state and territory will be eligible to compete in their state Bee on April 8.



Junior Pava, Ms. Lowenkron and Danny Brody.

Geography Bee. This Bee is sponsored by National Geographic WORLD, the Society's magazine for children, and AMTRAK. After several intense rounds of very difficult questions, the winners are:

At Clear Stream Avenue School:



Pamela Verasco and Mrs. Neylon.



Denny Yeung, Mrs. Wasserman and Garrett Shaw.

Pictured are the winners and their school coordinator of this Geography Bee: Ms. Nancy Lowenkron at Clear Stream Avenue; Mrs. Joan Neylon at Forest Road; and Mrs. Sue Wasserman at Shaw Avenue School.

Voting on the Valley Stream Elementary and High School District budgets will take place on Wednesday, May 4, 1994 from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

To assist taxpayers to better understand the budget, a presentation of the proposed budget has been arranged for Wednesday, April 13, 1994 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 1990-91 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.

PLEASE NOTE: Registration for voting on the budget and for Board members will be at all three schools (Clear Stream Avenue, Forest Road and Shaw Avenue) on Wednesday, April 27, 1994 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 report of the proposed budget.

Petition For Candidates

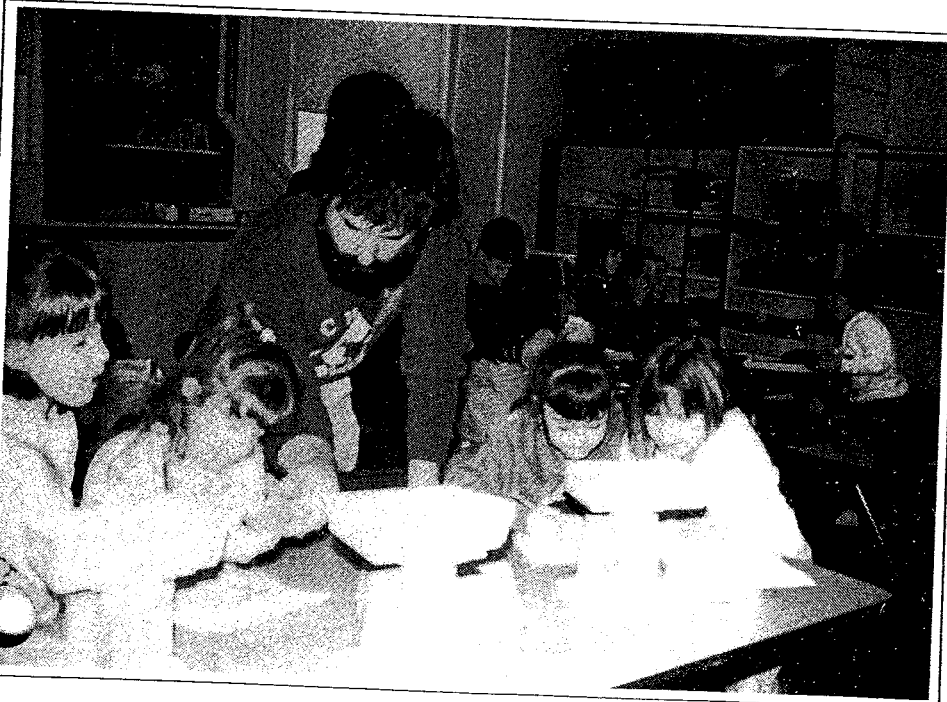
Election of candidates for the District 30 Board of Education will take place on Wednesday, May 4.

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 4, 1994.

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 4, 1994.

Busy Hands Are Learning



This lesson is an example of the hands-on activities utilized during science classes in our District. This fun activity teaches students the various methods of measuring units of weight, temperature, volume and linear dimensions. Pictured is Mr. Ralph Laudano, Science Teacher, assisting 1st graders at Clear Stream Avenue School. They are weighing rocks, while other students are experiencing different aspects of measuring matter. Students are given worksheets to record their findings and compare them with other students.

Our greatest natural resource is the minds of all our children.

Instrumental Music Notes

The Instrumental Music Program is having an exciting and musical year. The program is flourishing with many talented musicians. "This year we are happy to say that we have a beginner program which includes grades 4 through 6 along with our existing advanced students," stated Ms. Concetta Madonia, Music Teacher.



"Musician of the Month" is back and will include the advanced as well as the beginner instrumentalist. To be a recipient of the award certain qualifications must be met: perfect attendance, preparedness, musicianship, promptness, amount of weekly practice, behavior and good citizenship. Congratulations to the following musicians:

November: Dawn Fredericks, Kurt Fredericks, Paula Randazzo and Ellen Weiss (at Clear Stream Avenue

School); Jeffrey Eisenberg, Jacquelyn Hecht, Jessica Klein, Amie Kraus, Charles Muratore and Caroline Yun (at Forest Road School); Michael Chiappardi, Annmarie Giambolvo, Terrance Thorgramson, Jamila Valero, Allison Vasquez, Jennifer Vasquez, Laura Vasquez, Dennis Vessely and Tiffany Hawes (at Shaw Avenue School).

December: Christopher Bastardi, Danielle Fusco, Allison Kelly, Jessica McComb, Nicole Pytel, Pamela Russo, Gregg Spano and Nicole Zobkiw (at Clear Stream Avenue School); Melissa Barreto, Pamela Fallica, Brian Farhi, Marissa Goldfaden, Jessica Hornick and Eva Kiviat (at Forest Road School); Diana Chou, Angela Gaetani, Alexis Aiello, Danielle Ciccone, Luciana Ventimiglia, Bradley Zoref, Elizabeth Tillotson and Luh Cheng (at Shaw Avenue School).

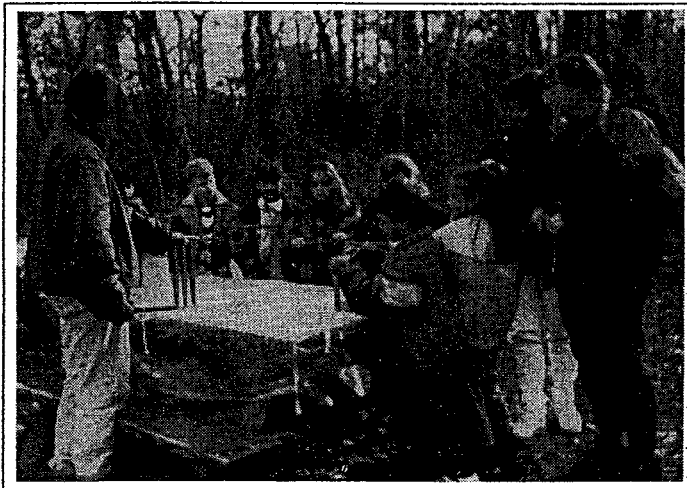


January: Lauren Conway, Steven Lakovits, Frank Miale, Dominique Riccardo, Valerie Robinson and Raquel Quezada (at Clear Stream Avenue School); Tara Agro, Aurora Kiviat, Vanessa Lawrence, Melissa Mitgang, Jessica Schiffer and Greg Silverman (at Forest Road School); Grayce Arano, Denny Yeung, Lillian Wang, Megan Maltenfort, Sarah Ragoobarsingh and Melissa Golfo (at Shaw Avenue School).

SCHOOL MAGIC is being used by 3rd graders. They have used this computer program to design their own bookmarks. Mrs. Noleen Douglas, Computer Aide at Clear Stream Avenue School, reports that, "Our Market Place competition will soon take place to find out who our richest business person in Grade 3 is." These are just a couple of examples of ways students learn the use of computers.

The Brookville Experience

What a great adventure it was! The 2nd graders in Mrs. Mary Ruschin's and Mrs. RoseMarie Patterson's classes enthusiastically set out to participate in a fun-filled field trip to the Nassau BOCES Early American Homestead in Brookville, Long Island.



Making candles the old way!

The students took part in numerous hands-on learning experiences. Each child constructed an old-fashioned broom using natural materials, which included broomcorn which was first grown by the early homesteaders. They also hand-dipped tapers and learned about the importance of

candling in Colonial America. Then, after making apple cider, the children sampled it and compared its taste to store-bought cider.

Under the direction of the naturalists, the students learned about building and living in a log cabin. On the nature trails the children used their powers of observation to spot native animals and their habitats, wild edibles and plants used for natural dyes.

Tired but happy, the Forest Road School students, teachers and parents agreed it truly was a great adventure. "The children learned a great deal about our Social Studies and Science Curricula first-hand," commented Mrs. Patterson.



Dad (Mr. Douglas Klein) assisted in tying broomcorns.

The students from Mrs. Judy Neary's kindergarten class are really "getting into" a thematic unit concerning dinosaurs. Besides learning to identify and classify them, they are actually doing a "dig."

Operation Dinosaur Dig involves digging into a clay mountain (greenware) to find bones. The pieces of rock that are chipped away may have imprints on them; these "fossils" are stored in the classroom museum. Later the bones will be assembled to form a dinosaur. Words such as "paleontologist," "fossils," "skeleton," etc. are learned as they work. The little paleontologists are excited about this project and enjoy every minute of their work.

Note: This ingenious hands-on project was created by Mrs. Neary. She purchased liquid greenware and a dinosaur model to create this activity. Many teachers in District 30 create innovative activities that bring hours of fun, as well as an educational lesson, that the children will long remember and look back on.

Little Paleontologists



With brush in hand, the bones are uncovered.

P.A.R.P. Program Begins



The storyteller enthralled the students.

The PTA's at Clear Stream Avenue, Forest Road, and Shaw Avenue Schools are once again sponsoring Parents As Reading Partners (P.A.R.P.). This year's theme is "Readers are Leaders." This program is designed to encourage students to read more. The long-term goals are to foster a love for reading and create a generation of readers.

There are many activities planned to generate an interest and love for reading. "A Visit With Laura Ingalls Wilder," performed by storyteller Lonna McKeon, was the kickoff assembly for P.A.R.P. at Forest Road School. She brought the pioneer era to life with costume and period artifacts from *The Little House on the Prairie* books by Laura Ingalls Wilder. The students were mesmerized for one hour as they listened to stories about life in the late 1800's, tying in history, geography and music. The enthusiasm continued with a Read-In, a Read-a-Shirt, and some storybook characters (parents dressed in costumes) coming to life.

Mrs. Alison Smith and Mrs. Colleen Hickey (Forest Road School's P.A.R.P. Committee Members) jointly commented: "We realized that reading to or with our children for as little as 15 minutes a day can make a tremendous difference in their development."

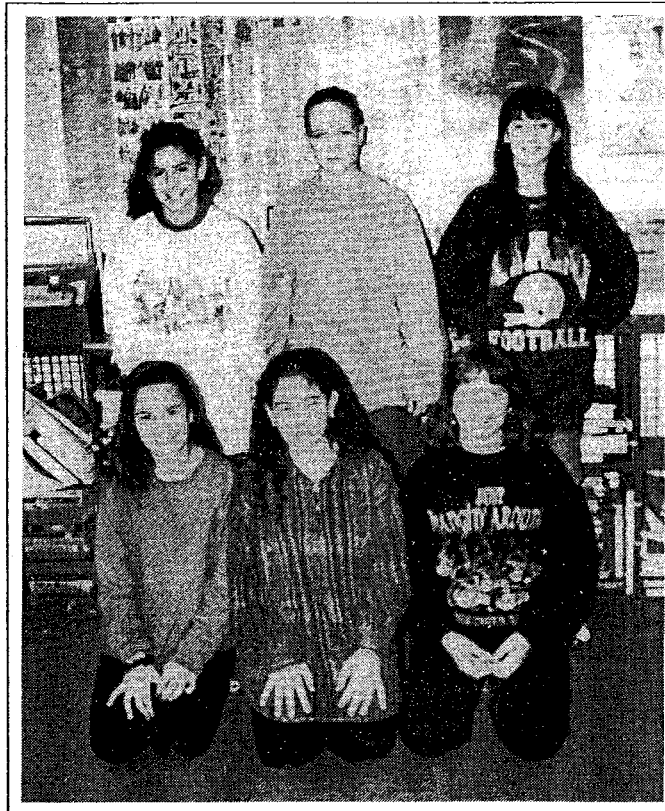
IMMIGRATION AND ANCESTORS was a project for 3rd graders at Clear Stream Avenue School. They traced and cut out their country of origin and placed it on their bulletin

board. They even pretended that they were on a sailing ship in 1829 and wrote journals telling of their journey and arrival on Ellis Island.

Poetry In Motion

The students in Mr. Bruce Lesser's 6th grade class at the Forest Road School are not only publishing, they are being published. Six of the students had their concrete poems selected for publication in the 1994 edition of "Anthology of Poetry by Young Americans."

In preparation for a culminating activity for an integrated language art project, the 6th grade students both read and wrote different kinds of poetry, completed a poetry book report, practiced their keyboarding skills, and utilized cooperative learning techniques to develop their ideas. All the students had the opportunity to submit their original piece of poetry to the "Anthology of Poetry." They had to create an art form from their poetic description; use their word processing skills on the computer to develop a printout of the poem; write a business letter to submit their entries including a stamped, self-addressed envelope, and then mail their work to North



Our District 30 poets!

Carolina.

In preparation for this activity, the students were guided by Mr. Bruce Lesser, Mrs. Carol Tolle, Library/Media Specialist, Mrs. Susan Baron, Art Teacher, and Mrs. Lydia Rosen, Computer Aide. When the students ran into technical difficulty, they called on Mrs. Carol Biscardi, Computer Technician, or Mr. Gerard Camilleri, Director of Computer Education.

An enlarged version of each student's concrete poem was prepared in the art room and will be displayed by Mrs. Baron during the Art Exhibit on May 4. Mr. Lesser commented, "I feel that *all* the students prepared excellent entries, even though the editors of 'Anthology of Poetry' selected the works of six students." The poets are (pictured): (standing) Stacey Weiner, Frank Suppa, Pamela Verasco, (sitting) Melissa Barreto, Sara Weiss and Jessica Owen. Congratulations to all the students; writing poetry can be difficult, especially a concrete poem!

Dogs Teach Responsibility

What excitement when members of the American Kennel Club visited Forest Road School! Sue Weiss, Canine Ambassador for the American Kennel Club, spoke to the students and showed pictures of how to tell if a dog is happy, afraid, or unfriendly. She went on to explain the appropriate way to approach a dog, and stressed the importance of first asking the owner, "May I pet your dog?" The excitement increased as each student had the opportunity to pet three special visitors: Shalimar, Sparkle (both German Short Haired Pointers) and Jasmin (a Bischon Frise). Some children who were afraid of dogs were able to pet a dog for the first time. Shalimar, Sparkle and Jasmin also visited several classrooms.

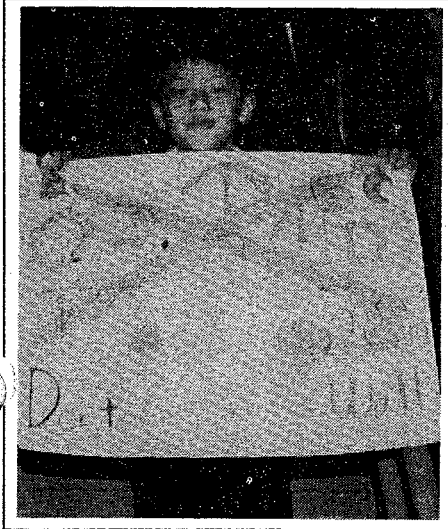
The program, entitled "Best Friends," was an excellent learning tool for teaching children about responsibility, caring for others, as well as learning about the world of dogs.



Mrs. Mary Ruschin's 3rd grade class became stars during the visit from the American Kennel Club! Seth Berkman, Feature Producer for USA Network, was in their classroom taping the children during the program. The children were relaxed even though the cameraman, Gene Samuels, was taping their reactions to the program. This taping aired on the USA Cablevision Network with the Westminster Dog Show at Madison Square Garden.

A Lesson To Remember

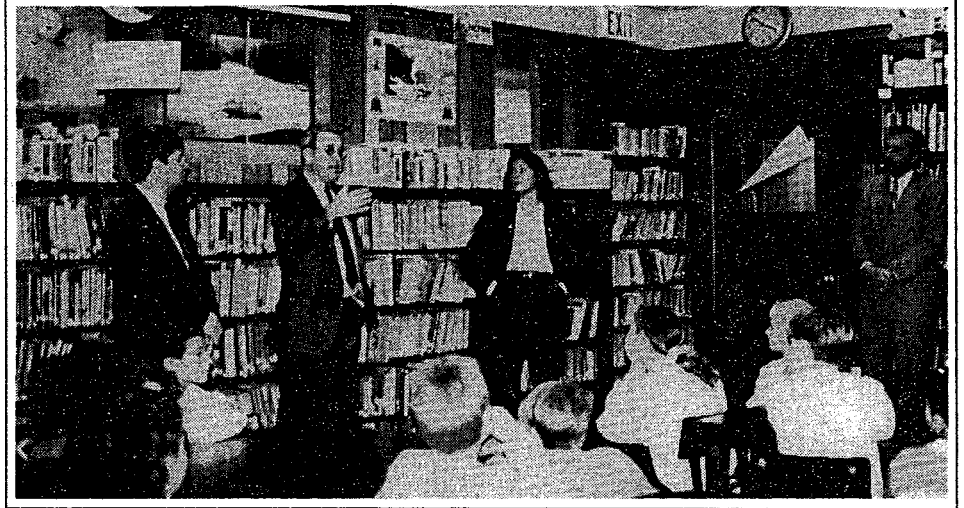
While reading the book *Free Willy*, the children in Mrs. Barbara Clarke's class started to discuss the negative effects of graffiti, and why it is wrong for children to deface the property of others. The children were especially concerned about keeping Valley Stream clean. They decided to make posters to show their opposition to graffiti. Michael Kalinowski's mom was present during the class discussion and told the children that the Chamber of Commerce and the Village of Valley Stream have been working together to create a program to fight graffiti. Mrs.



One of the many anti-graffiti posters the students made.

Kalinowski, who is Vice President of the Chamber of Commerce, said that she would come back to Clear Stream Avenue School in the near future to discuss the anti-graffiti program in fuller detail.

The children were very enthusiastic during the discussions. The representatives from the Chamber of Commerce gave each student a little "IMPACT" bag containing a bumper sticker, a note pad, and a green pompom crea-



Reinforcement is an important part of a lesson.

Mrs. Kalinowski, Mr. Lehner, the President of the Chamber of Commerce, Mayor Donley, and Judge Bogle came to visit the 4th grade children in Mrs. Clarke's and Mrs. Dale Ehrenreich's classes. They reinforced the negative side of drawing graffiti. Their plan is to encourage children at a young age not to get involved in doing graffiti.

Mrs. Clarke, Mrs. Ehrenreich, Mr. Robert Cohen, Principal, and the 4th grade children at Clear Stream Avenue School were extremely pleased with the positive results of this presentation. Mrs. Clarke commented, "We are extremely thankful to Mrs. Kalinowski, Mr. Lehner, Mayor Donley and Judge Bogle for caring so much to spend such quality time with us."

A Story Comes To Life

Some 5th graders have been reading a book called *Follow My Leader*. The story is about a young boy who loses his eyesight in an accident involving defective fireworks. The main character, Jimmy Carter, learns Braille and how to use a white cane. However, the central theme of the book is Jimmy's work with Leader, his guide dog.

In February, Beth Marie Dunphy, a blind student at Sacred Heart School in Garden City, came to visit their class with her guide dog, Laddie. "Beth Marie's visit was one highlight of the reading program in grade 5," commented Mrs. Sue Wasserman, 5th grade teacher at Shaw Avenue School. Questions about Braille, guide dog training, and use of the white cane were asked by many students.

Art Exhibit

Wednesday, May 4, 1994

7:30 p.m. - 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.

Please note: Children attending must be
accompanied by their parent.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

March	16	Breakfast With The Superintendent held at Forest Road School—9:30 a.m.
	21	District 30 Board of Education Meeting—8:00 p.m.
	28–31	Spring Recess—SCHOOLS CLOSED
April	1–4	Spring Recess—SCHOOLS CLOSED
	13	School Budget Hearing held at Shaw Avenue School—8:00 p.m.
	18	District 30 Board of Education Committee Meeting—8:00 p.m.
	25	District 30 Board of Education Meeting—8:00 p.m.
	27	Budget Vote Registration (See Page 3)
	29	Kindergarten Registration (See Below)
May	4	District Art Exhibit School Budget/Trustee Voting
	16	District 30 Board of Education Committee Meeting—8:00 p.m.
	23	District 30 Board of Education Meeting—8:00 p.m.
	30	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 the Shaw Avenue School.)

Kindergarten and First 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 29, 1994 between 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. at Clear Stream Avenue, Forest Road and Shaw Avenue Schools. NO registration will 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, 1989 to be eligible for admission to kindergarten in September, 1994. NO EXCEPTIONS ARE EVER MADE TO THE ENTRANCE AGE REQUIREMENTS.

Children entering school for the first time must present one or more certificates indicating that they have received at least 3 diphtheria and tetanus immunizations, at least 3 polio-myelitis immunizations, and 2 doses of measles vaccine after 12 months of age. In addition, one dose of mumps and rubella vaccine must be given at least one day after the child's first birthday.

Newsday Spelling Bee

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 Newsday's Spelling Bee regional semifinal in February. Below are the names of the school champions, alternates, and the schools' Library/Media Specialists:

At Clear Stream Avenue School (Mrs. Alice Dorb): Champion—Kathleen Jurski (5th grader); alternate—Dino Doromal (5th grader).

At Forest Road School (Mrs. Carol Tolle): Champion—*Marissa Goldfaden (6th grader); alternate—Christopher Ignaciuk (6th grader).

At Shaw Avenue School (Mrs. Mary Mathews): Champion—Vikas Parmar (6th grader); alternate—Keith Gauger (5th grader).

*Marissa Goldfaden was the runner-up in the regional semifinals of the Newsday Spelling Bee.

Important Tax Notice

New York State Income Tax forms for 1993 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.

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. This transportation is provided only when the following conditions are met:

1. A written request for a specific school is made by the parents to the school district no later than April 1, 1994.

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, 1994. New York State Education Law specifically states that applications must be made annually for each new school year.

If your child meets the above requirements, please send in your request for the 1994–95 school year no later than April 1, 1994. Send your requests to the Valley Stream School District 30, Administrative Offices, 150 Washington Avenue, Valley Stream, New York 11580.

"BEARY" EXCITING activities took place in Mrs. Mary Kay Ficarrotta's kindergarten class at Shaw Avenue School. The children brought their favorite Teddy Bears to school. They helped the students learn about sorting, sizing, measuring and many more skills. Awards were given for the fuzziest, softest, whitest, biggest, smallest, etc. and everyone received a big bear hug!

THE FRIENDLY SCHOOLS

Valley Stream Thirty Public Schools

Special Budget Issue

April, 1994

A LETTER TO OUR PARENTS AND TAXPAYERS

This special issue of THE FRIENDLY SCHOOLS contains information regarding the District's tentative budget for the 1994-95 school year. Registered voters will have the opportunity to vote on the budget on Wednesday, May 4, 1994.

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 to 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.

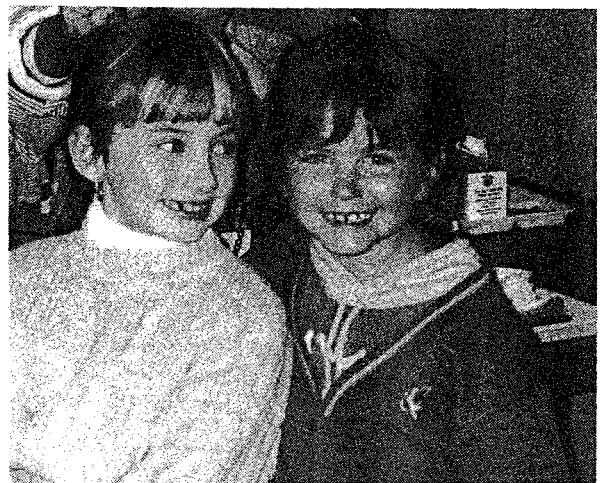
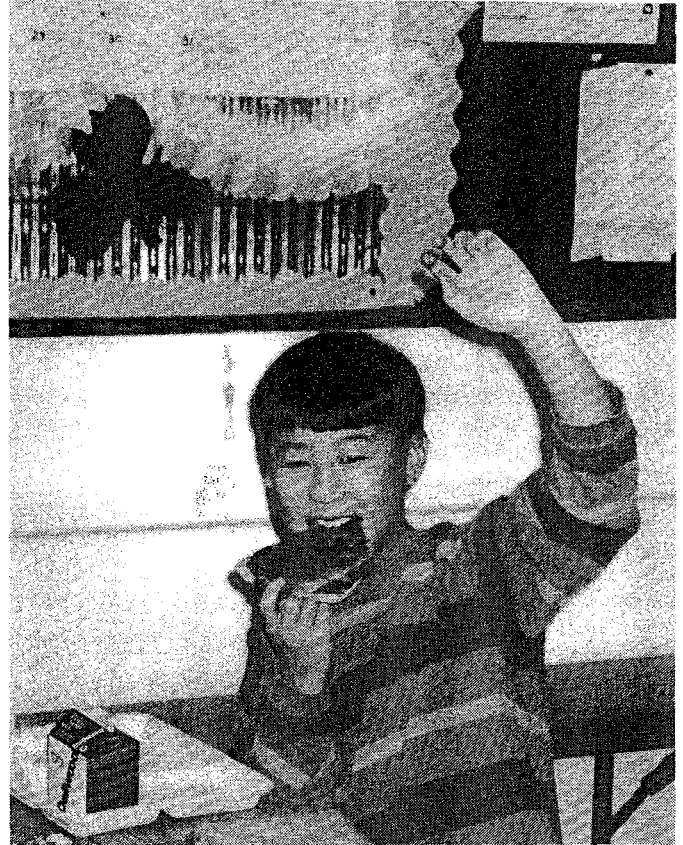
In addition, the Board of Education held budget presentations so that taxpayers could be privy to the background driving the decision making process. The budget presented in this issue of THE FRIENDLY SCHOOLS, which will be further explained at the combined official budget hearing at the Shaw Avenue School on Wednesday, April 13, 1994 at 8:00 p.m., and that will go to the voters on May 4, grew out of this process.

Thus, after much thought and deliberation, we are presenting for voter determination a tentative budget in the amount of \$13,111,269. This represents a modest increase of 3.77% in the operational budget; however, Governor Cuomo's proposed increase in non-property tax revenues (State Aid) may limit any increase in the estimated tax rate to 74¢ per \$100 of assessed valuation in the estimated tax rate. We believe the 1994-95 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,

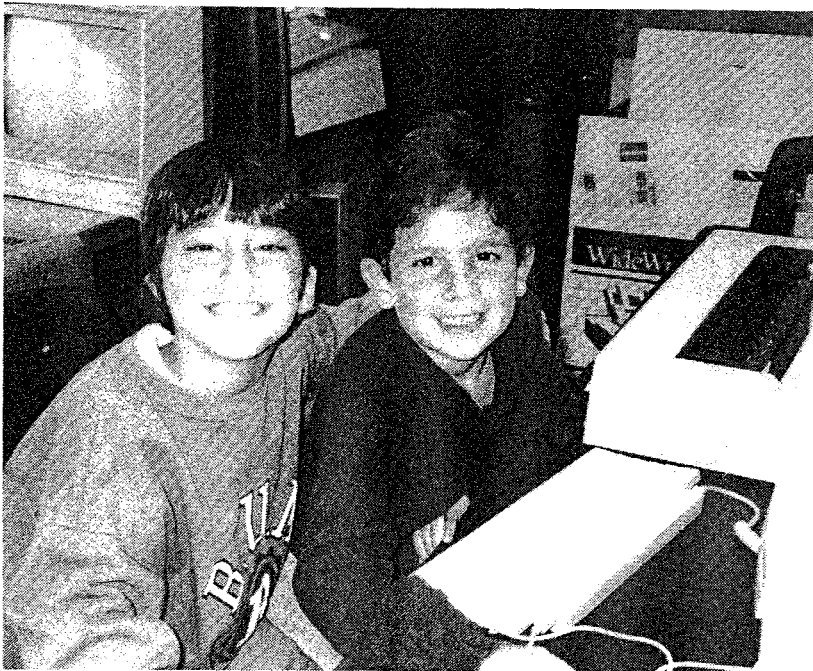
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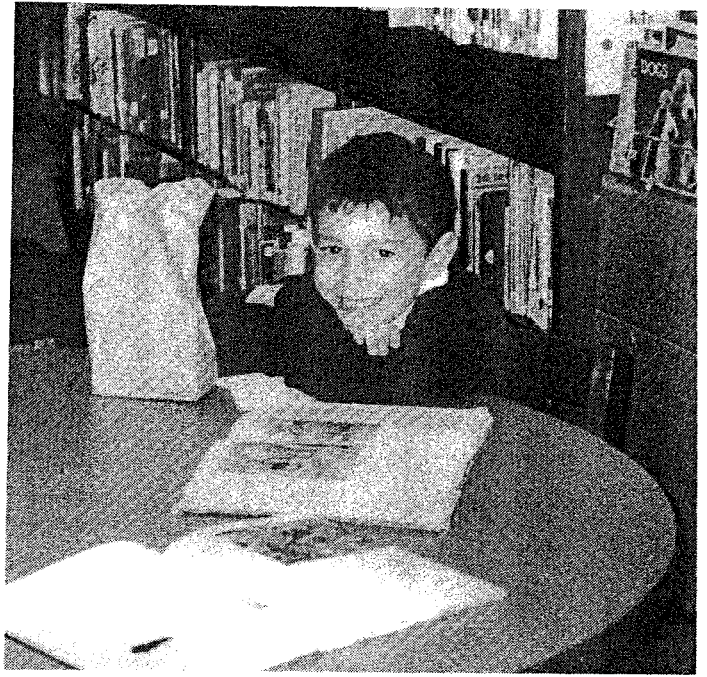


VALLEY STREAM UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT #30

**STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES
(TENTATIVE BUDGET)
1994-1995**

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>1993-1994 APPROVED BUDGET</u>	<u>1994-1995 TENTATIVE BUDGET</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>
Board of Education	\$ 8,250	\$ 8,250	\$ -0-
District Clerk	6,325	6,325	-0-
District Meetings	9,100	9,100	-0-
Central Administration	165,525	178,760	13,235
Business Administration	277,158	285,283	8,125
District Treasurer	15,500	15,500	-0-
Legal Services	28,600	28,600	-0-
Negotiations	6,000	6,000	-0-
Public Information	20,710	21,710	1,000
Operations and Maintenance	1,010,040	1,015,954	5,914
Liability Insurance	110,500	110,500	-0-
School Association Dues	6,700	7,000	300
BOCES Administrative Charge	61,000	61,000	-0-
School Administration and Curriculum	524,905	490,930	-33,975
Instructional Program	5,475,487	5,858,517	383,030
Special Education Program	1,241,561	1,249,482	7,921
Library and Media Services	288,549	303,895	15,346
Computer Education Program	155,170	247,787	92,617
Health and Psychological Services	262,198	273,956	11,758
Extra Services	20,125	20,125	-0-
Transportation	301,890	301,890	-0-
Community Lectures and Census	9,100	9,100	-0-
Employees' Benefits	2,400,975	2,421,605	20,630
Interfund Transfers	-0-	-0-	-0-
Debt Service - Interest	230,000	180,000	-50,000
	\$12,635,368	\$13,111,269	\$475,901



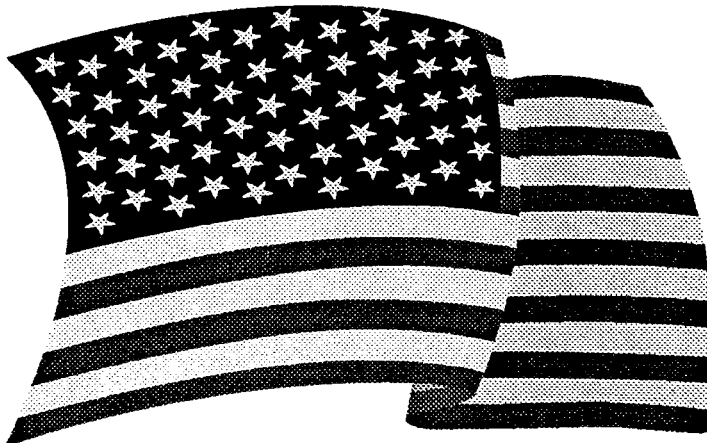


HOW THE SCHOOL DOLLAR IS SPENT

**62¢
INSTRUCTION**

**18¢
EMPLOYEE
BENEFITS**

**4¢
DISTRICT
ADMINISTRATION**



**3¢
TRANSPORTATION
and
INSURANCE**

**8¢
BUILDING
MAINTENANCE**

**5¢
BUILDING ADMINISTRATION
and
PUPIL PERSONNEL SERVICES**

EXPLANATION OF BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE 1994-1995 SCHOOL YEAR

BOARD OF EDUCATION

\$ 8,250

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

DISTRICT CLERK

6,325

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

DISTRICT MEETINGS

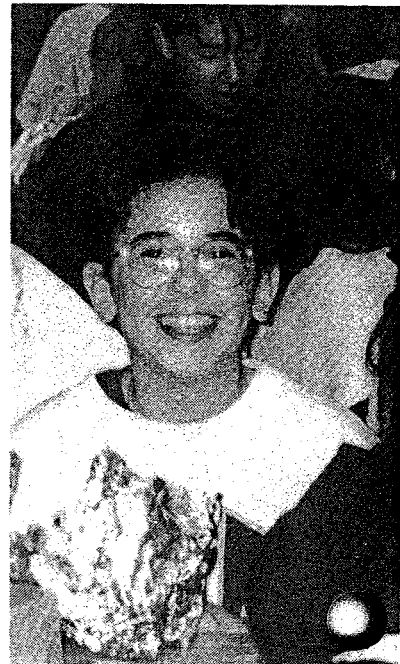
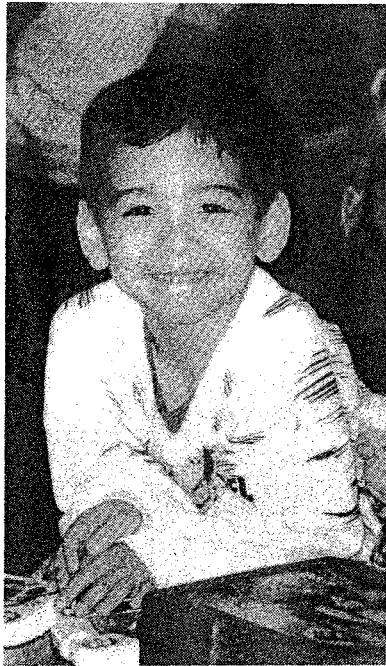
9,100

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

CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION

178,760

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





BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

285,283

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

15,500

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

LEGAL SERVICES

28,600

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

1,015,954

	<u>1993-94</u>	<u>1994-95</u>
Salaries	452,360	481,249
Materials for Building Upkeep & Repair	70,875	70,875
Utilities	274,160	269,160
Contractual Repairs, Service Contracts, Security, and Equipment	212,645	194,670

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 1994-95. Increases are limited as a result of the district's participation in the New York Schools Insurance Reciprocal.

SCHOOL ASSOCIATION DUES

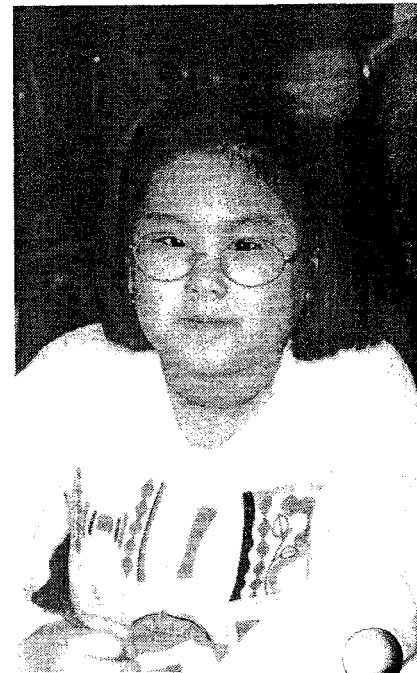
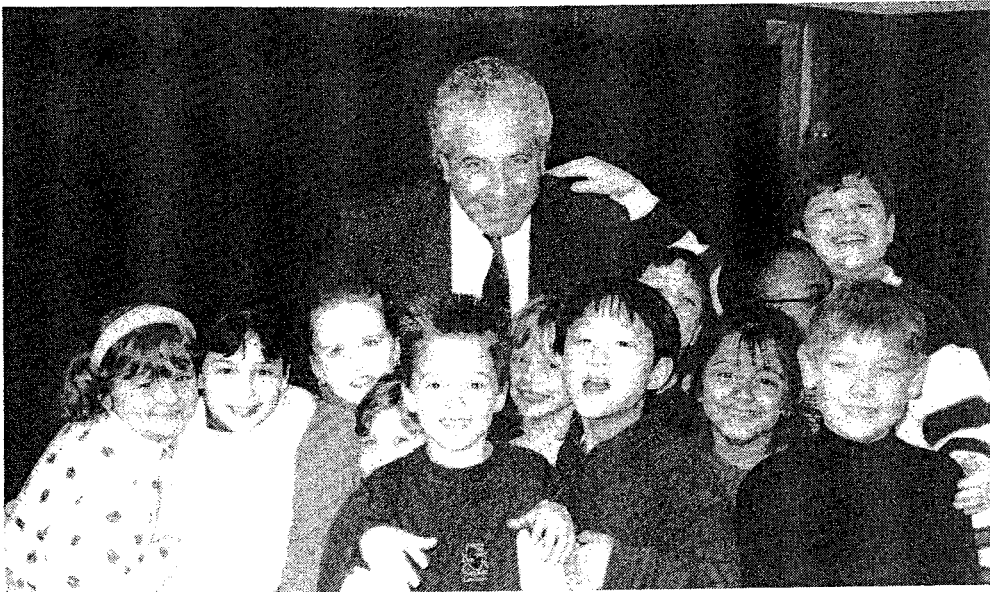
7,000

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

490,930

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

5,858,517

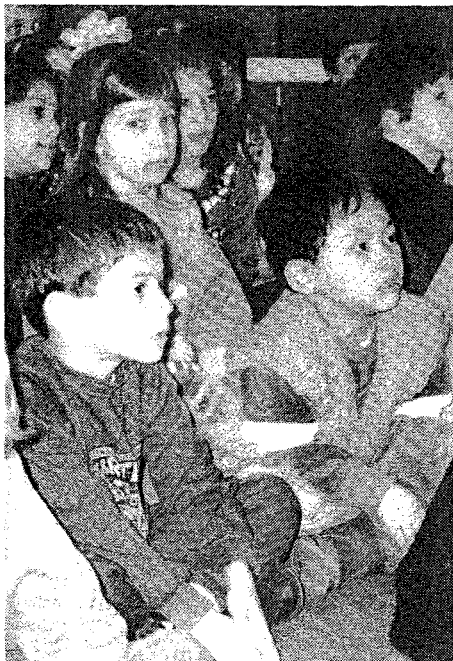
	<u>1993-94</u>	<u>1994-95</u>
Salaries	5,201,912	5,586,662
Equipment	10,800	10,680
Contractual Services	46,990	47,550
Materials and Supplies	97,965	94,965
Textbooks	91,960	91,960
BOCES Services	25,860	26,700

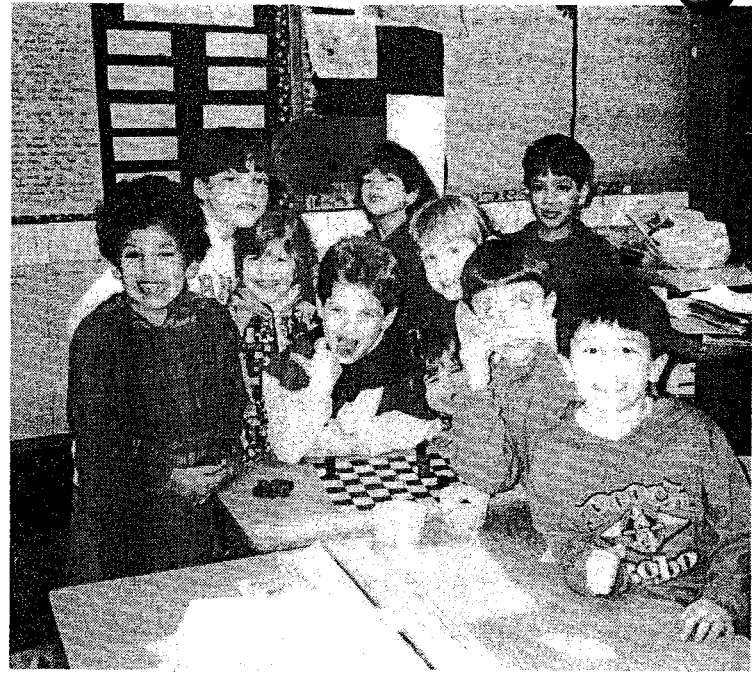
Salaries include teachers, specialists, substitutes for teachers and assistants, teacher aides and noon aides. Teacher assistants, when authorized, are included in this area.

Decreases 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

1,249,48

	<u>1993-94</u>	<u>1994-95</u>
Salaries	427,660	522,857
Materials, Supplies & Contractual Services	123,335	73,335
Tuition - Other Districts and Private Schools	306,640	275,640
Tuition - BOCES	383,926	377,650

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

303,89

Includes the salaries for librarians, library monitors and clerical staff, library and media equipment, library books, periodicals, materials and supplies for the three schools.

COMPUTER EDUCATION

247,787

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

273,956

	<u>1993-94</u>	<u>1994-95</u>
Health Services	110,678	118,054
Psychological and Screening Services	151,520	155,902

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

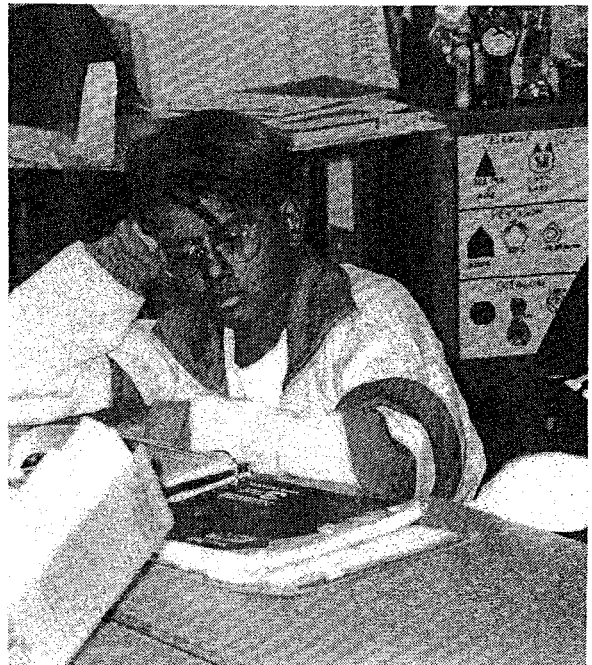
Includes extra pay for extra services and supervision and reflects the district's commitment to provide a broad range of activities for our children both before and after school.

TRANSPORTATION

301,890

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 stabilization 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 4, 1994

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

2,421,605

	<u>1993-94</u>	<u>1994-95</u>
N.Y.S. Employees' Retirement System	84,000	65,125
N.Y.S. Teachers' Retirement System	461,225	556,103
Social Security	621,325	575,000
Worker's Compensation	59,826	59,826
Medical & Dental Insurance	1,174,599	1,165,551

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

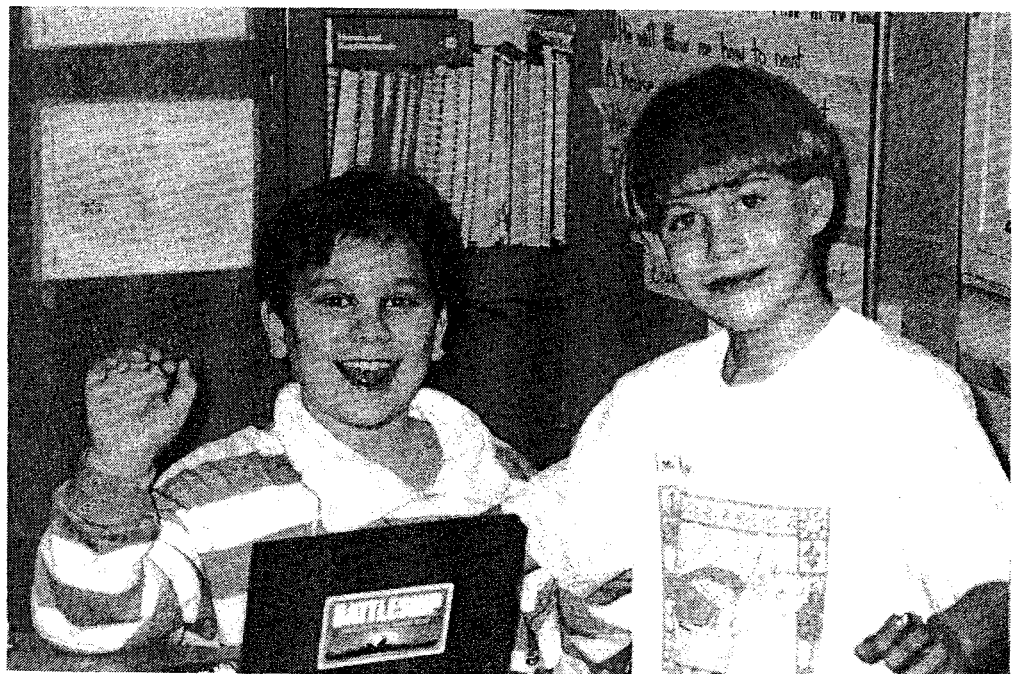
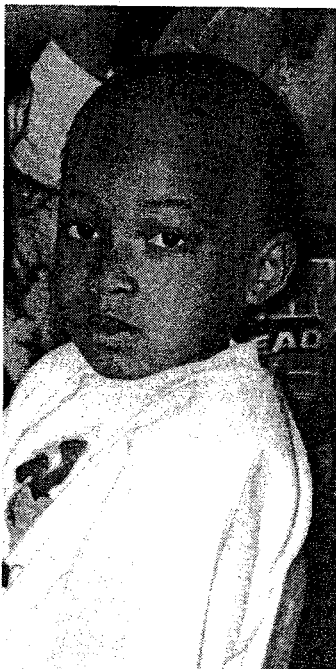
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In the past, the Interfund Transfers appropriation provided funding for improvements to your District's facilities. Although there are no capital projects scheduled for 1994-95, the Board remains committed to this program and has included provisions for safety improvement renovations and mandated ecological replacements in the Operations and Maintenance area of this budget. Funding for reimbursable agency approved projects is no longer accounted for in this category.

DEBT SERVICE

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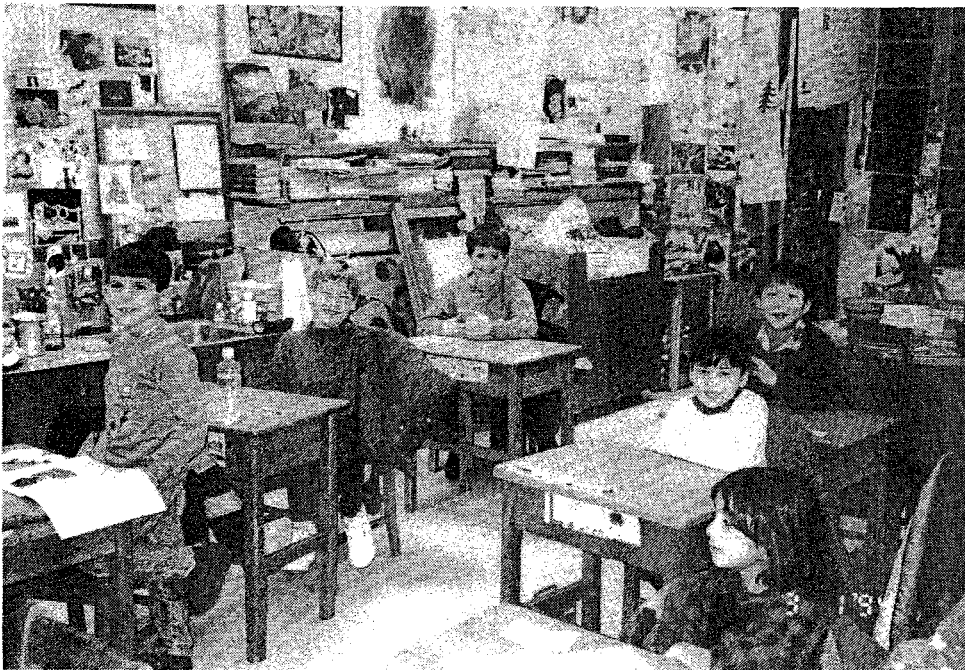
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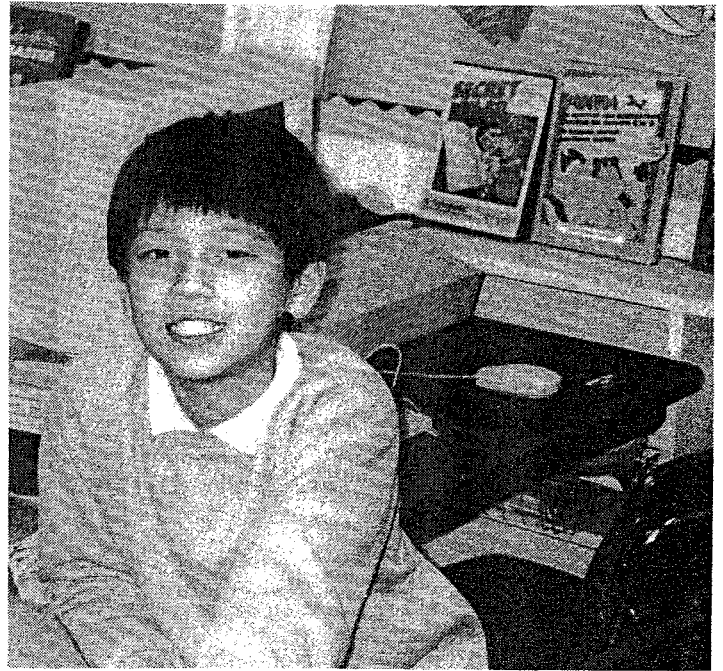
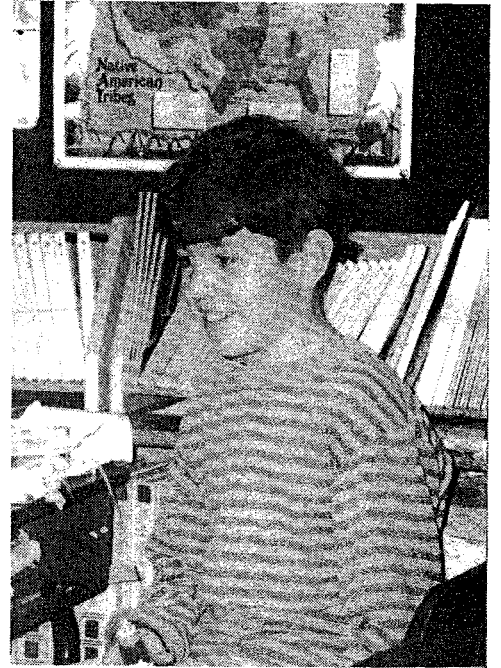
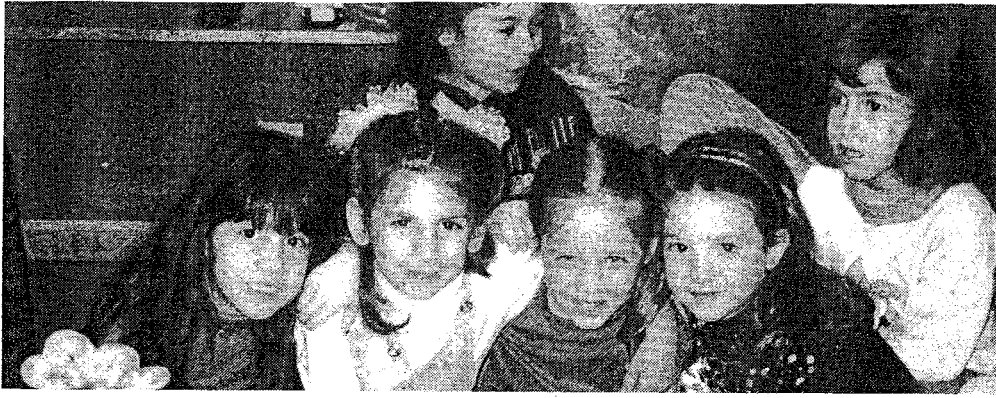


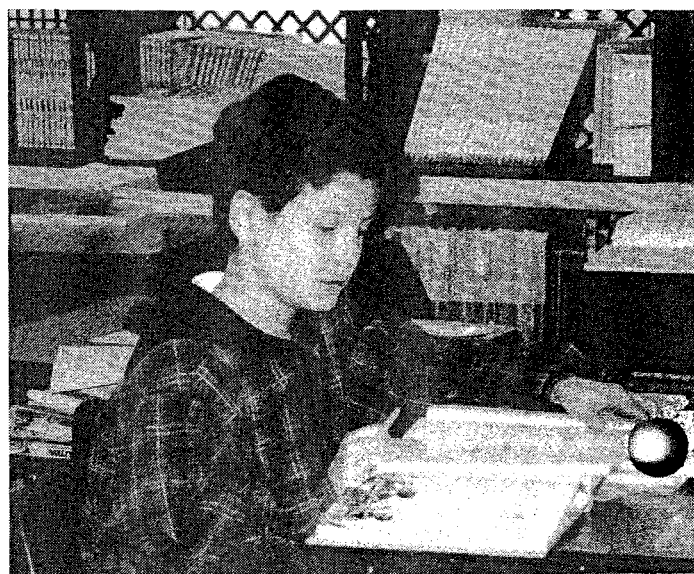
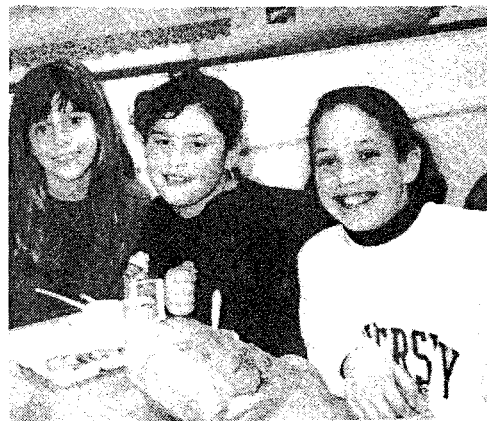
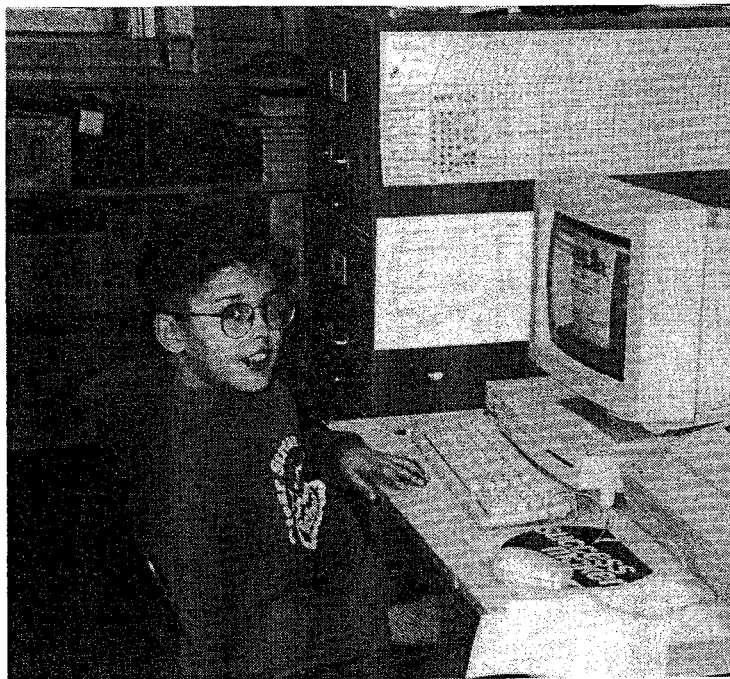
SUMMARY OF ANTICIPATED REVENUES

	BUDGETED RECEIPTS 1993-94	ESTIMATED RECEIPTS 1994-95
Surplus	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000
Use of Money and Property	110,000	110,000
State Aid	1,033,000	1,088,000
BOCES Aid	61,000	61,000
Services to Other Districts	10,000	10,000
Other Revenue	10,000	10,000
	\$ 1,724,000	\$ 1,779,000
 Amount to be Raised by Taxation	 10,911,368	 11,332,269
 Total General Fund Budget	 \$12,635,368	 \$13,111,269
 Actual Tax Rate 1993-94	 \$19.20	
Estimated Tax Rate 1994-95 Proposition No. 1	\$19.94	

The estimated tax rate is based upon the August 1, 1993 assessed valuation of \$53,036,186. Any change in the assessed valuation as of August 1, 1994 will effect the estimated tax rate. Changes in laws affecting state aid and property valuations could change the amount to be raised by taxation.







VOTING INFORMATION

Voting will take place on Wednesday, May 4, 1994 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 last day of registration for the May 4, 1994 election is Wednesday, April 27, 1994. 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 4 if your name appears in the General Election Lists of Nassau County, the process of voting on May 4 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 4 ... 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.



DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday, April 13

**Combined Budget Hearing,
Shaw Avenue School - 8:00 p.m.**

Monday, April 25

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

Wednesday, April 27

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

Friday, April 29

**Kindergarten and First Grade
Registration, All Schools
9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.**

Wednesday, May 4

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

*District Art Exhibit, All Schools
on Wednesday, May 4
7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.*

1994-1995 ESTIMATED SCHOOL TAXES FOR PRIVATE HOMEOWNERS

ASSESSED VALUATION OF HOME	ESTIMATED ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TAXES	ESTIMATED INCREASE OVER 1993-94
\$1,000.00	\$ 199.40	\$ 7.40
\$4,000.00	\$ 797.60	\$29.60
\$5,000.00	\$ 997.00	\$37.00
\$6,000.00	\$1,196.40	\$44.40
\$7,000.00	\$1,395.80	\$51.80
\$8,000.00	\$1,595.20	\$59.20

PLEASE VOTE ON MAY 4, 1994

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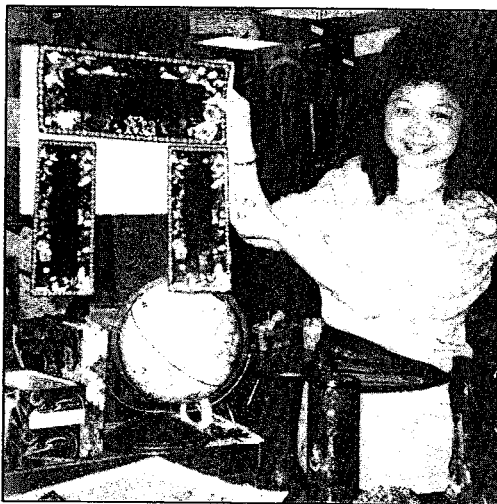
HEALTHY HEART WEEK
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SPRING ENTERS WITH MUSIC
See Page 3

District 30 Receives State Recognition

In April, Forest Road School Library received State recognition as an Electronic Doorway Library. The Certificate, presented by Nassau School Library System, recognized participation in the New York State Library Network, which uses telecommunications and computers for information access. Forest Road School is the first elementary school in Nassau County to become an Electronic Doorway Library, and we look forward to the automation of Shaw Avenue and Clear Stream Avenue Schools' Libraries next year.



COMMUNITY HELPERS
See Page 5

Attention Former District 30 Graduates

We want to hear from you! What kind of job you have, what schools you attended, where you live, have you traveled, are you married? We would like to hear what our friends are doing now. We are hoping to include this information in upcoming issues of *The Friendly Schools*. Send it to Marie Stone, Editor, Clear Stream Avenue School, Valley Stream, NY 11582. Include your name, address and telephone number (in case we have a question). Pass the word to your friends. We look forward to hearing from all of you!

CENSUS

During the month of June, enumerators will be visiting all residents of District 30.
Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.



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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.

Message from The President of The Board of Education

Dear Resident,

As another school year quickly comes to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for supporting this year's budget. Once again you have made the education of our children a top priority, thereby permitting us to continue to offer an outstanding educational program, in a fiscally responsible manner.

This year's budget will allow us to continue the development of the automated library system in all three schools. The budget also provides for additional computers at Shaw Ave. to service the needs of our largest student population.

With passage, the district will also be able to expand our current instrumental music program by adding a part time string teacher and expand the Gifted and Talented Program. This will be done while retaining all other programs.

Thank you again for your support in helping to make Valley Stream District 30 a great place to live and learn.

Have a safe and happy summer.
Sincerely,



THROUGH READING students have been enriched by learning about other people, their problems and how they solved them. "Students were exposed to other places in the world as well as the wonderful world of make believe," commented Mrs. Maureen Spiess, 3rd grade teacher at Clear Stream Avenue School.

READING 26 BOOKS earned Joey Gurrieri special recognition from his peers and from his reading teacher, Ms. Nancy McInerney, for taking home and reading 26 books! As part of the Shaw Avenue School pull-out reading program, 2nd graders were encouraged to read selected books to family members. To celebrate the conclusion of this reading incentive, cupcakes were enjoyed by all. Congratulations to all the participants!

CONTEST WINNERS: Sonia Carboni, Joseph Gambino, Jennifer Heller, Julie Klein, Dennis LaCalandra, Rafael Pizzaro, and John-Paul Riboldi (students from Forest Road School) were winners in the National Children's Dental Health Month Contest. These children demonstrated awareness of the importance of proper dental care. Julie Klein was also a winner in the "Recycle Today for a Better Tomorrow" poster contest.

Journey To Washington, D.C.



Our 5th graders, along with teachers and parent chaperones, embarked on their Washington, D.C. trip. This special overnight trip was packed with tours of our great capital. It proved to be an enjoyable experience for our students—an experience they will long remember. Mr. Richard Eisenberg, parent chaperone (and Board of Education member), stated at a recent Board of Education meeting, "The trip was a very successful learning experience for the students. The students' behavior was exemplary." Below is one student's itinerary report:

A Trip To Washington, D.C.

By Angela Gaetani

On March 17 and 18, 1994 I went on a field trip to Washington, D.C. All 5th graders in District 30 went there together. Everyone had a great time. We saw many interesting things. Here's how our trip started:

Everyone on the Washington trip had a partner. At 4:00 a.m. everyone woke up and called their partner to make sure they were up. At 5:00 a.m. all students arrived at the Shaw Avenue School gym. At 5:30 a.m. students boarded their assigned buses and prepared to leave. Soon we were on the road heading to Washington, D.C. At 7:00 a.m. we ate bagels and juice for breakfast. About 8:00 a.m. we made our first pit stop. Approximately 9:00 a.m. we had a

snack. At 10:30 a.m. everyone ate their lunch. We arrived in Washington, D.C. at 12:00 p.m.

One of the first sights we saw was the Capitol. We were very fortunate to actually see the President. Everyone was very excited. Then we went inside the Capitol and sat in the gallery of the House of Representatives. We were soon on our way to the National Air and Space Museum to see all forms of flight. At 4:30 p.m. we saw a movie called "The Blue Planet." At 5:30 p.m. everyone had dinner in the Air and Space Museum cafeteria. Afterwards we went to see the Jefferson, Lincoln, and Vietnam Memorials. Finally, we left to check into our hotels. Everybody took a shower, had a small party and went to bed.

On Friday morning we woke up at 6:00 a.m. We all packed our bags. Everyone had a delicious breakfast in the hotel. Soon we were headed to the Bureau of Printing and Engraving to see how paper money is made. Later we traveled to the American History Museum to see the sights and sounds of the Revolutionary War. We arrived at Arlington National Cemetery at 1:30 p.m. One student from each school laid a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. At 4:30 p.m. we ate a big buffet dinner. Then we headed back on the bus for our long trip back home.

Spring Enters With Music

Spring came to District 30 with music in the air! The chorus and band (see photo on Page 1) from Clear Stream Avenue, Forest Road and Shaw Avenue Schools performed spectacularly for their peers and parents at their Spring Concerts. Each school demonstrated its talent, hard work, dedication and professionalism.

We are fortunate to have four talented music teachers to guide our students: Mrs. Linda Pratt (Clear Stream Avenue School), Mrs. Frances Gibson (Forest Road School), Mrs. Barbara Kreeger (Shaw Avenue School), and Mrs. Concetta Madonia-Stevens (District 30 Instrumental Teacher). Their energy and dedication is exemplified by the children's enthusiasm. Examples of this were the way the students charmed the audience with a three-part action song called "That Dixieland Sound," at Clear Stream Avenue School; additionally we will long remember the band's great rendition of Leroy Anderson's "Syncopated Clock."

We applaud all our students who participated in this Spring Concert!



Spring in their hearts!

Musicians of the Month

To be recipient of this award, certain qualifications must be met. Perfect attendance, preparedness, musicianship, promptness, amount of weekly practice and good citizenship are some of the qualifications. Congratulations to the following Musicians of the Month:

At Clear Stream Avenue School:

February: Jessica Appel, Lisa Fiore, Kristen Lakovits, Bernard Lam and Elizabeth Quezada

March: Christina D'Alessio, Anthony Garcia, Ling-Wei Hsiao, Susan Sheffield and Jimmy McCormick

April: Jillian Garcia, Tom Novello, Theresa Lombardo and Jaclyn Streitfeld

At Forest Road School:

February: Robert Haber, Christopher Ignaciuk, Nazeera Sheriff and Jamie Winokur

March: Nikolaos Kanterakis, Marci Ranzer, Jenna Spector and Andrew Yun

April: Nathaniel Fancher, Lynn Counio and Jessica Shurgan

At Shaw Avenue School:

February: Jonathan Bjelland, Mia Carla Caban, Jennifer Estaris, Theresa Fiorito, Andrea Kang, John Lachmeyer and Kathrina Tapuro

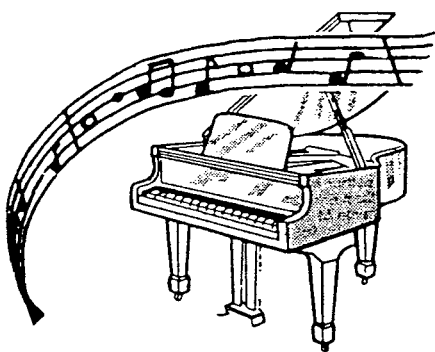
March: Christopher Busapavanij, Frank Constantelos, Claudia Fontanez, MaryEllen McInnis, Orlando Ortiz and Benz Tiena

April: Christine Anderson, Vinnie Butera, Nicole Coletta, Kallie Darragh, Brian Fielman, Pammy Katsabas and Steven Werbeck

Instrumental Music Teacher, Mrs. Concetta Madonia-Stevens, closing comment was, "We are so very excited that our instrumental enrollment has tripled in one year and is still growing."

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MEMORIAL DAY PARADE: The District 30 Marching Band has practiced diligently and is both excited to participate in the parade, and proud to march for their community.

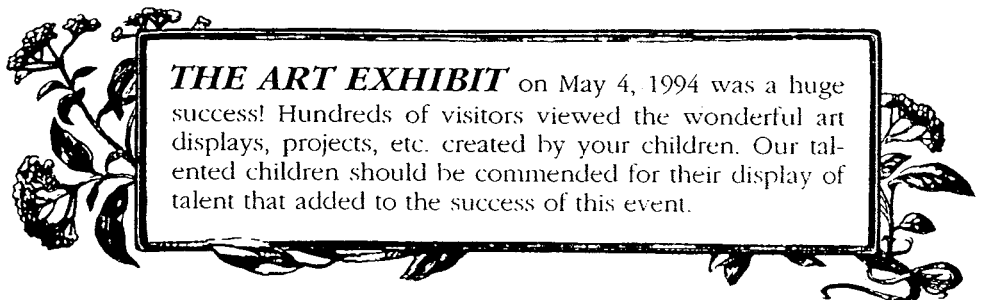


SPECIAL NOTE: Best wishes to Concetta Madonia on her recent marriage to David Stevens. May they have a life filled with happiness. Congratulations, Mrs. Concetta Madonia-Stevens!

If children live with criticism, they learn to condemn.

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

If children live with encouragement, they learn confidence.



THE ART EXHIBIT on May 4, 1994 was a huge success! Hundreds of visitors viewed the wonderful art displays, projects, etc. created by your children. Our talented children should be commended for their display of talent that added to the success of this event.

Healthy Heart Week

In keeping with the theme of Nutrition Month, the Shaw Avenue School held a Healthy Heart Week. Ms. Joan Stein, Physical Education Teacher and coordinator of Healthy Heart Week, state, "Our goal was to make both students and adults aware of the importance of maintaining a healthy lifestyle, as well as giving them hints on how to do it!" Tom Micucci, an intern from Adelphi University, worked with Ms. Joan Stein in planning this program.

To kick off the activities, the entire Shaw Avenue School staff and student body participated in a half-mile "Healthy Heart Walk" through the Shaw Avenue neighborhood. They were led by the Tin Man (Mr. Stan Kaminsky, Principal), who was in search of his heart. Some highlights of the week were: a Step-A-Thon; a Supermarket Scavenger Hunt; a Health Fair held in the small gymnasium; PTA-sponsored assemblies entitled "Put It In Motion;" exercising; plus, the Science Room was set up as a "heart" and the students, pretending they were "blood," traveled through a path of blood vessels, etc. to get to the heart (see photo on Page 1). Each class (including Music, Library,

Science and Computer) integrated lessons on the importance of keeping your heart healthy.

As the week-long activities came to a close, Ms. Joan Stein commented, "During 'Healthy Heart Week,' we called

attention to specific activities pertaining to nutrition and health and hope that everyone will strive to promote nutrition and a healthy lifestyle EVERY DAY!"



Let's Go Fishing was part of the Health Fair held in the gym. There were health questions on each "fish," and students had to answer the questions.

Kids Around The World

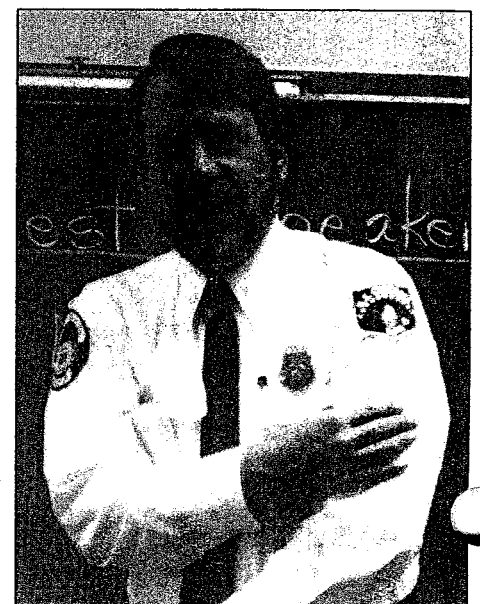
Forest Road's 2nd graders had a real treat when they began an exciting thematic unit entitled, "Kids Around The World." Before departing on their arm-chair flight to Mexico, their teacher, Mrs. Mary Ruschin, explained it wasn't so easy to leave and return to the United States. Traveling to another country is not as easy as driving or flying from one state to another. Thus, Mrs. Ruschin invited a former student's dad to visit their class and explain the sometimes complicated rules of Customs and Immigration. Dressed in uniform, Mr. Stanley Davidowitz, Deputy Inspector of the United States Customs Department at Kennedy Airport, visited the class. He explained that his department welcomes people as they enter the United States, and makes sure they are carrying only "good" things into our country. He explained the symbols on his badge and told them that the Customs Department was created in 1789 by Alexander Hamilton. The requirements for becoming an inspector are

many: Citizen of the United States, a college degree, a rigid exam, and a background in Criminal Justice. Once accepted, you must pass a twelve-week training course in Georgia, learn to process passengers and cargo, qualify with a gun, and become very knowledgeable with computer systems.

The children learned new vocabulary (including definitions) from Mr. Davidowitz, e.g., immigration, declaration, undercover agents, cargo, tell-tale jewelry markings, and much, much more. The children now realize it is not as easy a task to re-enter the U.S.A. as they once thought. They must each have a passport and declare their citizenship upon arrival and departure.

"Our class has now 'visited' Mexico, Norway and Ireland, and we have done so with the knowledge given to us by Mr. Davidowitz. We thank him very much for his visit," stated Mrs. Ruschin. Mr. Davidowitz's daughter, Heather, was a former student in Mrs. Ruschin's kindergarten and 2nd grade classes.

Mrs. Ruschin told her class how lucky it was to have a member of the community visit the school and share his life experience with the students.



It began in 1789.

Community Helpers

As part of their Community Helper Unit, kindergartners received special visitors from our community. Involvement of community members in the school teaches a very important lesson to the children. Not only do the children get to meet other community members, but they learn what they do, who they are, and sometimes receive insight into special traditions and customs their visitors have. For example, kindergartners in Mrs. Roslyn Scheidt and Mrs. Susan Moskowitz's classes, at Forest Road School, received these special visitors:

Dr. John Charos, and his Veterinary Assistant, Cathy Ruis, from Central Veterinary Association, joined their classes. Dr. Charos brought many animals for the children to learn about. He brought Zack, an iguana, and Rocky, a dog, who both reside with Dr. Charos. Cathy brought her albino ferret, Whitey, and her pot-bellied pig, Ignatts, too! Dr. Charos demonstrated, on Rocky, how he examines a dog, takes his temperature, and checks his heart, ears and teeth. Having inquisitive minds, the kindergartners asked many questions, such as,

"How do you cool off a snake?" "Easy," Dr. Charos remarked, "put him in the refrigerator for a short while." Each

special rings, and other surprises.

Lulu, the owner of Hunan Pavillion Restaurant on Merrick Road (see photo on Page 1), also visited the kindergartners. "Our children were very interested in the customs the Chinese people have, especially allowing their children to stay up until midnight the night before a celebration," commented Mrs. Scheidt. Lulu brought children and adult Chinese party clothes with her, and she even changed into a very special dress. The students found out that oranges and peanuts are eaten for the New Year, and that everyone must have a little taste of a special fish for health and happiness; plus, the color red means good luck. Lulu is not only the owner of the Hunan Pavillion, but a resident of District 30, and she has two children attending Shaw Avenue School.

Other family and community members visited our kindergarten class to discuss their professions, which proved to be a very successful first-hand experience for the students. From all the children, "a big thank you to all our visitors for taking time out of their busy day to visit us at District 30."



Dr. Charos, Cathy & Ignatts, too.

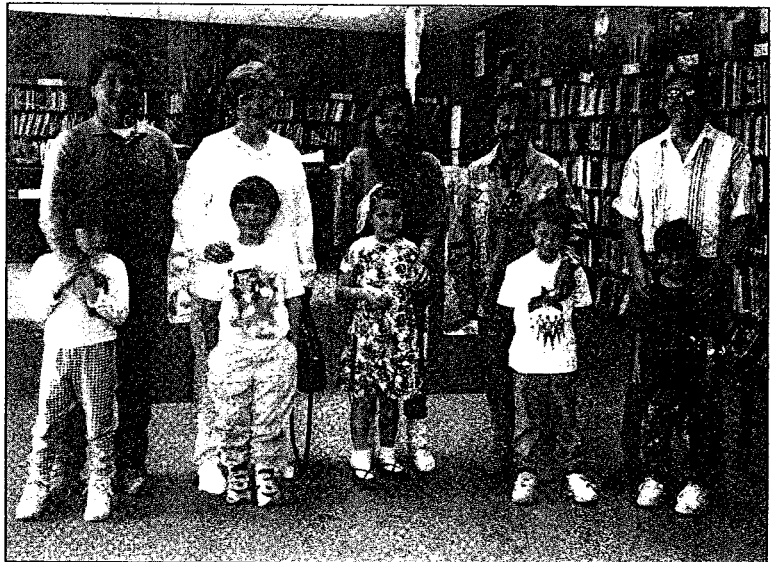
child received a goodie bag that included books about cats and dogs,

Annual Read-A-Loud

Our three schools held their 3rd Annual Read-A-Loud during National Library Week. This is a wonderful time to share with children how pleasurable reading is and how important it is. Relatives and special friends of the students were invited to read a story during their library class. Each day grandmothers, grandfathers, aunts, uncles, brothers, sisters and special friends read to the youngsters. The children loved it! You could see how proud each child was as his or her relative/friend walked in the door.

Comments from our Library/Media Specialists: "We had an overwhelming response. There were several visitors during each library class," commented Mrs. Alice Dorb at Clear Stream Avenue School. "The response was enthusiastic. This year more than 75 readers participated. Once again it was a wonderful week," stated Mrs. Mathews at Shaw Avenue School. "Forest Road School hosted 60 grandparents, aunts, uncles and adult friends. The shared book time was enjoyable for everyone," related Mrs. Carol Tolle.

One grandmother said, "See you again next year. I'll be here any time I'm asked." Over and over again we were told how much fun the volunteers had. Our guests certainly gave a special gift of their time and interest to the students and deserve a special "Thank you."



Sharing their love for reading!



Dance-A-Thon

On April 29th, Clear Stream Avenue School's Student Council, with the assistance of PTA, sponsored a Dance-A-Thon for the American Disabilities Fund. ADF was created by Dennis Oehler and Todd Schaffhauser to pro-

mately \$2,700 was raised for the American Disabilities Fund. Clear Stream students once again showed how much they care for others."

At the end of the Dance-A-Thon, students circled to pay tribute to Den-



It began with the Student Council!

vide information and support for physically challenged persons. It also provides financial grants for those with limited income. Amputees themselves, Dennis and Todd recognized the importance of a national project that would generate funds to help the disabled obtain needed rehabilitation and devices.

Students in grades 4 to 6 filled their sponsor sheets and danced for two hours without stopping. Organizers of this special Dance-A-Thon, Ms. Amy Agnesini (Physical Education Teacher) and Mrs. Barbara Clarke (4th grade teacher), jointly announced: "Approxi-

nis and Todd. The song by Mariah Carey, "Hero," was played with the dancers singing along. Student Council President, Christopher Bastardi, told everyone what kind of role models Dennis and Todd are. Everyone should have heroes like these two men!

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...And then a hero comes along with the strength to carry on. And you cast your fears aside. And you know you can survive. So when you feel like hope is gone, Look inside you and be strong. And you'll finally see the truth. That a hero lies in you. (Excerpt from "Hero")



It ended with caring students!

250th Birthday Celebration

Room 116 at Shaw Avenue School was hopping with the celebration of Thomas Jefferson's birthday! Dressed in colonial garb, these 5th graders in Mrs. Susan Wasserman's class displayed their research and admiration for Thomas Jefferson. Everyone took part in the celebration. Below are some excerpts from students' essays concerning this great man:

Thomas Jefferson was the 3rd President of the U.S. and was the main author of the Declaration of Independence. He was talented in many areas. He was a politician, lawyer, writer, scientist, farmer, educator, architect, and an inventor. *(Written by Alexis Aiello)*

Thomas Jefferson was a man of many accomplishments. He invented many great things. Such as the swivel chair, the dumbwaiter, and the weather vane. He also invented the camera obscura, the quartet stand, the Seven Day Clock, and revolving shelves. Another great invention of his is the handwriting duplicator. He designed things such as the Virginia Capitol, the University of Virginia, and his own home, Monticello. He was one of the great architects of his time. *(Written by Alison Mandzek and Angela Gaetani)*



When Thomas Jefferson died the world was filled with grief. He helped our country like no other man, because of his inventions and habits. Although he died 250 years ago, he still lives on in our hearts and minds, even today. *(Written by Katie Mortell)*

Other students made models of Thomas Jefferson's inventions and buildings. Such as: The Moveable Bed, made by Fiezel Fakier, David Taub and Orlando Ortez; The Four Piece Quartet Stand for Violinists, made by (and playing their violins) Alison Mandzek, Diana Chou and Katie Mortell; and the ever popular (for that era) Wooden Stick Toy, which was demonstrated by Steven DiGiario. The finale was a lunch prepared by the students, including food that Thomas Jefferson enjoyed! (He was also an agricultural genius!)

It was obvious that the students enjoyed learning about Thomas Jefferson and a lesson they will always remember.

Fitness Testing A Success

Students at Clear Stream Avenue School have successfully completed the Presidential Physical Fitness Testing. In some areas of the testing, students averaged 20-30% above the national average. Students have worked diligently conditioning themselves all year through warm-up activities in Physical Education. Examples of our athletes' performance are: 5th grader Nicole Zobkiw did a record-breaking 26 pull-ups, while her classmate Kirk Sendlein broke the record for boys, doing 15. These are both 100% scores. Nicole shattered another school record for sit-ups by doing 71 in one minute, another 100% score. Some of the best times for the one-mile run were: 1st graders - Joey Hayden 10:05 and Jessica Lusenskaskas 10:13; 2nd graders - John Makarewicz 8:53 and Theodora Kaimis 9:33; 3rd graders - Keith McLoughlin 7:49 and Leigh Ann Klein 7:58; 4th graders - Adam Klein 7:07 and Laura Brennan 8:37; 5th graders - Adrian Briscoe 7:25 and Dana Albert 7:53; and 6th graders - Steven Hay 7:08 and Pamela Russo 7:59.

"Almost 100 students are receiving

the National Fitness Awards for scoring higher than the national average in all five testing areas. We have 18 students receiving the presidential Fitness Award for 85% or higher in all five testing areas. The Presidential Fitness Awards is extremely difficult to attain," stated Ms. Amy Agnesini, Physical Education Teacher.

The following students have achieved this highest honor: 1st grader Josephine Yeh; 3rd graders Meagan Robar, Katie Hay, Melissa Lombardo, Shawn Bartolomeo and Leigh Ann Klein; 4th graders Christina Campolo and Adam Klein; 5th graders Theresa Lombardo, Melissa Makarewicz, Paula Randazzo, Joshua Walker, Adrian Briscoe, Kirk Sendlein and Nicole Zobkiw (Nicole had the highest overall average in the school—95%); 6th graders Marlon Briscoe, Steven Hay and James Richford. All of our award winners as well as the rest of the students should be commended for their hard work and determination.

(Editor's Note: Just before we went to press, I received the award recipients from Forest Road School from Mr. Vin-

cent Manzo, Physical Education Teacher. The names are listed below:

From Forest Road School the National Award winners are: 4th graders Andrew Yun, Daniel Hickey, Jenna Spector, Robert Gorozdi, Nikolas Kanterakis, Jillian Kornswieg, Gia Mancini, Carly Jacobson, Rachel Brown and Keith Phillips; 5th graders Andrew Vardakis, Nathaniel Fancher, Jamie Winokur, Brian Magh, Jamie Jeuda, Jeffrey Eisenberg, Jessica Hornick, Caroline Yun, Lisa Seelig, Jacqueline Ram, Pamela Fallica, Lynn Counio and John Orena; 6th graders Shanna Katz, Michael Strauss, Sean Falley, Rachel Coulter, Alan Fass, Brian Butler and Jessica Klein. The Presidential Award winners are: 4th grader Cary Verasco; 6th graders Melissa Baretto, Melissa Mitgang, Jessica Schiffer, John-Paul Riboldi, Christopher Hutchinson, Pamela Verasco, Stacey Weiner and Eva Kiviat.

Mr. Thomas Rouse, Physical Education Teacher at Shaw Avenue School, reports that their results have not been completed at this time.

Inventors

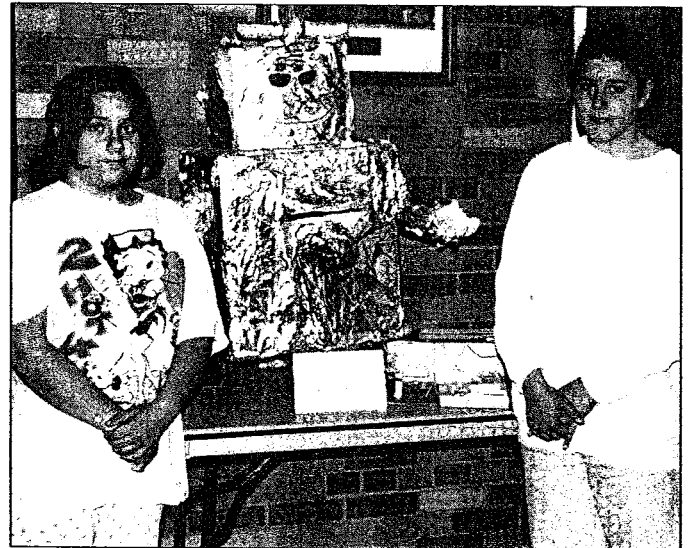
Sixth grade students at Shaw Avenue School have been active participants in learning about the Medieval Era. They have gained much insight in this subject since it has been the focal point for all areas of the curriculum, including specials such as art, music and science.

The science program concentrated on inventors and inventions of medieval times. Students were involved in class discussions to unveil the characteristics and crucial features of inventions that worked, as well as the reasons some inventions never took off. Many students displayed an interest and a desire to step into the role of inventors and experience first-hand the trials and tribulations of inventing. They worked in groups to brainstorm and invent a product, or machine, that stayed within the definition of an invention. Needless to say, it was a struggle to create something original or design a new process. "Students showed much

initiative by meeting on their own time with their group outside of school. Some designed blueprints and/or built models of their inventions to present in class, others created advertising campaigns such as a video of a commercial for their product," stated Ms. Anne Marie Homer, Science Teacher.

Our 6th grade inventors are to be commended for their enthusiasm and determination. This was most enjoyable for all of us to be a part of. Some inventions were displayed in the Shaw Avenue School lobby.

Pictured are Priscilla Cassano and



Claudia Fontanez viewing the displays of the Robot Trash, invented by Charlotte Faele, Mike Ferri, Tiffany Smith and Anna Veracruz, and the Walky Talky Pencils, invented by Jill Sceri, Amy Esposito and Melissa Golfo.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

June	20	District 30 Board of Education Committee Meeting — 8:00 p.m.
	22	6th Grade Graduation Ceremony — 8:15 p.m. at each school
	23	Kindergarten Graduation Ceremony — 9:30 a.m. at each school
	24	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
	27	District 30 Board of Education Meeting—8:00 p.m.

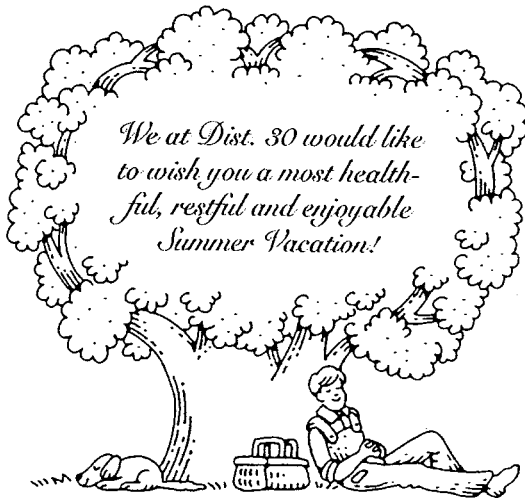
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*Here's to our graduates
we will never forget you!
Here's to remembering where
your education first grew!
Here's to your health and
happiness, too!
Here's to a wonderful future
awaiting you!*

Reinforcing Lessons

Mrs. Josephine Ferranti's 2nd grade class at Shaw Avenue School has had a busy spring. During the celebration of Healthy Heart Week, the children learned about good nutrition. With help from some volunteer mothers they walked to the local A&P and shopped for food for a breakfast they planned to have in their classroom. At the end of the week the children enjoyed scrambled eggs, bagels, juice and milk. Thanks to the moms who were great chefs!

The class also journeyed to the BOCES Center in Old Brookville where the children made corn cob people, walked in the woods and received a first-hand look at life in a log cabin.



LOOKING AHEAD

The 1994-95 school year will begin on September 9, 1994.

EARTH DAY was a delightful Music Revue presented to parents and students by grades 2, 4 and 6 at Forest Road School. The children performed songs, dances, choral speaking and skits. Through the performance the students learned that each person has one "small voice" and cannot get much accomplished alone, but by working together they have a "big voice" and can make a difference.

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.



Recognize these stars? You might have been among the crowd that viewed the telecast in Room 211 at Shaw Avenue School during the Art Exhibit. They are among the stars of Mrs. Susan Stiefel's annual "Talk Show." Each 4th grader read a biography and dressed up as that famous person. Mrs. Stiefel interviewed them and their questions and answers were videotaped.

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Integrated Language Arts Program

The goal of any Integrated Language Arts Program is to provide experiences which will allow students to develop the skills of listening, speaking, reading and writing. This goal is achieved through an eclectic approach. It is based on the premise that language is best learned through use in authentic situations that have meaning for the learner. When listening, speaking, reading and writing are developed simultaneously, children become involved in highly functional experiences which create independent confident learners. Functional experiences provide children with meaningful and useful learning in a cooperative learning environment. Emphasis is on the importance of the learner's active construction of knowledge and the interplay between new knowledge and prior knowledge.

In an Integrated Arts Program the children are surrounded by language in all forms. Children experience a positive climate of expectation in which they come to view language learning (listening, speaking, reading, and writing) as a natural form of communication in their daily lives. Students are taught to develop communication strategies enabling them to apply skills which are not necessarily taught in isolation. This program is being implemented in our schools in all grades.

New Kindergarten Report Cards

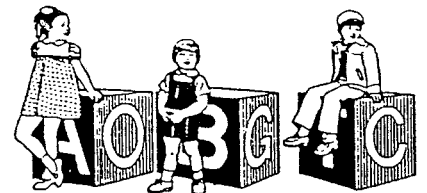
The Primary Language Record (PLR) is being piloted in the Forest Road School kindergarten classes in place of the current report card. Its goal is to give parents, teachers, and children the data to see the child's total language development.

The PLR has been used successfully in the State of NY and is aligned with the Compact for Learning which N.Y.S. has implemented. It not only uses teacher assessment, but provides for parental and student input, too. Student involvement gives a child the feeling of ownership in his/her progress.

The PLR has two parts. One is the actual record and the other is observation and samples of the child's written and oral work (using a tape recorder). All of the data is passed along through the grades, so that in the end, there is a better understanding of language development and the child's strengths and weaknesses as seen by the teacher, the parent and the child.

There are three parent and student conferences during the school year. (September, January and April or May). At the end of the year a written evaluation will be sent home. The PLR will provide more information and better detail

than the District's current kindergarten report card. PLR will make the reading, writing and listening connection. It is consistent with the goals of the new Language Arts Curriculum that District 30 has recently adopted and put in place for the 1994-95 school year. It took 2 years for the Language Arts Committee to complete their work, with the entire District 30 faculty giving input for their grade level. The Language Arts Committee was chaired by Dr. Barbara Warren Cronin, Principal of Forest Road School. Kindergarten teachers, Mrs. Susan Moskowitz, Mrs. Roz Scheidt, and Mrs. Gina Haggerty, are very excited about this pilot program and the opportunity it provides to form a partnership with parents. The Primary Language Record was explained to kindergarten parents at a special meeting on September 16. The parents are enthusiastic about the pilot program.



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**NEW BREAKFAST
 PROGRAM**

Following the recommendation of the Shaw Avenue School Compact for Learning Building Level Team, the Board of Education has approved the establishment of a Breakfast Program for students at Shaw Avenue School. This program is expected to begin this month and will be available between 7:45-8:10 a.m. For further information contact Shaw Avenue School. (Note: In 1995-96 all elementary schools in New York will be required to offer breakfast to their students. New York State provides full-cost reimbursement during the first year of operation of this program.)

This space may be small, but our wishes are not. Best of wishes to our retirees:

Mrs. Ada Keaney (Reading Teacher at Shaw Avenue School), who after 42 years has left us (and the students) with many memories.

Maude Henn (Part Time Clerk at Shaw Avenue School), after 28 years we will miss her and her cheerful "Good morning, Shaw Avenue School!"

Lillian Viemeister (Library Aide at Forest Road School), who always assisted the students with her sunshine smile for 20 years.

Dear Residents,

On behalf of the Board of Education, I would like to welcome everyone to the start of the 1994-95 school year in our District 30 "Friendly Schools." It's hard to believe that summer has come and gone, and that we have just started another school year.

So far, we've gotten off to a great start! The school facilities are in tip-top shape, and each of the school openings went smoothly. In fact, we have seen a significant increase in enrollment to well over 1,230 students, which represents our highest enrollment since the mid 1970's.

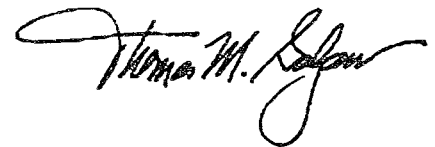
Over the summer, our entire staff was working hard to ensure that we would have another great school year. The principals and teachers worked on various curriculum development projects, including the preparation of a new curriculum in language arts and health. In addition, the new University of Chicago School Math project piloted at Clear Stream Avenue School, which is receiving recognition and kudos from educators across Long Island, has now been

expanded to all three schools.

We have also added a computer lab to the Shaw Avenue School Library, and our own maintenance staff converted the Clear Stream Avenue kindergarten room into a new computer room and library. All three libraries will be on-line this year with the Nassau School Library System via computer link-up to libraries throughout Nassau County. We will also be piloting this year at Forest Road School a new library program by which students will be provided access to the Internet which provides access to databases and research information throughout the world.

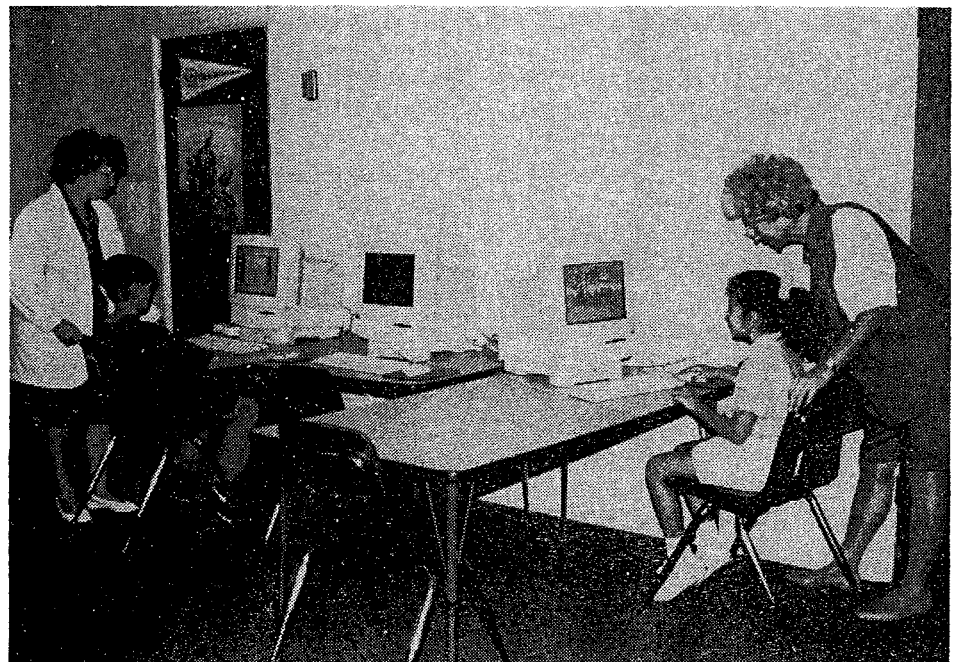
We are proud of the work accomplished to date and look forward to an exciting school year for our students.

Sincerely,



Thomas M. Galgano, President
 Board of Education

NEW INFORMATION CENTER & SCHOOL LIBRARY



The new Clear Stream Avenue School Information Center and School Library are located in the school's lower level and are adjacent to each other. Walls were erected, shelves installed, rewiring completed, and all set up for opening day. Pictured are Mrs. Noeleen Douglas, Computer Aide, and Mrs. Virginia Cabral, 3rd grade teacher, assisting students in the use of networking.

Special Services and Programs

It is the commitment of District 30 to provide challenging and successful educational experiences for all children. Such challenges and successes will differ from child to child. The Office of Special Services and Programs is responsible for coordinating the various district-wide activities which promote school success for every child. Included in these activities are standardized testing, reading remediation, English as a Second Language, Gifted and Talented Education, speech and language therapy, health screening, counseling, and special education services.

Through the Committee on Special Education (CSE) and the Committee on Pre-School Special Education (CPSE) children are assessed to determine eligibility for special education services. If a school-aged child is determined to have a disability, appropriate services will be provided within the consideration of the least restrictive environment. Appropriate services and instruction are determined by

CSE/CPSE review and incorporated in the student's Individualized Education Program (IEP). Within District 30, students may receive IEP related services such as speech and language therapy, resource room, counseling and occupational/physical therapy while participating in the regular education program. Learning Center (LC) classes provide instruction in reduced size learning environment with opportunities to be mainstreamed (as appropriate) into regular education classes. Some children, because of their unique needs, may benefit from out-of-district classes in a neighboring school district, BOCES program, or private school placement. In any case, successfully meeting the needs of each child with a disability is the result of meaningful collaboration among parents, teachers, related services, staff, administrators, and the CSE.

For pre-school children between 3 and 5 years of age, the CPSE is designed to identify children who may be in need of special educa-

tion services. Parents who suspect that their pre-school child may not be attaining age-expected developmental behaviors are encouraged to contact the Director of Special Services for information about CPSE and the types of services available to eligible children. The Office of Special Services and Programs also coordinates with the Early Intervention Program of the Nassau County Department of Health to provide a smooth transition of services for infants and toddlers with disabilities to CPSE.

District 30 also provides services to eligible children as specified by Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. The Director of Special Services and Programs is also the Section 504 Coordinator for the district.

The Office of Special Services and Programs is located at the Washington Avenue Administrative Building; the telephone number is 285-9833.



A special kindergarten class, LCK (Learning Center Kindergarten) was established to serve the children in our district with speech and language needs. The class is located at Forest Road School. Mrs. Gina Haggerty, Classroom Teacher, Mrs. Diane Dubno, Speech Teacher, and Mrs. Genevieve Kropas, Classroom Aide, work together to provide instruction in this special learning environment.

An Open Letter of Introduction from Mr. Gene Nyitray, Director of Special Services & Program ...

I began my teaching career 25 years ago and have been a special educator for the past 25 years. Over the years I have thoroughly enjoyed and learned from each of my assignments: classroom teacher, coordinator, Assistant Principal and Principal. Immediately prior to coming to District 30, I was a Principal of Special Education in Queens for eight years. I take pride in knowing that I introduced a variety of successful programs for students, staff and parents during those years. In my District 30 position as Director of Special Services and Programs, I am looking forward to working with the talented staff members and involved parents of District 30 to provide quality services for children with special needs.

My wife, Nira, is a special education consultant in Queens. I am the proud father of three wonderful daughters: Kristen, a junior at Stony Brook University, Courtney, a freshman also at Stony Brook, and Rachel, a kindergarten munchkin. With some luck and lots of fortitude, I expect to complete my Doctoral coursework this fall and hope to complete my dissertation before the turn of the century.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

October	21	Breakfast With The Superintendent held at Forest Road School at 9:30 a.m.
	24	District 30 Board of Education Meeting — 8:00 p.m. held at Clear Stream Avenue School
November	8	Superintendent's Conference Day— NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS Election Day
	11	Veterans' Day — SCHOOLS CLOSED
	21	District 30 Board of Education Committee Meeting— 8:00 p.m.
	24-25	Thanksgiving Recess — SCHOOLS CLOSED
	28	District 30 Board of Education Meeting — 8:00 p.m.

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Introducing...



Ms. Jane Dody is a new member to our staff of Reading Teachers. She will be assisting students in grades 4-6. She previously taught for 8 years in New York City: 3 as a Special Education Teacher and 5 as a Reading Teacher.

Miss Jodi Freiser joins our staff of ESL (English as a Second Language) teacher at Forest Road and Shaw Avenue Schools. Miss Freiser has 2 years of experience and previously taught ESL in Queens at the Korean Church of Queens, P.S. 107 and 22 and taught ESL to adults in Freeport.

Miss Julie Gorin is a 6th grade teacher at Clear Stream Avenue School. She has been teaching for 6 years. She taught 6th grade for the past 4 years. Prior to that she taught 1st grade.

Mrs. Gina Haggerty is the teacher for the special kindergarten class (LCK) located at Forest Road School. She is a Speech Kindergarten Teacher and has been in her profession for 3 years. She also taught Special Education on the preschool level. She is a member of the Council for Exceptional Children and currently finishing a Masters Degree in Early Childhood Special Education.

Miss Sandra Milici is the new kindergarten teacher at Clear Stream Avenue School. She was a student teacher at Shaw Avenue School in the Special Education Class and in the 5th grade class.

Miss Kara Milano is a leave replacement for Mrs. Mary Kay Ficarrotta's kindergarten class at Shaw Avenue School. For 2 years she has served the district as a Contract Substitute and leave replacement teacher: In 1993 for Ms. Ging's 1st grade class, and last year for Mrs. Federici's 1st grade.

Mrs. Susan Perrone, with 2 years of experience, is a 6th grade teacher at Shaw Avenue School. Prior to entering the education field, she spent 7 years in advertising. During this time she traveled extensively and produced infomercials.

Mrs. Sandra Rubin joins our team of Reading Teachers and will be assisting students in grades K-2 at Shaw Avenue School. Her experience includes: teaching pre-kindergarten for 5 years and 2 years as a reading teacher. She was an International Flight Attendant/Purser for 20 years.

Mrs. Barbara Wieder is our District String Teacher. She previously served our district for 11 years (1971-82). She brings with her 17 years as a member of a local community orchestra; she plays viola with the South Shore Symphony of the RVC Guild for the Arts.

Other new members to our District 30 team include: **Deidre Casey**, Classroom Aide at Forest Road School; **Kathy Russo**, Library/Computer Aide at Shaw Avenue School; and **Vincent Cusumano**, Cleaner Assistant at Forest Road School.

Where Are They Now?

We recently heard from some of our former students:

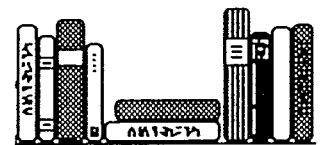
Jay Hellreich, Class of 1962 at Forest Road School, is now married, has four children and living in Cheshire, CT. He attended Lafayette College and New York University Medical School, and achieved the title of Dr. Jay Hellreich.

Steven Hellreich, Class of 1966 at Forest Road School, is married, has two children and living in Holbrook, NY. He achieved the title of Esquire by attending Binghamton University and St. John's Law School.

Elizabeth Lanzisera, Class of 1967 at Clear Stream Avenue School, is now Mrs. DeLaney. She comes from a long list of Clear Stream Avenue School graduates: Her father, his brothers and sisters, and her two sisters! Elizabeth has two children, 3rd grader Christopher and 2nd grader Rebecca, who both attend Clear Stream Avenue School. "I loved Clear Stream as a child and still do. I still remember my grad school teachers fondly," commented Elizabeth. Elizabeth is a Registered Nurse and works for South Nassau Home Care.

More to come in following issues ...

(Note: Submit information to Marie Stone, Editor, Clear Stream Avenue School, Valley Stream, NY 11582. Include the year you graduated from District 30, and maiden name if applicable.)



Summer Reading Program

The Summer Reading Program was a huge success this year. The children should be commended for spending their time enriching their lives with books. Some of the Clear Stream Avenue School participants also participated in the Henry Waldinger Memorial Library Program. Congratulations to all our readers!

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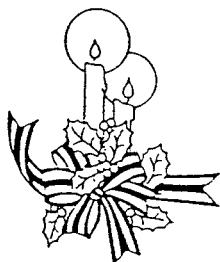
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Season's Greetings!

*May your holidays be filled with joy and happiness
that is shared with your family and friends!*

*From your District 30 Board of Education,
Administrators and Staff Members.*



SCHOOL CLOSINGS

Weather and other emergencies may warrant school closings. PTA Class Mothers will be informed 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 let out early or will the afternoon program, CARE, be cancelled once school is in session for the day.

Read On ...

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gartners, Gifted and Talented Program,
art, chemistry, etc.



Winter Concert Dates Announced

Winter Music will fill the air in all three schools when the students present their Winter Melodies programs. The concerts will feature the band and chorus in each building, plus a sing-along at the end of the program. Bring the whole family to this delightful evening and be ready to sing.

The concerts will begin at 8:00 p.m. at:

Clear Stream Avenue School
on Friday,
December 16, 1994
Forest Road School
on Tuesday,
December 20, 1994
Shaw Avenue School
on Thursday,
December 22, 1994

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News From the Gifted and Talented Program

The Gifted and Talented Program returns this year with all new topics to be explored. Students in the 4th, 5th, and 6th grades are currently investigating the uses of "Propaganda in Advertising and Politics." They have been using their newly gained knowledge to influence voters for the recent Governor's election. Mock elections were held in all three schools prior to the state election. This is a wonderful opportunity for the students' voices to be heard, with hopes of creating a future generation of active participants in the political process. Other units for this year include: Future Studies, Architecture, The Stock Market and Independent Study.

Mrs. Roni Horowitz, instructor of the Gifted and Talented Program, reported, "The success of last year's program has prompted an expansion into the 2nd and 3rd grade. Students will be participating on a rotating basis throughout the District." The first group of students at Shaw Avenue School has been learning about Recycling. The aim is to make students aware of their role in waste production while giving them some power to improve the world they live in.

Stay tuned for more on the Gifted and Talented Program, including a change in name!

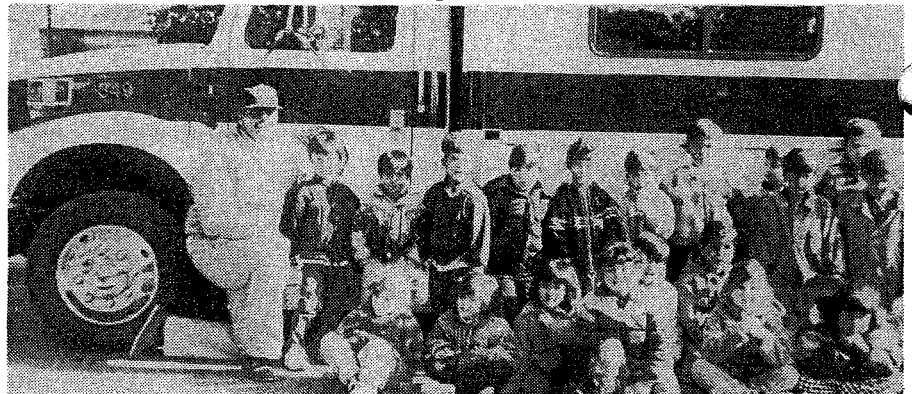
A New Twist to Apple Art

Autumn brings colorful leaves, the harvest, and apples, lots of apples. Mrs. Mary Ruschin's Forest Road School 2nd graders are studying the tales of Johnny Appleseed and the importance of the harvest in ancient Greek mythology.

Instead of making applesauce, baking apples, and apple-printing, Art Teacher, Mrs. Susan Baron, was asked to come up with a new, creative idea for a project using apples. "As always, Mrs. Baron came up with a winner by introducing students to apple dolls," stated Mrs. Ruschin. During the school lunch period, four class mothers, Mrs. S. Sherwood, Mrs. L. Stoller, Mrs. S. Viggiano, and Mrs. E. Roth, assisted by peeling and coring 24 juicy apples. Mrs. Baron then showed the children how to carve faces in their apples, placed beaded eyes in them, brushed them all with lemon juice, and set them on a tray to dry out. Mrs. Ruschin added, "The project was exciting and we look forward to finishing our dolls complete with a head of hair and some clothing. Who knows, they may last long enough for you to see at our Art Show!"



FIRE SAFETY



Forest Road School students enjoyed an up-close look at the Rescue

Fire Prevention Week was celebrated throughout our schools with many activities and visits to and from our local Fire Department. The Forest Road School kindergartners received a visit from the Valley Stream Volunteer Firemen. They brought the Rescue Truck with them and a terrific film about Fire Safety. The children learned the importance of getting down low if there is a fire in their home, because "bad air rises." They were also taught to know several ways to get out of their homes and to have a prearranged meeting place outside in case of a fire. All the kindergarten students and their teachers, Mrs. Rosalyn Scheidt and Mrs. Susan Moskowitz, would like to thank the Valley Stream Volunteer Fire Department for making a very important topic more meaningful. Once again, we saw that people in our community are our best source for hands on learning and our greatest natural resource.

Mr. Vincent Libertini's kindergarten class at Clear Stream Avenue School journeyed across the street to visit the Clear Stream Avenue Fire House. Along with the tour, they learned about "stop, drop, and roll," and not to play with matches.

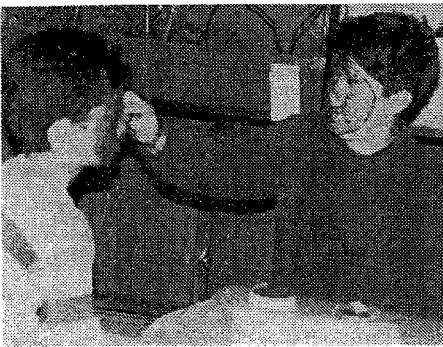
Halloween Celebration



The entire Clear Stream Avenue School gathered in the school yard, and class by class displayed their costumes. Teachers joined the celebration as parents and friends looked on.



The community around Shaw Avenue School was invaded by Halloween creatures as the entire student body, teachers, staff, and parents paraded in their costumes.



Forest Road School's entire student body was treated to a Face Painting workshop, sponsored by its PTA Cultural Art Program. Mr. Christopher Agostino instructed 5th and 6th grade students in the "Art of Make-Up," and in turn these artists face-painted students in other grades. There were jaguars, monkeys, butterflies, etc. roaming the halls of the school.

UP-KEEP OF SCHOOLS

As reported in the October issue of *The Friendly Schools*, the school year got off to a great start, and the school facilities are in tip top shape. As in our own homes, there are constant repairs and up-keep. Mr. Gregory Abbate, Director of Facilities and Operations, recently reported that his Maintenance Crew is still on their toes keeping on top of general repairs so that our children are in a safe and pleasant surrounding. Here is a brief list of items that have been recently attended to:

At Clear Stream Avenue School: Chalkboards were recovered; Roof drain repaired; Lawns repaired and re-seeded; new concrete installed on walkway; plus, building of a coat closet with a shelf and sliding doors for one of the classrooms.

At Forest Road School: Building a classroom divider (62" x 46");

Replacement of floor tiles in the Nurse's Room; Repairing a stereo for the Music Room; trimming trees on the ball field and walkway.

At Shaw Avenue School: Replacing floor tiles in the main hallway; Replacing security light bulbs; Filling holes in blacktop on play area; Repairing classroom equipment (toys); Replacing plastic light covers on light fixtures.

Included in the general up-keep, is the removal of graffiti and debris from the school grounds.



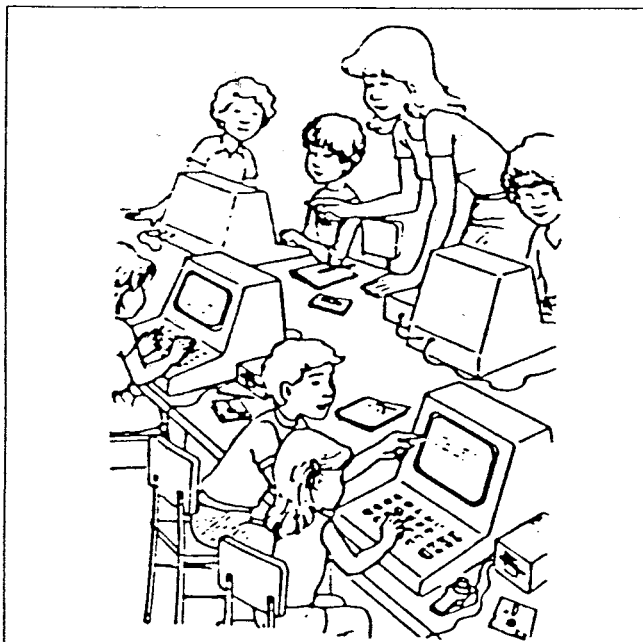
STUDENTS + TECHNOLOGY = ENTHUSIASM

RESEARCH MADE EASY AND FUN

Connecting children with books is an exciting activity as students use the on-line catalog to search for library resources. Students access the on-line catalog by keying in an author, title and/or subject. The computer instantly searches the library's holdings and displays relevant materials. With the recent addition of an automated circulation system, students can determine the availability of a title while still at the search screen. Search results can be printed out and taken to the shelves when retrieving the books. In addition, with the use of a modem, students can use the same search techniques to locate books owned by other Nassau School Libraries. These titles can be accessed through Nassau School Library System's inter-loan programs.

"Children are so enthusiastic about the books they located through their independent searches. Circulation has increased as many more relevant titles are found and the frustration of searching is eliminated. Students now spend most of their time reading and evaluating resources instead of searching for them. Our ability to provide resources is tremendously increased by our electronic access to the holdings of other school libraries," stated Mrs. Carol Tolle, Library/Media Specialist.

"Books for Everyone/Everyone For Books," this year's Children's Book Week theme, is enhanced by technology. Students will be entering their favorite book titles and reviews into an electronic Great Books Database. This will provide a source of popular readings searchable by grade level, genre, author, title and reviewer's name. On display in the Forest Road School's Library/Media Center during Book Week are book review projects by Mrs. Catherine Wood's class and Mrs. Grace Guttman's class. "Mystery Book Cartons" constructed by Mrs. Guttman's class are decorated on the outside with book reviews and are filled with objects that provide clues to solving each book's mystery. Students in Mrs. Wood's class created dioramas depicting favorite scenes from their books.



MONSTERS EMERGED FROM THE LEARNING CENTER

Halloween was a special time of fun when Mrs. Maureen Spiess, in cooperation with our Library/Media Specialist, Mrs. Alice Dorb, Library Aide, Fay Marino, Computer Aide, Mrs. Noeleen Douglas, and Mr. Gerard Camilleri, Director of Computer Education, used the new multimedia Information Center for a lesson on "Monsters." The children were exposed to the many sources available to them at Clear Stream Avenue School to find information on the topic. The children researched questions about Frankenstein, Dracula, Big Foot, Loch Ness and the Abominable Snowman using the World Book Encyclopedia, Non-Fiction Trade Books, and computer programs entitled *Information Finder* and *First Connections*.

The children followed up this research by writing scary stories about their "monsters" and reading them to parents and other classes for Halloween.

"A great scary time was had by all!" commented Mrs. Spiess.

(Also see "OUR STUDENTS RECEIVE RECOGNITION" on page 6).



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) will come into effect. This law states that there can be no use of tobacco in any school building (any building housing children) *at any time*.

PLAN AHEAD!

Read "Mark Your Calendar"
on the back page.

TEACHERS HELP NEIGHBOR



As the leaves fell and piled up on our lawns, nine member of the Clear Stream Avenue School faculty spent their after school hours helping a local senior citizen. With rakes, clippers, edgers, and other gardening equipment in their hands, Amy Agnesini, Virginia Cabral, David Cooper, Vincent Libertini, June Innella, Linda Pratt, Concetta Stevens, Karen Catalanotto and Sandra Milici (not pictured) did a fall cleanup on the woman's yard. It was a special afternoon that turned out to be fun and enjoyable, especially knowing that neighbors are helping neighbors!

Working Together

Student Council at Clear Stream Avenue School has gotten off to a wonderful start. The 4th, 5th and 6th grade students who were selected to represent their classes are enthusiastic, energetic, and determined to make this a year to remember. Mrs. Dale Ehrenreich (4th grade teacher) and Mrs. Sharon Schulman (Speech Teacher) are their counselors.

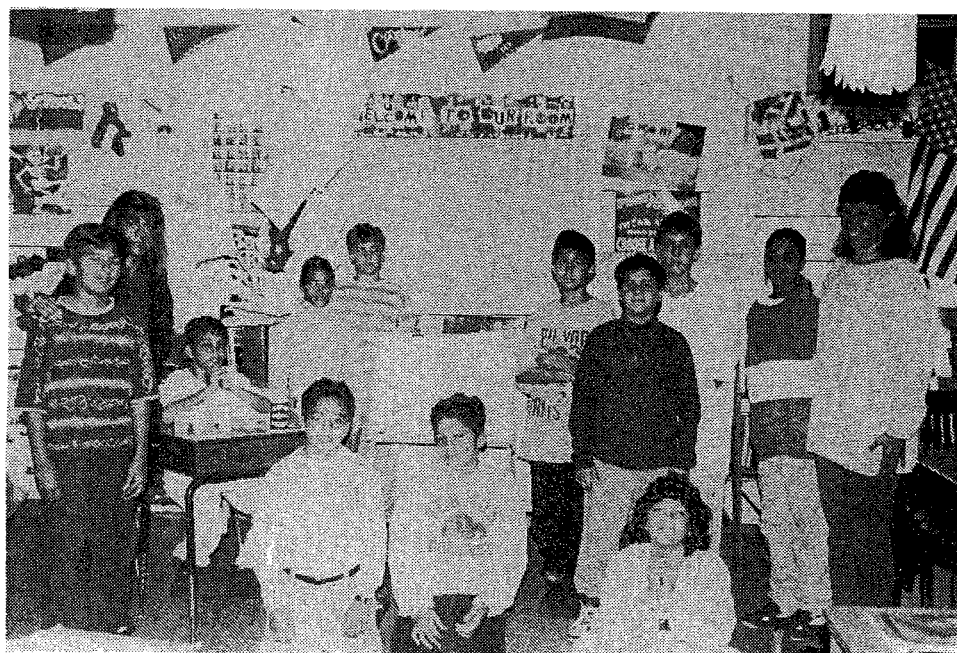
To date, they have provided Dennis Oehler and Todd Schaffhauser with a warm and loving send-off for their Long Island run. Signatures from the entire Clear Stream Avenue School family graced a huge banner that was presented to Dennis and Todd after a tribute of "Hero" was sung in their honor. This was truly a moving experience for all. (See article entitled, CHEERING THEIR SPECIAL FRIENDS.)

Student Council members are now diligently working to count thousands of coins collected for UNICEF. The grand total will be posted in the Student Council display on the first floor.

FUTURE CHEMISTS?

Students in Mrs. Rosemary Decker's class at Shaw Avenue School were very interested in getting to the hard-core chemistry behind bread-baking. The class experimented with generating carbon dioxide using baking soda and baking powder. Scientific skills of observing, predicting, and testing took place.

Using descriptive terms, the students made many detailed observations about the vinegar, water, baking soda and baking powder. They also tested the baking powder and baking soda with other liquids, such as milk or soda to see whether or not the liquid was an acid or not. With a big smile, Mrs. Decker commented, "With some practice, my students will not only become topnotch bakers, but chemists, too!"

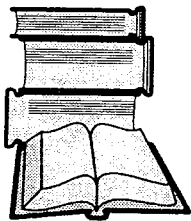


Let the experiments begin!

Our Students Receive Recognition

BOOKS ON DISPLAY AT LOCAL BOOK SHOP

Have you seen the book display at The Village Book Shop on 44 Atlantic Avenue in Lynbrook? Mr. Peter J. Ninivaggi, proprietor of the shop, is displaying books and book reports written by eight students in Forest Road School: Erica, Evan, Melvin, Robert, Richard, Soribel, Katherine, and Lisa. Under the supervision of their teacher, Mrs. Catherine Wood, and Computer Aide Mrs. Carol Biscardi, the students produced a book entitled *ABC's of Halloween*. "I really enjoy displaying books made by the children," commented Mr. Ninivaggi.



Mrs. Wood's class has also been spending time with the kindergartners—they are "Reading Buddies." In fact, they wrote the text for the Big Books they read to the kindergartners. They also taught the students in Mrs. Rosalyn Scheidt's class their name in sign language. As an introduction to learning about how the pilgrims preserved their food, the boys and girls joined Mrs. Scheidt's class and made pickles.

Many of these activities are part of the Talents Unlimited, which brings out children's strengths and helps to build self-esteem. "It is terrific for the kindergartners to be able to interact with other grades in the school. When we get together it is a good and productive time for all youngsters," stated Mrs. Scheidt.

*Education molds
our future!*

ARTISTS FEATURED AT STATE CONVENTION

Four artists from Clear Stream Avenue School were featured at the New York State Art Teachers Association's 46th Annual Convention in Monticello, New York. Tania Rios, Leigh Ann Klein, and Meagan Robar, 4th grade students, created polygonal sculpture that was on display during the convention. The lesson, "Polyhedron Pets," was created by their art teacher, Mrs. Susan Menkes, and was explained at the exhibit.

Greggory Spano, 5th grade student, was another exhibiting artist. His art work, in Calder-style, received rave reviews from professional artists and art educators in attendance.

FAIR WINNERS

This year, students of Clear Stream Avenue School made a clean sweep of all the prizes for their insect collections at the Long Island Fair, which was held at the Old Bethpage Restoration Village.

1st Place: Craig Weinberg, Daniel Lusenskas, and Conor Lanz.

2nd Place: Kenneth Russo, Laura Riccobono, and John Cusumano.

3rd Place: Andrew Lau, Joseph DiPalma, and Joel Tarantino.

*Congratulations to all
our students, their extra
efforts and talents have
shone through!*



Mrs. Josette Sbea, and her children, Eric, Timothy and Matthew, stop to view the original books displayed at The Village Book Shop.

WOW! HAVE WE CHANGED

Mrs. Nancy Bart's 1st grade class at Shaw Avenue School will be looking at change throughout the year. The students' first project was "How have you changed?" They constructed timelines of their lives to record the changes that have taken place since they were born. Mrs. Bart enthusiastically commented, "Their hard efforts are on display outside Room 107A. Take a look, it's worth the time!"

Currently they are looking at the changes in America and it's people since the time of the Pilgrims.

Where Are They Now?

More from our former District 30 graduates ...

Caren Deborah Levine, Class of 1982 at Forest Road School. She attended the BOCES Cultural Art Center in her last 2 years of South High School. Caren received her Bachelor of Music degree from the Peabody Conservatory of John Hopkins University, and her Masters of Music from Juilliard School. She has been accepted into the doctor of Music Arts Program at Juilliard. "Looking back to my early years,

from elementary district band with Mr. Kohlman to junior and senior high district group, all-county, etc., I can really say that I had a very good foundation upon which to build my music education. I guess we both [her brother Richard] had a good elementary and secondary foundation," stated Caren.

Richard Aaron Levine, Class of 1981 at Forest Road School, is presently a full fellowship doctoral candidate at Cornell University. He earned a Bachelor of Science from

Binghamton University and a Master of Science from Cornell University. He is majoring in environmental statistics.

Don L. Siegel, Class of 1967 at Forest Road School. He is married, has a daughter, and lives in Hatboro, PA. He graduated from Brown, Harvard and the University of Pennsylvania, and earned the title of Dr. Don Siegel. Presently he is a Professor of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine at the Uni-

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Cheering Their Special Friends

For several years District 30 students have had the pleasure of knowing two paralympians: Dennis Oehler and Todd Schaffhauser. Dennis and Todd first visited District 30 schools in 1989. They demonstrated that disabled people are not "different" and should not be treated as such. They also stressed that their achievements were the results of setting goals for themselves. Goals, no matter what they are—homework, sports, etc.— should be set by everyone. As Dennis said, "Reach for the moon and if you lose, you'll be among the stars." Since that first visit, they have returned to speak to our students numerous times. Their dynamic personalities enthralled the students and they have raised money for the American Disability Fund. Clear Stream Avenue School students alone raised over \$5,000 during three Dance-a-thons.

Dennis' and Todd's quest to heighten public awareness to the capabilities of those who are physically challenged was displayed during a recent marathon from Riverhead to Uniondale. Joining these two gold medal winning paralympic runners were: Peter Hawkins, who is a paraplegic. He attends college, competes in wheelchair marathons, skiing, and sky diving; and Bill Lorch, a below the knee amputee who also has limited motion in his other leg. He works as a prosthetic technician and plays wheelchair basketball. They are all volunteers for "ONE TO ONE: Long Island's Disability Support and Outreach."

On their trek to Uniondale these special marathoners stopped to be greeted by the cheers and praises of Clear Stream Avenue School students. Following the presentation of a banner made by the students, signing of autographs, and exchanging hugs, students and staff members sang "Hero" in honor of the marathoners. This was truly a moving experience for all.

(Pictured is [rear] Mrs. Sharon Schulman, Todd Schaffhauser, Dennis Oehler, Mrs. Dale Ehrenreich, Mr. Robert Cohen [Principal], [front] Ms. Amy Agnesini, Peter Hawkins, and Bill Lorch.)



The feeling of love was mutual!



A moment of rest, and then the trek continues.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

December	16	Winter Concert at Clear Stream Avenue School— 8:00 p.m.
	19	District 30 Board of Education Meeting — 8:00 p.m.
	20	Winter Concert at Forest Road School—8:00 p.m.
	22	Winter Concert at Shaw Avenue School—8:00 p.m.
	26-30	Holiday Recess — SCHOOLS CLOSED
January	2	New Year's Recess — SCHOOLS CLOSED
	13	Breakfast With The Superintendent held at 9:30 a.m. at Clear Stream Avenue School
	16	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day — SCHOOLS CLOSED
	23	District 30 Board of Education Meeting — 8:00 p.m.
February	15	PTA Founders' Day — 7:30 p.m. held at Forest Road School
	20-24	Winter Recess — SCHOOLS CLOSED
	27	District 30 Board of Education Meeting — 8:00 p.m.

(Note: District 30 Board of Education Meetings are held at the Shaw Avenue School)

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.

Where Are They Now?

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University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine. He is also the Attending Physician at the Blood Bank and Transfusion Medicine Section, Dept. of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine at the Hospital of The University of Pennsylvania.

Sherri Tepper, Class of 1961 at Forest Road School. She attended the University of Cincinnati and finished her Masters at Queens College majoring in both Elementary Education and Special Education. Sherri became Mrs. Lewis, has 3 sons and presently is a 5th grade teacher at Forest Road School. "I love teaching, especially teaching in the school that I attended. Forest Road School will always hold a special place in my heart," commented Sherri.

Jill Greene, Class of 1965 at Shaw Avenue School. She returned to District 30 to student teach and was hired in 1979 as a Speech Language Pathologist. Jill became Mrs. Luba and is currently shared between Forest Road and Shaw Avenue Schools.

Let's hear from more of our graduates!

Submit information to Marie Stone, Editor, Clear Stream Avenue School, Valley Stream, NY 11582. Include the year you graduated from District 30, and maiden name if applicable.

STUDENT TEACHERS, AN ASSET

Mrs. Patricia Phillips, Speech/Language Pathologist at Shaw Avenue School, is happy to introduce her student teacher, Miss Linda Grappone. Miss Grappone is an undergraduate student at St. John's University, studying to become a Speech/Language Pathologist. She will be working with Mrs. Phillips from September 9 to December 23, and will be graduating in May 1995.

"From the smiles on the faces of the speech students, it is obvious that Miss Grappone has become both mentor and friend," commented Mrs. Phillips.

Fourth graders in Mrs. Dale Ebreneich's class, at Clear Stream Avenue School, have been busy reading, writing and creating. Below is an example of their creative writing:

The Signs of Autumn by Conor Lanz

*It is fall,
There's no baseball,
The leaves are brown
They fall without a sound.
The flowers are dying,
The birds are flying
And it is getting cold.*

*If children live with
encouragement, they
learn to be patient.*

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 11580-3056. (Telephone: 516/285-9880).

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National Geography Bee

In each of our schools, students in grades 4-6, teachers and parents, gathered in the school auditoriums to witness the School Championship Round of the 1995 National Geography Bee. The finalists were:

Clear Stream Avenue School: 4th Graders: Natasha Hirji, Richard Isler, Joanna Lockspeiser; 5th Graders: Jessica Appel, Joseph Albanese; 6th Graders: Dino Doromal, Kirk Sendlein. *Winner:* Kirk Sendlein, *Runner-Up:* Dino Doromal. *Coordinator:* Mrs. Nancy Lowenkron.

Forest Road School: 4th Graders: Jesse Sternberg, Scott Weiner, Drew Blumenthal; Krista Siedlick; 5th Graders: Brian Iocco, Amie Kraus; 6th Graders: Christopher Ignaciuk, Matthew Lowery, Carolyn Galgano, Larry Siedlick. *Winner:* Larry Siedlick, *Runner-Up:* Christopher Ignaciuk. *Coordinator:* Ms. Allison Ferrante.

Shaw Avenue School: 4th Graders: Louisa Arana, Jonathan Rainone, Heather Rapoza; 5th Graders: Mike Chiappardi, Katie Cummings, Jennie Randazzo; 6th Graders: Loren Cappelson, Theresa Fiorito, Anthony Pegion, Adam Shazar. *Winner:* Mike Chiappardi, *Runner-Up:* Loren Cappelson. *Coordinator:* Mrs. Susan Wasserman.

Kirk, Larry, and Mike advanced to the next level of competition by taking a sealed written examination that will be scored by National Geographic. The results are not in yet. If they qualify, one or all of them might advance to the State level of competition where 100 students from New York State will compete, and then possibly go on to the Nationals.

We wish Kirk, Larry, and Mike good luck in their geographic quest! All of our students should be congratulated for their participation in this very difficult competition.

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Tax Exemption for Seniors

Senior citizens with incomes less than \$25,000 qualify for a property tax exemption. The Board of Education has provided the maximum exemption 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 \$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%

Any taxpayer who is 65 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, 1995. Applications 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, NY 11501.

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. This transportation is provided only when the following conditions are met:


1. A written request for a specific school is made by the parents to the school district no later than April 1, 1995.
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, 1995.

New York State Education Law specifically states that applications must be made annually for each new school year.

If your child meets the above requirements, please send in your request for the 1994-95 school year no later than April 1, 1995. Send your requests to the Valley Stream School District 30, Administrative Offices, 150 Washington Avenue, Valley Stream, New York 11580.

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 28, 1995 between 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. at Clear Stream Avenue, Forest Road and Shaw Avenue Schools. NO registration will 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, 1990 to be eligible for admission to kindergarten in September, 1995. NO EXCEPTIONS ARE EVER MADE TO THE ENTRANCE AGE REQUIREMENTS. Children entering school for the first time **must** present one or more certificates indicating that they have received at least 3 diphtheria and tetanus immunizations, at least 3 oral polios, and 2 doses of measles vaccine after 12 months of age. In addition, one dose of mumps and rubella vaccine must be given at least one day after the child's first birthday. It is recommended that a current test for tuberculosis be included.



ART EXHIBIT

Wednesday, May 3, 1995
 7:30 p.m. – 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.

Please Note: Children attending must be accompanied by their parents.

Voting on the Valley Stream Elementary and High School District budgets will take place on Wednesday, May 3, 1995 from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

To assist taxpayers to better understand the budget, a presentation of the proposed budget has been arranged for Wednesday, April 5, 1995 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 FOR VOTING

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 1991-92 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.

PLEASE NOTE: Registration for voting on the budget and for Board members will be at all three schools (Clear Stream Avenue, Forest Road and Shaw Avenue) on Wednesday, April 26, 1995 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 report of the proposed budget.

PETITION FOR CANDIDATES

Election of candidates for the District 30 Board of Education will take place on Wednesday, May 3.

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 3, 1995.

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 3, 1995.

Newsday Spelling Bee

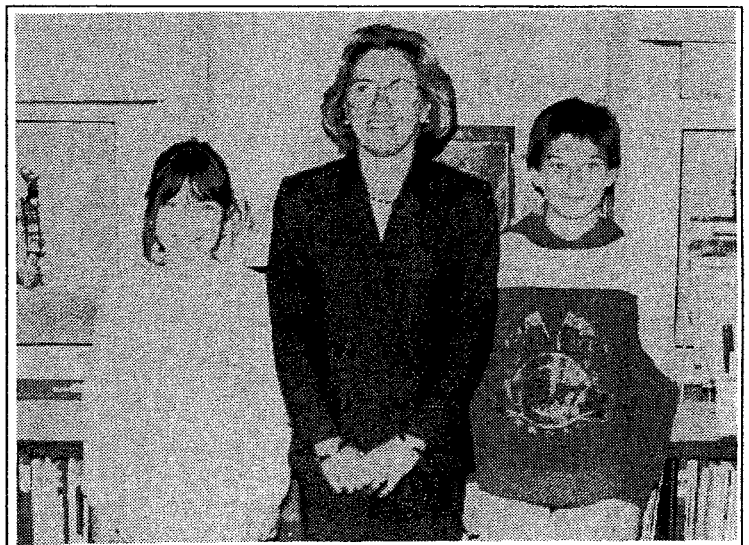
Fifth and 6th grade students participated in a spelling bee that was coordinated by our Library/ Media Specialists in each of our schools: Mrs. Alice Dorb (Clear Stream Avenue School), Mrs. Carol Tolle (Forest Road School), and Mrs. Mary Mathews (Shaw Avenue School). The contest is part of the Scripps Howard National Spelling Bee. Winners representing each class eagerly spelled their words in the final school contest ... and the winners are:

At Clear Stream Avenue School: Winner: Gregg Spano (5th grader), and alternate: Susanna Breslaoukhov (6th grader).

At Forest Road School: Jamie Jeuda (6th grader) and alternate Sanu Koshy (6th grader).

At Shaw Avenue School: Katie Cummings (5th grader) and alternate Brad Dzigas (5th grader).

Congratulations to all our participants!



Mrs. Mathews with winners, Katie and Brad

COMPUTERS

Computer networking in our schools has proven to be a huge success. It has heightened students' enthusiasm in learning and integrates numerous lessons. Computers are not meant to replace a regular classroom lesson, but to add to it. Because there are so many activities going on, we have highlighted just a few that involve our computer learning centers.

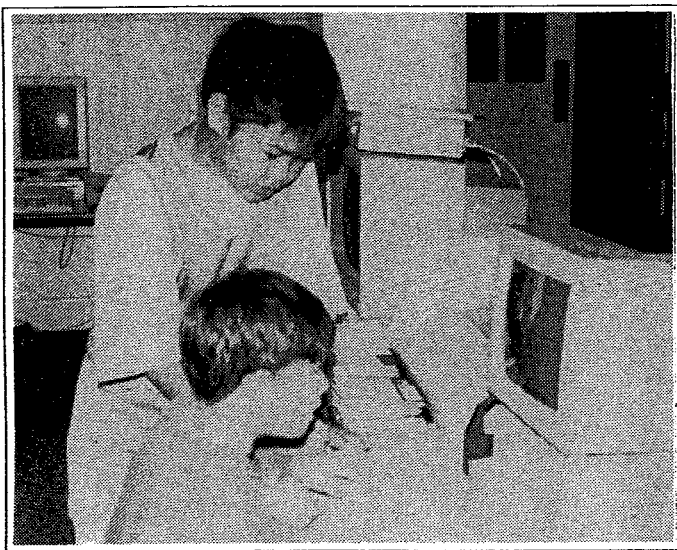
A Math Lesson That Also Teaches Interacting and Cooperation

Kindergartners and 6th graders joined in the Information Center at Clear Stream Avenue School for a very special project. First, they switched places:

Mr. David Cooper's and Ms. Julie Gorin's 6th grade classes became kindergartners, and Ms. Sandra Milici's and Mrs. Arlene Sack's kindergarten children became 6th graders. Then the older children helped the younger children create number stories, which is a part of UCSMP (University of Chicago School Mathematics Project). The older children typed the story into the computer. The younger children made up the stories and illustrated them. An example of a number story is:

Matthew saw 2 airplanes. Patrick saw 1 more. How many did they see in all? $2+1=3$. The final project will be a number story book, where the younger children will read their stories to the older children. Mrs. Noleen Douglas, Computer Aide, was always on hand to offer her assistance and guidance.

The children also showed each other different programs that their grade level uses. Some of the programs are: Playroom, Art Center, Math Rabbit, The Oregon Trail, Super Munchers and Math Blasters. Mr. Lawrence



Sixth graders and kindergartners working together.



The students' response to this program was outstanding.

McGoldrick, Superintendent of Schools, Mrs. Leanoire Egan, Board of Education Trustee, and Mr. Robert Cohen, Principal were amazed at the camaraderie, skills and knowledge of these students.

The response of the children is wonderful. Each week they look forward to seeing their partners and working together. The children are not only learning academics, but learning interaction and cooperation skills.

Numerous Facets of Research Encourage Enthusiasm

"See you this afternoon, Mrs. Mathews," was a frequent comment made by 5th grade students passing the Shaw Avenue School Library/Media Specialist in the hallway. Under the direction of their teacher, Mrs. Susan Wasserman, along with the assistance of Mrs. Mathews and Library/Computer Aide Mrs. Kathy Russo, 5th grade students began their research on the United States. Each student is required to do a research report with a bibliography, and three special projects of their choice—all within eight weeks.

Mrs. Wasserman and Mrs. Mathews worked together to make this experience more diversified and relevant. Children used nonfiction books, vertical file materials (pamphlets, pictures, maps, etc.), audiovisual materials, and electronic sources. "Students love using our new computer lab," stated Mrs. Mathews.

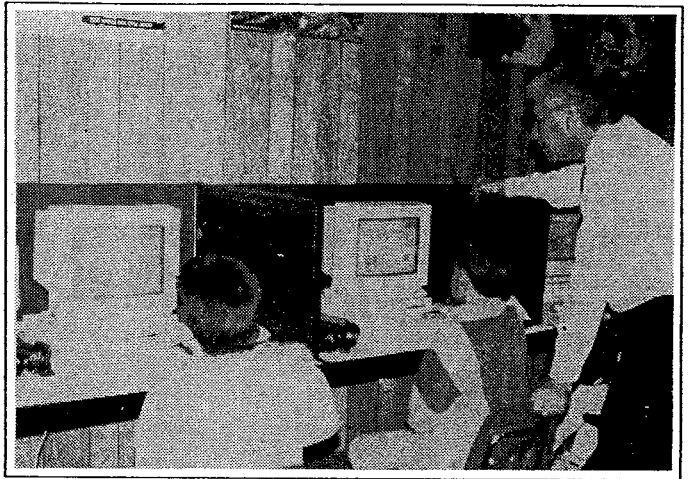
During scheduled research periods, the students rotated their use of print, audiovisual, and electronic sources with a teacher at each station. Information Finder (World Book Encyclopedia on CD-ROM) and Bookshelf (World Almanac on CD-ROM) have been a

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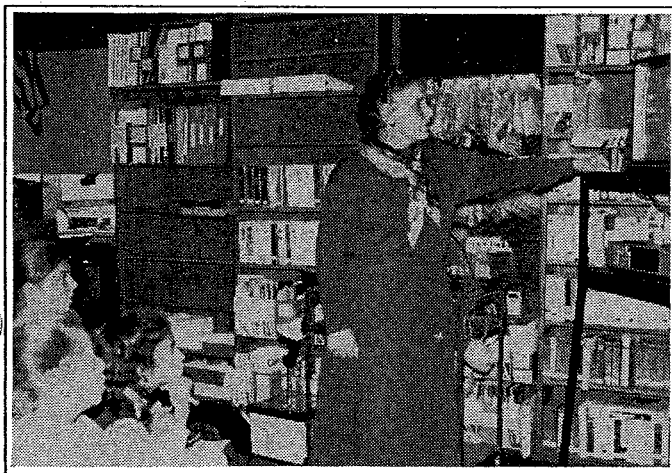
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terrific asset to the pupils, encouraging use of keyword searching strategies and critical thinking skills. The CD-ROM sources are learning tools that are flexible, self-pacing, and interactive. The task of accessing information becomes much easier. Students enjoy scrolling through the materials to find the information needed for their report. Rotating to different stations holds a student's interest, keeps them on task, and supports individual learning styles.

Students have been so enthusiastic about doing this research that they come to the Media Center to use the computer before and after school. This is the first time these students will have integrated print, electronic, and audiovisual sources to produce a final product documenting their learning and hard work.



Computer Research



Audio Research

Integrating Subjects Results in Creative Writing

The Forest Road School Computer Lab has also been a very busy place. After completing the Keyboarding and Word Processing Course, 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students have been using their skills with Claris Works in the network lab. The 4th grade students have become news reporters, writing many interesting articles. Following their trip to Ellis Island, the 5th grade students have created books about immigrants; many of the dedications were to their grandparents.

The 6th grade classes, in a joint project with Mrs. Susan Baron, Art Teacher, have created Language Art books. After reading a novel in class, the children keyed their summaries in the Computer Lab and then a covered book was made with illustrations of each chapter. Many projects created in the lab are the results of the collaboration of classroom teachers with Computer Aides, Mrs. Carol Biscardi and Mrs. Lydia Rosen. The children have also used the lab for writing letters to thank

the naturalists at Caumsett and the police officers involved in the PRIDE Program.

The children are creating at their computers, which encourages spontaneous thinking and writing. The children are looking forward to many more successful projects using technology as a helpful tool.

Looking At the Past, Present & Future

Second graders in Miss Gail Starler's class have been busy at Shaw Avenue School looking into the past and present. After reading a story from their new anthologies called "The Relative Came" (by Cynthia Rylant), the children went home and embarked on making their own family trees. "Many of the drawings were quite elaborate and went back many generations," commented Miss Starler.



While studying biographies, they decided to share what they learned about important people through dioramas. These famous people really came to life and made sharing information fun.

Following a discussion on ways people make a living, the class created individual posters reflecting how they thought they would be earning a living in the future. The variety of areas included: teachers, baseball players, store owners, firefighters, judges, waitresses, garbage collectors, astronauts, nurses and veterinarians.

Worn Books

What to do with books without covers? Second graders in Miss Gail Starler's class at Shaw Avenue School solved the problem: Make new covers!

Library/Media Specialist Mrs. Mary Mathews guided the students to the coverless books appropriate for their age. After reading and discussing the books in their classroom, they brought them to Mrs. Linda Muckle's art class, and colorful new covers were designed for some new and old favorites.

To Russia ... With Love

Fourth grade students at Clear Stream Avenue School are participating in a cultural exchange program with 4th graders in a school in Moscow. Through a Valley Stream Teacher Center mini-grant awarded to their classroom teacher, Mrs. Dale Ehrenreich, and their art teacher, Mrs. Susan Menkes, the children are sharing art work, literature and friendships with Russian children.

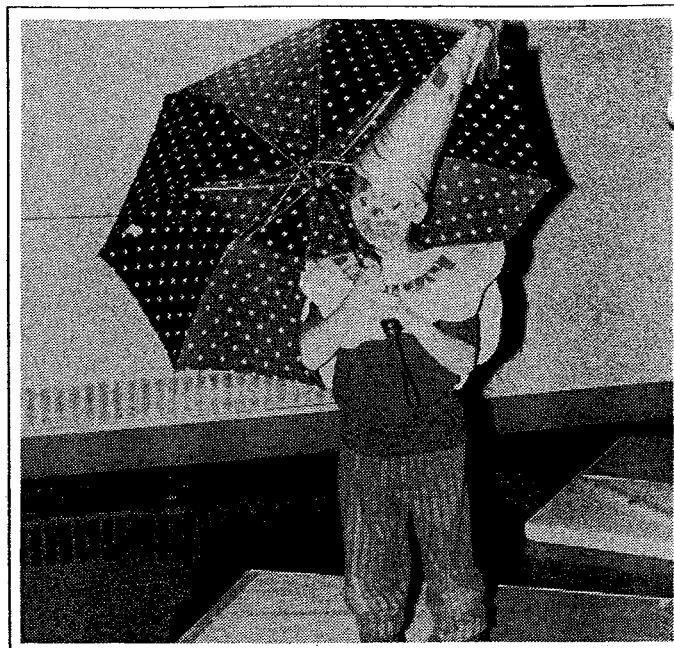
In the first phase of this project, our children sent New Year's greetings to their Russian pen pals and colorful artwork for exhibit in Russia. Currently, Mrs. Ehrenreich's class is writing a book about Valley Stream and life in the United States for the Moscow school's library. The art of paper making will be integrated with a lesson on book making.

Dr. Mary Jane Bolin of BOCES is helping facilitate the exchange by arranging for the packages to be delivered by Russian diplomats. Dr. Bolin plans to bring back Soviet students' art when she returns from her trip to Russia. This will be on display in March at the Clear Stream Avenue School.

PTA REFLECTIONS PROGRAM has been completed, and several of our students have gone on to the next level of judging. Look for the results of this program in the next issue of *The Friendly Schools*.

IMPORTANT TAX NOTICE

New York State income tax forms for 1994 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**.



"C" IS FOR CIRCUS: Kindergarten teacher Miss Kara Milano (and Ring Master) was very clever in celebrating "C" Week with a circus. Wearing clown hats, clown faces, and clown collars, the children participated in skillful circus acts in the Shaw Avenue School gymnasium. Cheerful Mrs. Joan Stein, Physical Education Teacher, assisted and conducted the circus music. Events included: Tightrope (Balance Beam) Walk, Streamer Dancing, Hop the Hop, Tunnel, and Bean Bag in the Clown.

All-County Festival



Congratulations to chorus members Dana Albert, Raquel Quezada, and clarinet player, Ellen Weiss, who participated in the All-County Festival Chorus at C.W. Post. The children spent many hours learning music and rehearsing for this exciting event that involved children from schools all over Nassau County. Both Mrs. Linda Pratt, Music Teacher, and Mrs. Concetta Stever, Instrumental Teacher, served on the committees to organize and produce the band-orchestra-chorus concerts.

Cultural Awareness Week

Cultural Awareness Week will be celebrated at Shaw Avenue during the week of March 20-24. Students will each receive a personalized passport entitling them to visit various countries set up in special booths in the school's gymnasium. These booths will display art, food, music, photos, games and dances of the various cultures reflecting Shaw Avenue School's population. Other activities include a school sing-a-long, multicultural assemblies, classroom workshops, and international buffet, and a museum. Under the direction of Mrs. Joan Stein, Physical Education Teacher, and with the assistance of the PTA, this week is sure to be a memorable event.

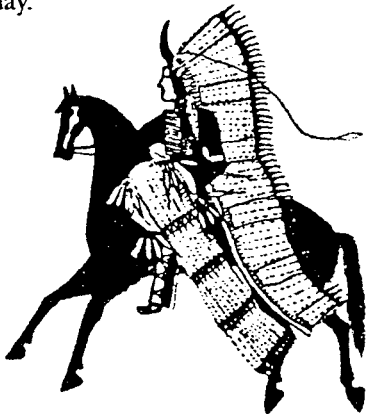


ALL STAR BASKETBALL GAMES: The gymnasium jumped with excitement during two very exciting basketball games at Shaw Avenue School. The first game was the 6th grade Girls All Stars vs. Teachers and Moms. Although the 6th graders gave the teachers and moms a good workout, the final score was 37-33 in favor of the teachers and moms.

The next game was the 6th grade Boys All Stars vs. the Teachers. Prior to the game, Mr. Stanley Kaminsky (School Principal and participant) stated, "This is expected to be a great game. We have some good athletes in the 6th grade." A sports game can be won with good athletes, but good luck is also needed, and luck was on the side of the teachers, with a final score of 70-62.

NATIVE AMERICANS

The 4th graders at the Forest Road School had a special event day to culminate their studies of Native Americans. Special guest speaker (and father of Jamie Schiffer), Mr. Larry Schiffer gave an informative talk about Algonquin and Iroquois Indians. Using background music and a slide show, the children were treated to a program by Mr. Schiffer. Following his presentation, the children in Mrs. Stiefel's class presented projects about Native Americans that they had prepared for this special day.



YEAR OF THE PIG

Many of our classes have been learning about the Chinese New Year through first hand experiences from our community members. We would like to share with you two of these experiences, as the students enter the Year of the Pig.

Students in Mrs. Rose Marie Patterson's and Mrs. Mary Ruschin's 2nd grade classes at Forest Road School learned about the similarities and differences in traditional Chinese and Korean festivities. The children saw demonstrations, by Mrs. Helene Harris and Mrs. Chan-Li Shi, of typical games played to welcome the new year, decorated traditional fans, and origami, toys, ate special New Year treats, and took home favors emblematic of this special time for all Asians.

The mother of Miss Gail Starler's 2nd grader, Brandon Chin, assisted the class in becoming better acquainted with the Chinese New Year through such delicacies as homemade shrimp chips, fortune cookies and white rabbit candies. When it was explained that the Chinese custom is to name each year after an animal, the children were delighted to find out what theirs were!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

March	20	District 30 Board of Education Committee Meeting — 8:00 p.m.
	24	Breakfast With The Superintendent held at Shaw Avenue School — 9:30 a.m.
	27	District 30 Board of Education Meeting — 8:00 p.m.
April	5	School Budget Hearing held at Clear Stream Avenue School — 8:00 p.m.
	14-21	Spring Recess — SCHOOLS CLOSED
	25	District 30 Board of Education Meeting — 8:30 p.m.
	26	Budget Voters Registration (See page 3)
	28	Kindergarten Registration (See page 2)
May	3	School Budget/Trustee Voting (See page 3) Art Exhibit (See page 2)
	15	District 30 Board of Education Committee Meeting — 8:00 p.m.
	22	District 30 Board of Education Meeting — 8:00 p.m.
	29	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)

Big Ice MELT

Student Council members at Clear Stream Avenue School planned a spirited, fun week called "The Big Ice Melt." Throughout the week the children will guess how long they think it will take for an eight pound bag of ice to melt. Each guess will cost \$.10 and everyone will be a winner! At the end of the "big melt" every student and staff member in the school will enjoy their own edible ices. The person who submits the closest guess will receive a free hot fudge sundae at Friendly's. This idea was conceived by a 5th grader, Matthew Roth, when the student council members were asked to brainstorm a way to get us through the "icy, cold winter."

Holidays Passed, But Not Forgotten

A sixty-voice chorus from Clear Stream Avenue School spread good will during the holidays. They performed their Winter Melodies Concert both at school for an afternoon assembly and an evening concert, and at Green Acres Mall for holiday shoppers. The program included a variety of winter tunes including solos by Valerie Robinson, Lisa Yang, Denece Jhagroo, Laura Martingano, and Ellen Weiss. Chorus director, Mrs. Linda Pratt, stated, "The children sang beautifully and enjoyed sharing their music and spreading some cheer." The chorus also walked through the Clear Stream Avenue School neighborhood between 4-5:30 p.m. singing.

Band and Orchestra performed a holiday medley for the residents of the Franklin Hospital Medical Center Geriatric Division. Under the direction of Mrs. Concetta Stevens, Instrumental Teacher, our musicians' performance put smiles on the faces, and music in the hearts of everyone.

Letters sent to Santa from Mrs. Rose Marie Patterson's 2nd grade



Spreading cheer at the mall.

class. Each child tested their writing skills by writing letters to Santa. With the assistance of Jennifer Brownstein's Dad, Mr. Charles Egbert, who delivers the mail to the Forest Road School, the letters were promptly delivered to Santa. The very next morning Mrs. Patterson's Forest Road School students received a letter

postmarked from the North Pole. It was from Santa! The children were elated that Santa had taken the time to read all of their letters and responded so quickly. They were especially happy that he had taken the time to mention each child's name in the letters.

THE FRIENDLY SCHOOLS

Valley Stream Thirty Public Schools

Special Budget Issue

April, 1995

A Letter to Our Parents and Taxpayers

This special issue of THE FRIENDLY SCHOOLS contains information regarding the District's tentative budget for the 1995-96 school year. Registered voters will have the opportunity to vote on the budget on Wednesday, May 3, 1995.

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.

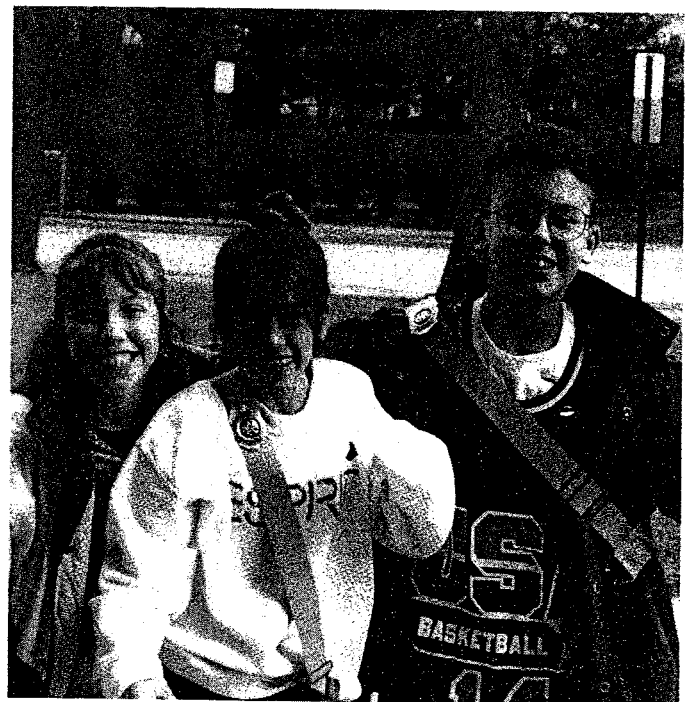
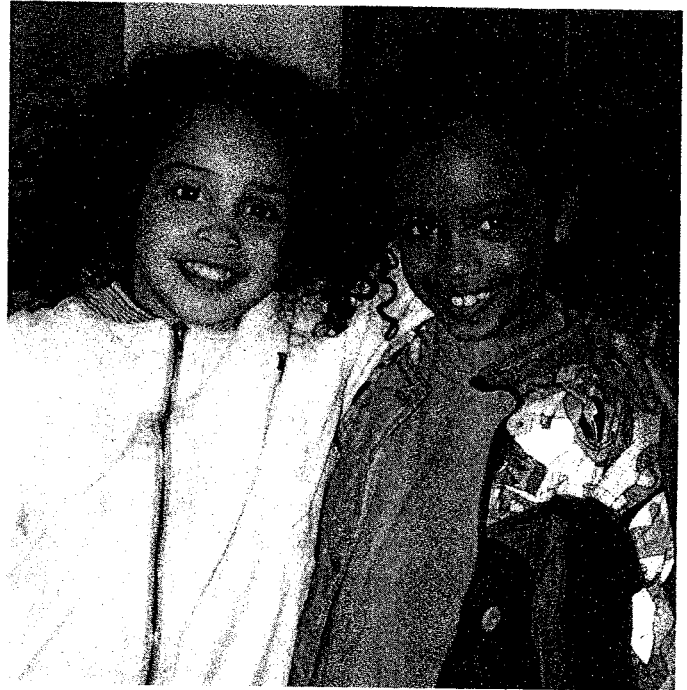
In addition, the Board of Education held budget presentations so that taxpayers could be privy to the background driving the decision making process. The budget presented in this issue of THE FRIENDLY SCHOOLS, which will be further explained at the combined official budget hearing at the Clear Stream Avenue School on Wednesday, April 5, 1995 at 8:00 p.m., and that will go to the voters on May 3rd, grew out of this process.

Thus, after much thought and deliberation, we are presenting for voter determination a tentative budget in the amount of \$13,629,281. This represents a modest increase of 3.95% in the operational budget; however, Governor Pataki's proposed increase in non-property tax revenues (State Aid) may limit any increase in the estimated tax rate to 78¢ per \$100 of assessed valuation in the estimated tax rate. We believe the 1995-96 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,

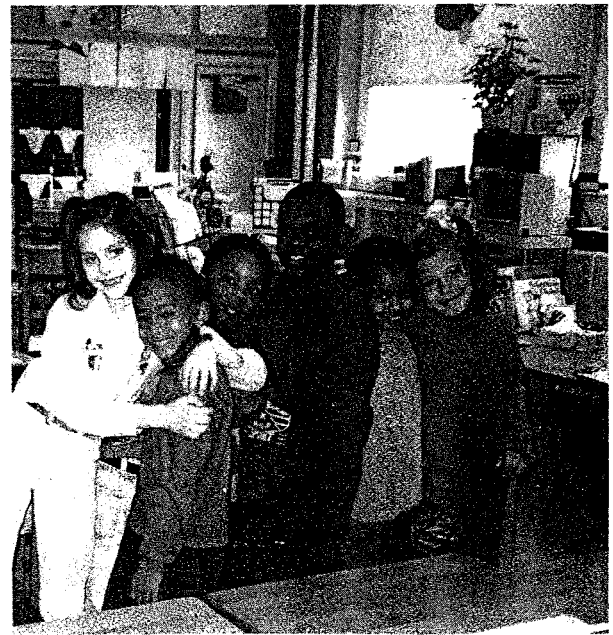
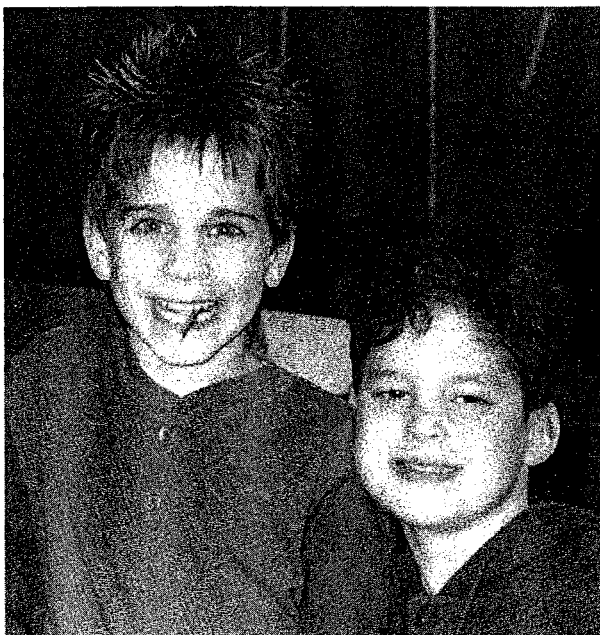
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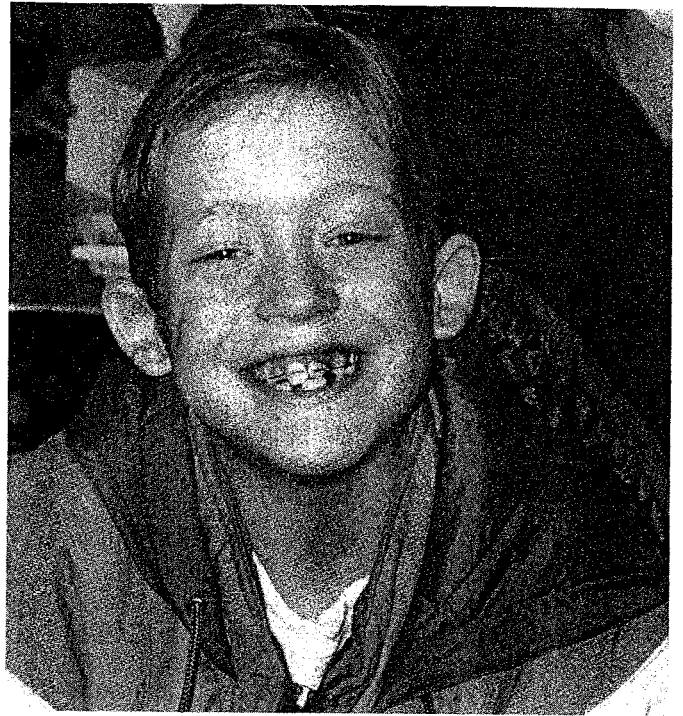


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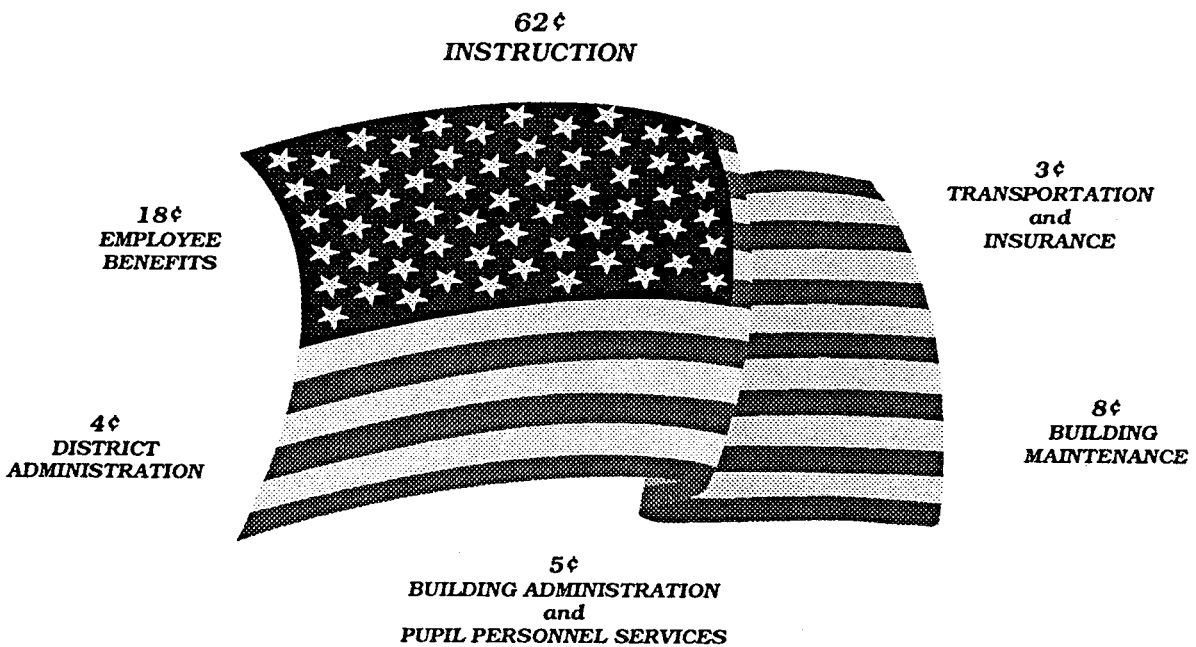
**STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES
(TENTATIVE BUDGET)
1995-1996**

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>1994-1995 APPROVED BUDGET</u>	<u>1995-1996 TENTATIVE BUDGET</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>
Board of Education	\$ 8,250	\$ 8,250	\$ -0-
District Clerk	6,325	6,425	100
District Meetings	9,100	9,100	-0-
Central Administration	154,895	157,224	2,329
Business Administration	285,283	290,947	5,664
District Treasurer	15,500	15,600	100
Legal Services	28,600	33,700	5,100
Negotiations	6,000	6,000	-0-
Public Information	21,710	21,710	-0-
Operations and Maintenance	1,015,954	1,036,983	21,029
Liability Insurance	110,500	110,500	-0-
School Association Dues	7,000	8,000	1,000
BOCES Administrative Charge	61,000	61,000	-0-
School Administration and Curriculum	515,295	536,701	21,406
Instructional Program	5,858,517	6,250,545	392,028
Special Education Program	1,249,482	1,351,304	101,822
Library and Media Services	303,895	335,652	31,757
Computer Education Program	247,787	181,400	-66,387
Health and Psychological Services	273,956	281,678	7,722
Extra Services	20,125	20,125	-0-
Transportation	301,890	308,085	6,195
Community Lectures and Census	9,100	9,100	-0-
Employees' Benefits	2,421,605	2,409,252	-12,353
Interfund Transfers	-0-	-0-	-0-
Debt Service - Interest	180,000	180,000	-0-
	\$13,111,769	\$13,629,281	\$517,512



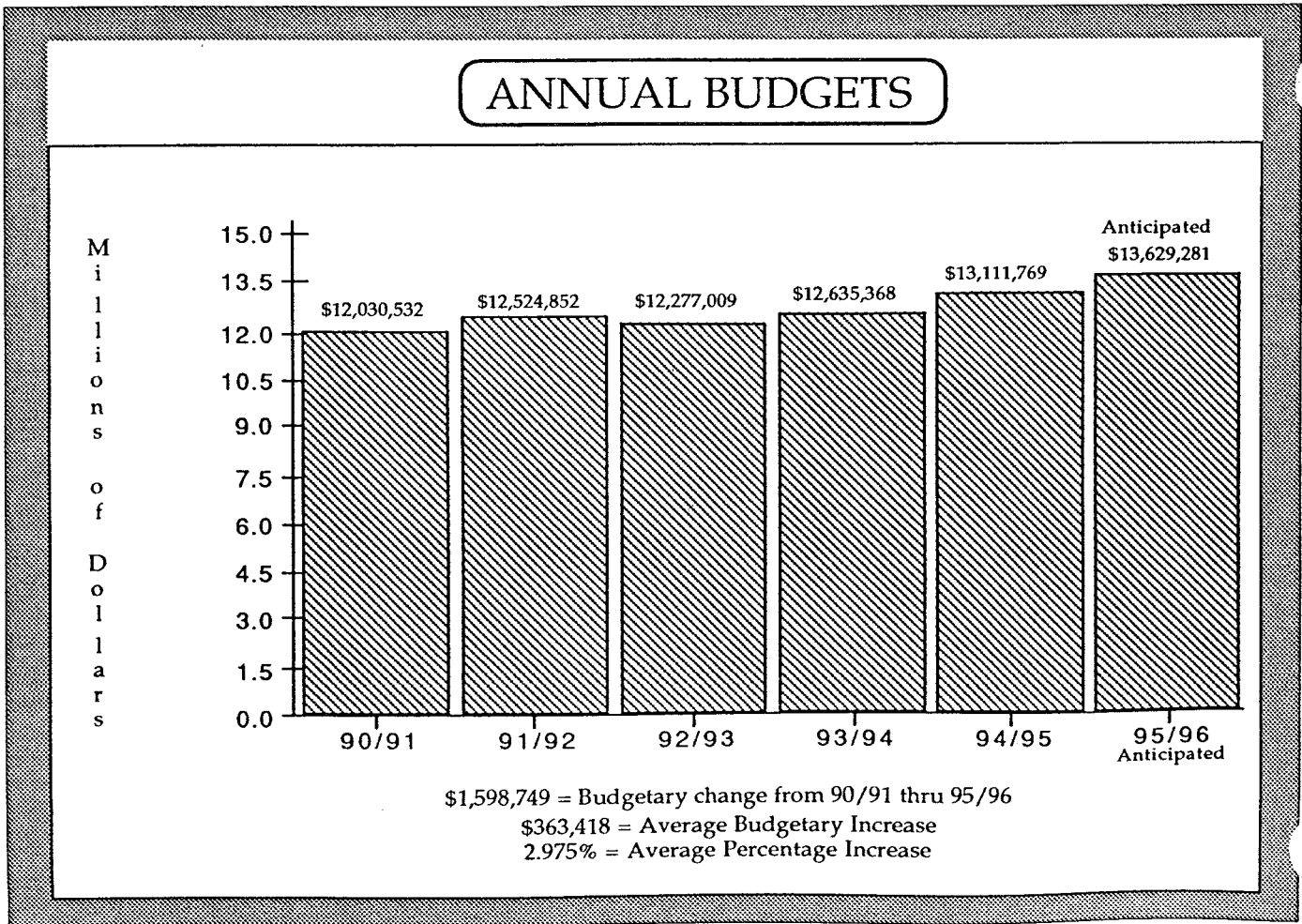


HOW THE SCHOOL DOLLAR IS SPENT



EXPLANATION OF BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE 1995-1996 SCHOOL YEAR

BOARD OF EDUCATION	\$ 8,250
Includes expenditures incurred by members of the Board of Education for attendance at educational conferences.	
DISTRICT CLERK	6,425
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	157,224
Includes the salaries of the Superintendent of Schools and Central Office personnel. Also includes supplies and materials for the Central Office.	





BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

290,947

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

1,036,96

	<u>1995-96</u>	<u>1994-95</u>
Salaries	495,978	481,249
Materials for Building Upkeep & Repair	70,875	70,875
Utilities	269,160	269,160
Contractual Repairs, Service Contracts, Security, and Equipment	200,970	194,670

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

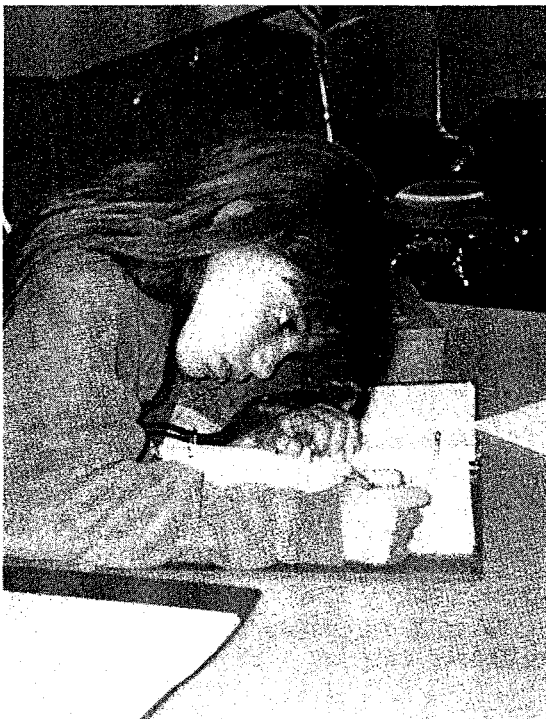
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Includes membership fees in local, state, and national educational organizations.

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

536,701

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

6,250,545

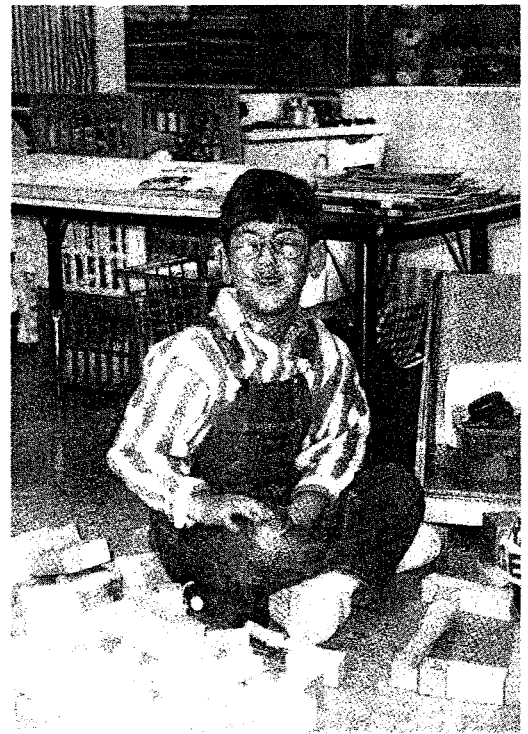
	<u>1995-96</u>	<u>1994-95</u>
Salaries	5,968,524	5,586,662
Equipment	10,680	10,680
Contractual Services	48,210	47,550
Materials and Supplies	99,699	94,965
Textbooks	96,732	91,960
BOCES Services	26,700	26,700

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

1,351,304

	<u>1995-96</u>	<u>1994-95</u>
Salaries	560,889	522,857
Materials, Supplies & Contractual Services	128,455	73,335
Tuition - Other Districts and Private Schools	281,320	275,640
Tuition - BOCES	380,640	377,650

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

335,652

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

181,400

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

	<u>1995-96</u>	<u>1994-95</u>
Health Services	122,088	118,054
Psychological and Screening Services	159,590	155,902

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

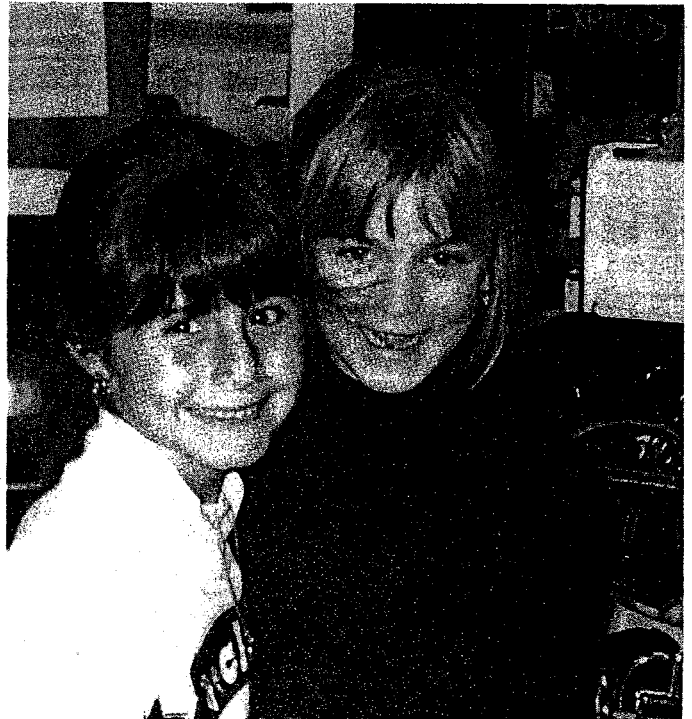
Includes extra pay for extra services and supervision and reflects the district's commitment to provide a broad range of activities for our children both before and after school.

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 3, 1995

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

	<u>1995-96</u>	<u>1994-95</u>
N.Y.S. Employees' Retirement System	65,125	65,125
N.Y.S. Teachers' Retirement System	544,500	556,103
Social Security	578,152	575,000
Worker's Compensation	60,275	59,826
Medical & Dental Insurance	1,161,200	1,165,551

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

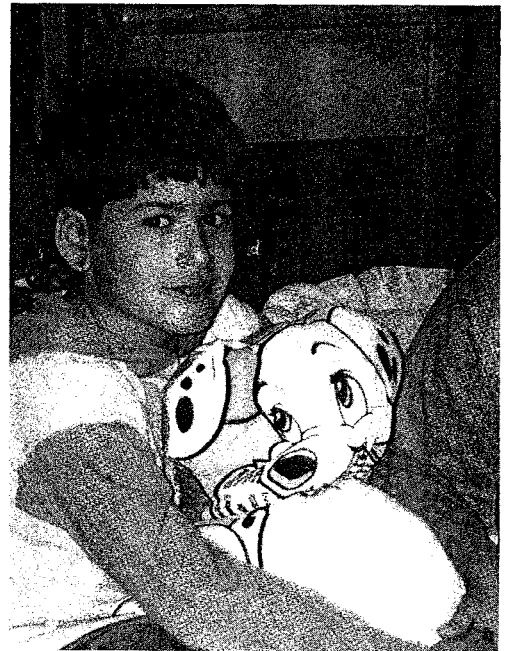
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In the past, the Interfund Transfers appropriation provided funding for improvements to your District's facilities. Although there are no capital projects scheduled for 1995-96, the Board remains committed to this program and has included provisions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

BT 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.

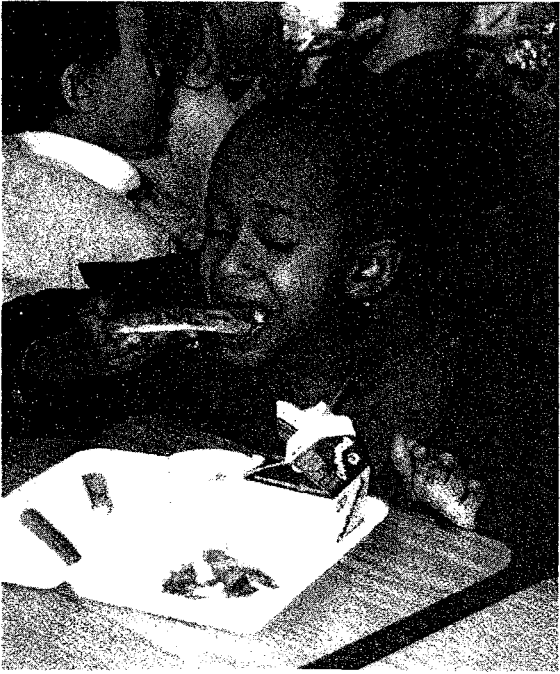
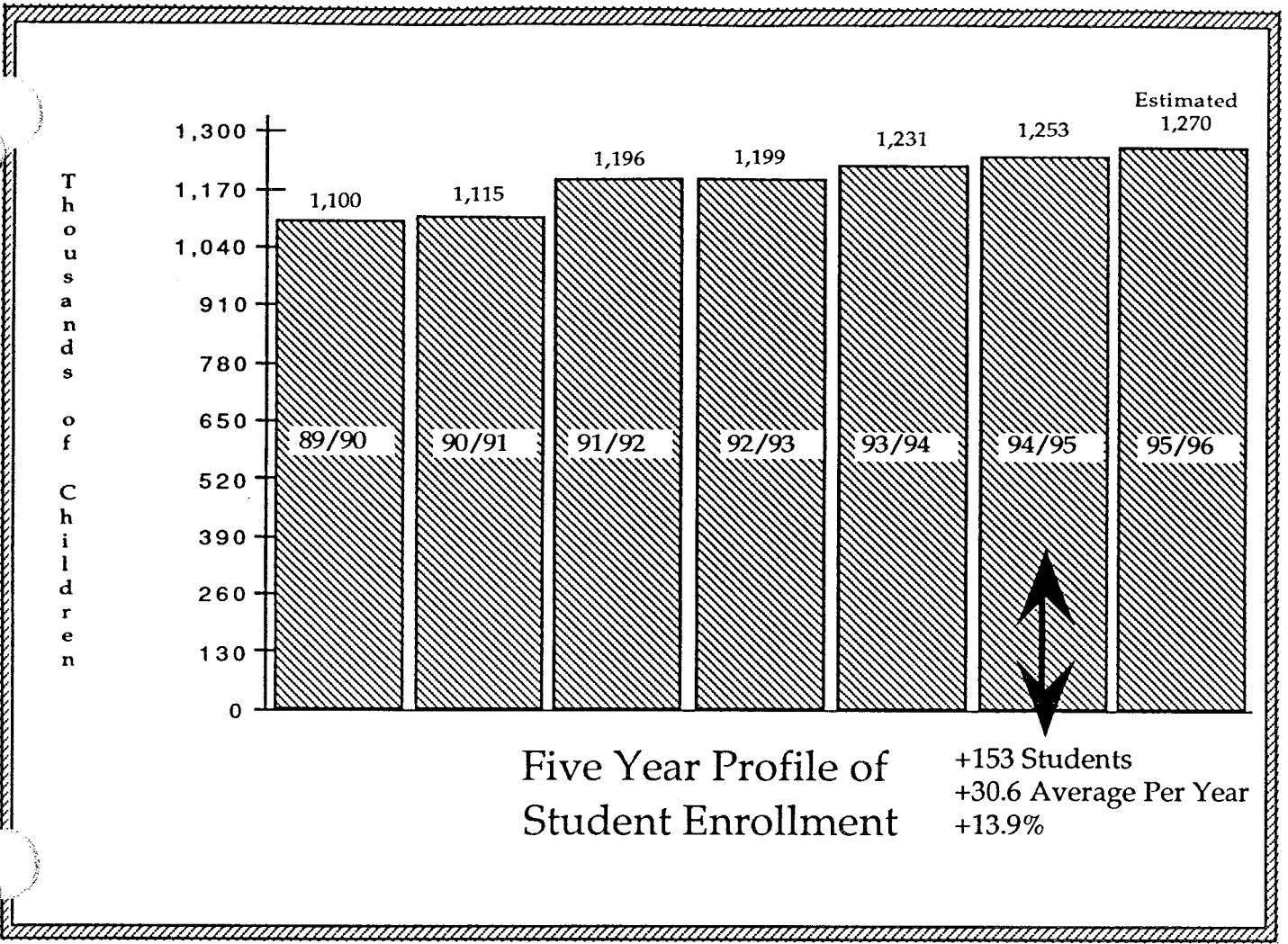


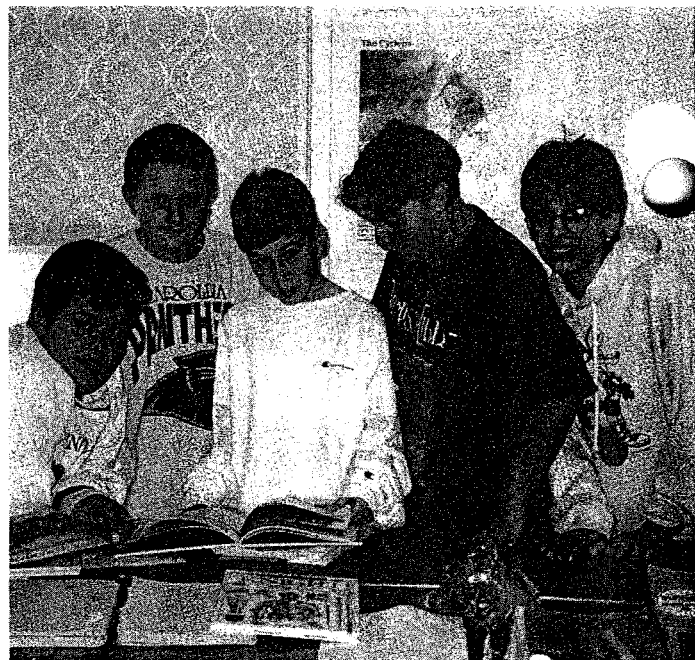
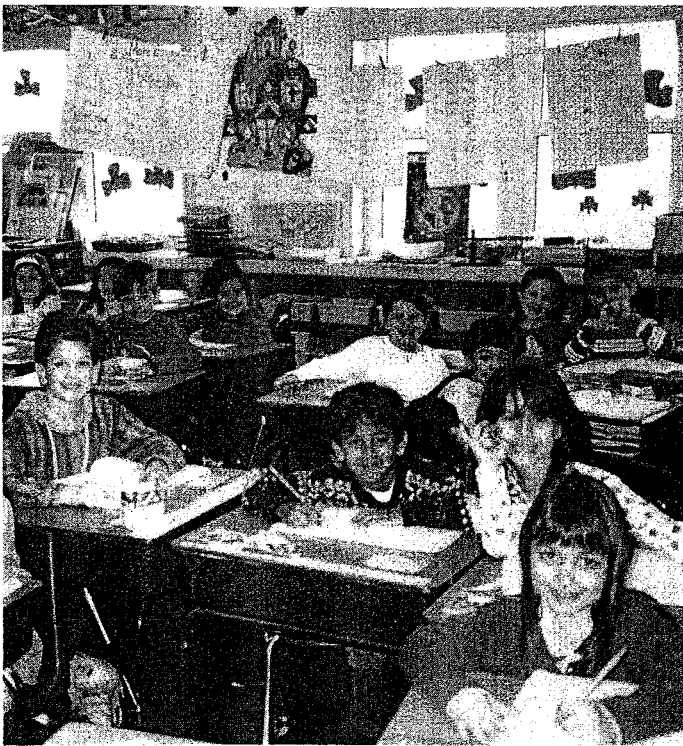
SUMMARY OF ANTICIPATED REVENUES

	ANTICIPATED RECEIPTS 1994-95	ESTIMATED RECEIPTS 1995-96
Surplus	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000
Use of Money and Property	110,000	110,000
State Aid	1,088,000	1,188,000
BOCES Aid	61,000	61,000
Services to Other Districts	10,000	10,000
Other Revenue	10,000	10,000
	\$ 1,779,000	\$ 1,879,000
Amount to be Raised by Taxation	11,332,769	11,750,281
Total General Fund Budget	\$13,111,769	\$13,629,281
Actual Tax Rate 1994-95	\$21.36	
Estimated Tax Rate 1994-95 Proposition No. 1	\$22.14	

The estimated tax rate is based upon the August 1, 1994 assessed valuation of \$51,107,624. Any change in the assessed valuation as of April 1, 1995 will effect the estimated tax rate. Changes in laws affecting state aid and property valuations could change the amount to be raised by taxation.







VOTING INFORMATION

Voting will take place on Wednesday, May 3, 1995 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 last day of registration for the May 3, 1995 election is Wednesday, April 26, 1995. 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 3 if your name appears in the General Election Lists of Nassau County, the process of voting on May 3 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 3 ... 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.



DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday, April 5

**Combined Budget Hearing,
Clear Stream Avenue School - 8:00 p.m.**

Tuesday, April 25

**Board of Education Meeting,
Shaw Avenue School - 8:30 p.m.**

Wednesday, April 26

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

Friday, April 28

**Kindergarten and First Grade
Registration, All Schools
9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.**

Wednesday, May 3

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

*District Art Exhibit, All Schools
on Wednesday, May 3
7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.*

1995-1996 ESTIMATED SCHOOL TAXES FOR PRIVATE HOMEOWNERS

ASSESSED VALUATION OF HOME	ESTIMATED ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TAXES	ESTIMATED INCREASE OVER 1994-95
\$1,000.00	\$ 221.40	\$ 7.80
\$4,000.00	\$ 885.60	\$31.20
\$5,000.00	\$1,107.00	\$39.00
\$6,000.00	\$1,328.40	\$46.80
\$7,000.00	\$1,549.80	\$54.60
\$8,000.00	\$1,771.20	\$62.40

PLEASE VOTE ON MAY 3, 1995

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VALLEY STREAM U.F.S.D. #30
VALLEY STREAM, NY 11580-3056**

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SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Lawrence R. McGoldrick

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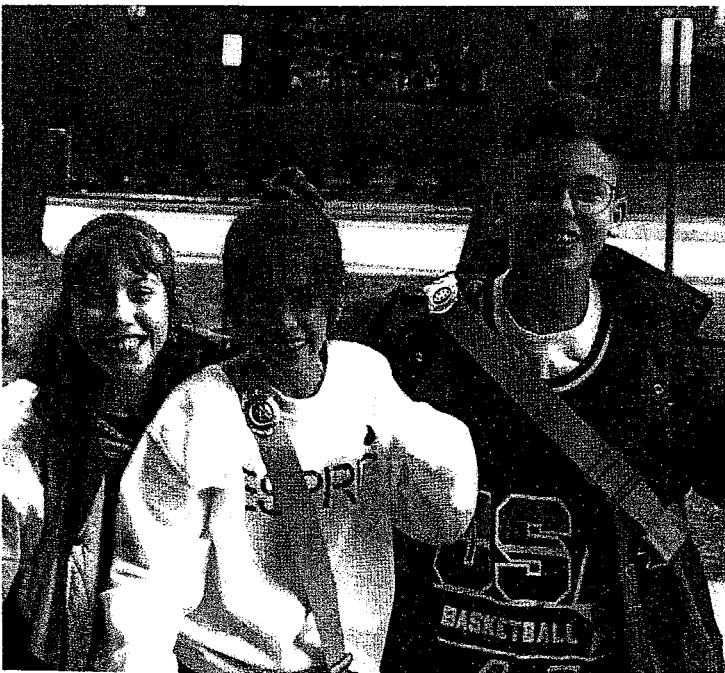
The Friendly Schools

Valley Stream Union Free School District Thirty

Spring, 1995



SPECIAL PROGRAMS E D I T I O N



Clear Stream Avenue School • Forest Road School • Shaw Avenue School

From the Board of Education

Dear Residents,

I am extremely pleased to present this special edition of The Friendly Schools to you. This publication highlights the on-going commitment of the District Thirty Board of Education to provide our students with a well-rounded and quality education. The programs and activities which are described in this publication reflect the high standards which are held for students and staff alike. We take great pride in the success of our students and seek to continue providing meaningful educational experiences for all of our students.

On behalf of the Board of Education,

Sincerely,

Thomas M. Galgano

President

From the Superintendent of Schools

Dear District Thirty Residents,

This special edition of The Friendly Schools presents an overview of the many fine programs which have been developed in District Thirty. These are quality programs which provide a comprehensive school experience for all of our students.

I would like to highlight the commitment of the District to provide its students with access to the latest computer technology, multi-media software, and contemporary library information systems. These are the new learning tools for the 21st century ... I am pleased to report that our students are using them now.

Sincerely,

Lawrence R. McGoldrick

Superintendent of Schools

PREFACE

Valley Stream Union Free School District Thirty is located in southwestern Nassau County. It is a K-6 elementary district composed of three neighborhood schools: Clear Stream Avenue School, Forest Road School, and Shaw Avenue School. The administrative offices of the District are located at 150 Washington Avenue in Valley Stream. Students who complete the sixth grade in District Thirty move on to the secondary schools of the Valley Stream Central High School District.

The Spring, 1995, special edition of *The Friendly Schools*, the District Thirty newsletter, is designed to inform the residents of Valley Stream about the quality programs and activities which are available to students who attend any of District Thirty's schools.

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INTEGRATED LANGUAGE ARTS

The District 30 Language Arts Committee devoted most of the 1993-94 school year to the development of an updated language arts curriculum. The fine work of the committee resulted in the publication and implementation of the District 30 Integrated Language Arts (ILA) Curriculum for the 1994-95 school year. It is currently being used in all grades, kindergarten through sixth.

In an integrated language arts program, the children experience all forms of language (listening, speaking, reading and writing) as a natural form of communication in their daily lives. The ILA curriculum is based on the belief that language is best learned through real-life situations that have meaning for the learner. Students hear, read, and respond to a variety of literature from many sources. Traditional skills are taught within the context of various learning activities. For example, math, social studies and science instruction can be used as mediums for developing vocabulary, comprehension, and writing skills.



Assessment and evaluation are also important components of the curriculum. The ILA Committee will continue to create assessments and evaluations which provide students with various opportunities to demonstrate what they have learned. By using models of excellence, students, their parents and teachers will have scoring systems which define clear expectations and standards of student performance.

UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO SCHOOL MATH PROGRAM

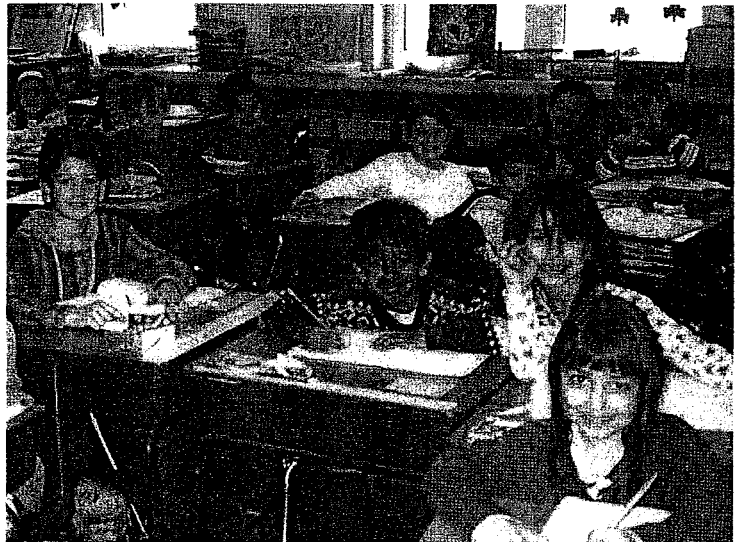
The University of Chicago School Math Program (UCSMP) is an innovative math program which has been endorsed by the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics. It was introduced in District 30 during the 1993-94 school year. UCSMP fosters a love for mathematics and an understanding of its uses in today's complex world. It is a "hands-on" program that emphasizes conceptual, analytical, and problem-solving skills. The student goals for this program are:

- to value mathematics;
- to reason mathematically;
- to communicate mathematically;
- to become mathematical problem solvers;
- to be confident in the ability to do math.

Some of the strengths of UCSMP include:

- it focuses on thinking skills;
- it has real world applications of mathematics;
- it is integrated with other school subjects;
- it promotes language usage and development;
- it uses math games in a highly effective manner.

The implementation of UCSMP has been enthusiastically received by teachers, students, and parents. The small-group activities encourage students to share their thinking and ideas with their classmates in a cooperative learning setting. For many students, math has become a favorite part of the school day.



KINDERGARTEN PROGRAMS

District 30 offers full-day kindergarten programs in each school. The kindergarten programs are designed to create the foundations upon which later school successes will be built. Kindergarten is viewed as a transitional opportunity for children to adjust to the structure and demands of the formal school setting while having experiences which develop socialization and readiness skills. Interactions and activities foster the child's self-esteem and positive feelings toward learning.

Our kindergarten teachers create nurturing learning environments for children which allow the active exploration of the world which surrounds them. District 30's Integrated Language Arts (ILA) curriculum and the University of Chicago School Math Program (UCSMP) curriculum provide a variety of integrated learning opportunities wherein projects, learning centers, and playful activities occur in a meaningful, real-world context. Opportunities for children to discover and learn new skills and information through visual, auditory, kinesthetic, and tactile modes are an integral part of the school day.

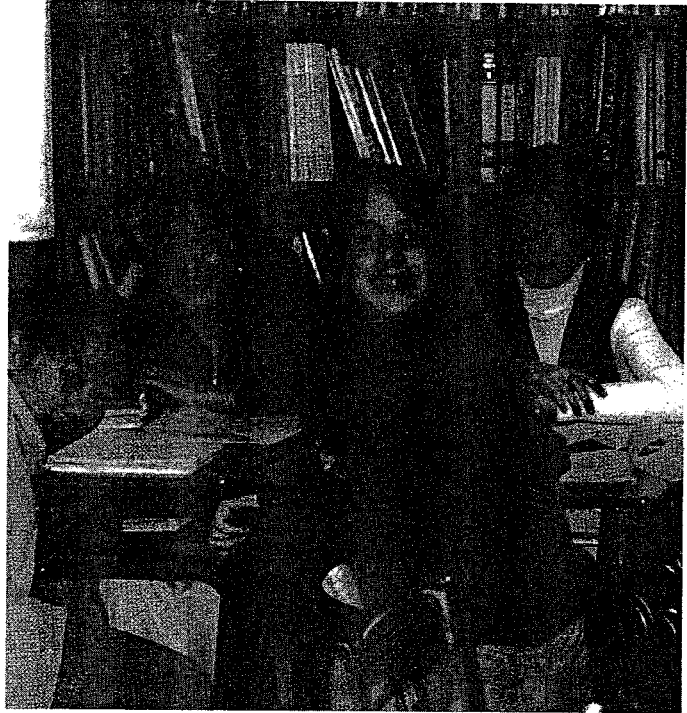


The kindergarten classes in each school also benefit from specialized instruction, at least once per week, in the areas of art, computer education, library, music, physical education, and science.

For kindergarten children who have been determined by the Committee on Special Education to require intensified speech and language special education services in a self-contained special education class, District Thirty has created a quality special education kindergarten program to meet the needs of such children.

NASSAU SCHOOL LIBRARY SYSTEM (NSLS)

Each school in District 30 is part of the Nassau School Library System (NSLS). As a participating district, District 30 has received state aid for the conversion of its entire library collection in each school into a machine readable catalog format which utilizes computer hardware and software to house and access an online catalog and circulation system. This library automation initiative enabled the Forest Road School to receive the New York State Electronic Doorways Award in 1994. The Forest Road School was the first elementary school in Nassau County to receive this recognition. In March, 1995, both Clear Stream Avenue School and Shaw Avenue School received Electronic Doorways Awards, as well.



By providing automated library services, students now have access to the entire network of automated school libraries (currently 44) in Nassau County, and, therefore, nearly 165,000 book titles. Each District 30 school has the ability to locate desired titles and borrow or lend them as needed.

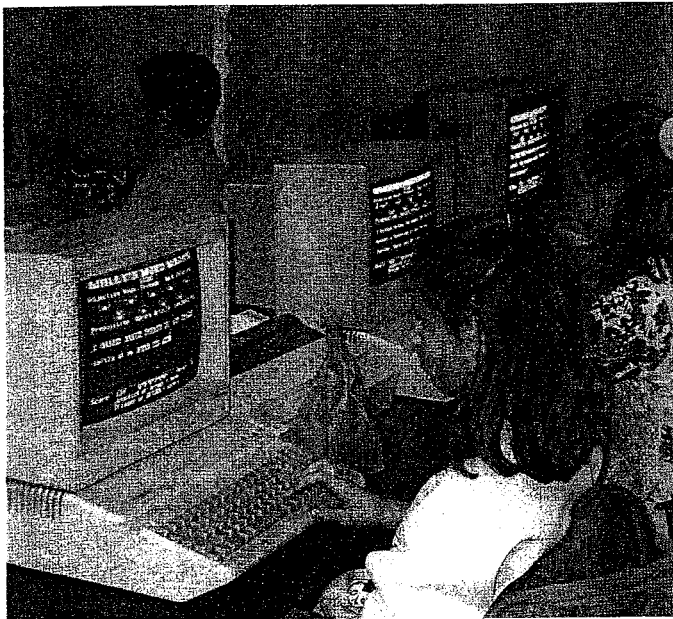
Students will also have the opportunity to develop electronic research skills through multi-media resources, including the *Internet*. As local public libraries become automated, students will be able to apply their school library skills in authentic learning situations when they visit their neighborhood libraries.

District 30 is clearly providing state-of-the-art library education experiences to all of its students. The mastery of library skills at the elementary school level creates a strong foundation for academic success at the secondary school level.

ELECTRONIC TECHNOLOGY

District 30 recognizes the need for its students to be skillful, literate users of electronic technology. This need is being met by the Board of Education's commitment to provide computer access and instruction for all children, grades K-6. Each District 30 school has a fully equipped computer technology lab which can accommodate an entire class. Students are provided opportunities to develop and demonstrate a range of computer skills and applications. Classroom instructional activities such as research and writing projects, book publishing and correspondence are integrated through various computer applications.

The latest advances in CD-ROM technology and software are also available to all District 30 students. The ever increasing wealth of information which is being formatted on compact discs is accessible to students through the use of multi-media computers. Various popular encyclopedias, anthologies, almanacs, digests, and numerous other reference materials (many with sound and movie clip features) can be easily accessed by students in a matter of seconds.



One of the National Education Goals in the recently enacted

Goals 2000: Educate America Act, states that by the year 2000, "... every school in America will ensure that all students learn to use their minds well, so they may be prepared for responsible citizenship, further learning, and productive employment in our Nation's modern economy". By providing opportunities for every child to become computer literate before they leave its schools, District 30 will certainly achieve this National Education Goal, but more importantly, it will be preparing its children to be successful citizens of the twenty-first century.

SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES

Through the Committee on Special Education (CSE) and the Committee on Pre-school Special Education (CPSE), children are assessed to determine their eligibility for special education services. If a school-aged child is identified as having a disability, appropriate services will be provided within the consideration of the least restrictive educational environment. Appropriate services and instruction are determined at the CSE/CPSE review meeting and incorporated in the student's Individualized Education Program(IEP).

Within District 30, students may receive IEP related services such as speech and language therapy, resource room, counseling, occupational and physical therapy while participating in the regular education program. Learning Center (LC) classes provide instruction in reduced size learning environments with opportunities for students to be mainstreamed (as appropriate) into regular education classes. Children in LC classes have access to all of the various special courses and activities offered within the District. Some children, because of their unique needs, may benefit from placements in out-of-district classes in a neighboring school district, BOCES, or private school program. In every case, successfully meeting the needs of each child with a disability is the result of collaboration among parents, teachers, related services staff, administrators, and the CSE.

For pre-school children between 3 and 5 years of age, the CPSE is responsible for identifying children who may be in need of special education services. Parents who suspect that their pre-school child may not be attaining age-expected developmental behaviors are encouraged to contact the Director of Special Services for information about CPSE and the types of services available to eligible children. The Office of Special Services and Programs also coordinates with the Early Intervention Program of the Nassau County Department of Health to provide a smooth transition of services for infants and toddlers with disabilities to CPSE.

District 30 provides accommodations to eligible children as specified by Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

SCIENCE, HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION

SCIENCE

The District 30 science program recognizes that the teaching and learning of science must include a balance of content based instruction and hands-on experience. Our science program effectively combines both elements. The content information is presented to students through five areas of major understandings: living things, the universe, earth, the atmosphere, and matter and energy. The hands-on or "lab" element emphasizes the dynamic processes of scientific inquiry: observing, classifying, measuring, collecting and processing data, predicting, controlled studies, and experimenting. Teachers who are science specialists provide each class in the district with a weekly "lab" experience.

HEALTH EDUCATION

The physical well-being of all students is as important as their intellectual development. One of the ways in which District 30 has addressed this issue is through the recent revision of the District's K-6 Health Curriculum. This curriculum includes units of instruction in topics such as nutrition, health, safety and first aid, and the prevention of alcohol and substance abuse. Through the Drug Free Schools and Community Act, District 30 provides students with instruction designed to promote positive self-esteem, healthy attitudes, and making good decisions. The District's Drug Free Schools Advisory Council actively pursues strategies, information, and resources which will better educate students about the benefits of choosing healthy and substance free life styles.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

The physical education program follows the State Education Department's required guidelines. Each physical education teacher is certified by the State Education Department in the specialty area of physical education. In addition to State requirements, each school actively participates in the Presidential Physical Fitness Awards Program. Physical education instruction emphasizes the development of individual and team skills. Participation, effort, cooperation, and sportsmanship are stressed at all levels of instruction.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Art, Music, Band, Strings, Chorus, Gifted and Talented

Art and Music

Each class in each school in District 30 receives instruction on a weekly basis in art and music. Students benefit from the expertise of teachers who are specialists in these subject areas. Art instruction emphasizes both hands-on skills and an appreciation of art history. In music classes, students learn about traditional elements of music, as well as music in its historical and social contexts. Music instruction also encourages students to foster an appreciation of music.

Band, Strings and Chorus

Students from each school may participate on a voluntary basis in the band, strings, and/or chorus programs. The band and strings programs provide students with opportunities to develop their individual instrumental skills as well as opportunities to play in ensembles. The band program teaches students to play horn, brass, woodwind or percussion instruments. The strings program offers students instruction on the violin, cello, or bass. Students participating in the chorus program develop individual, advanced vocal skills. The students in these programs perform in-school concerts and at community events throughout the school year. District 30 was represented at the 1994 Valley Stream Memorial Day Parade by its 103 member marching band.

Gifted and Talented

District 30's Gifted and Talented program currently includes students from grades 2 through 6 in each school. Participation in the Gifted and Talented program is determined by a rigorous screening process which is coordinated by the District 30 Gifted and Talented Committee. The program is designed to enable students to use their special aptitudes or talents in creative or expressive ways which would not ordinarily be possible in the regular classroom. The units of study include topics such as political advertising, future studies (what will life be like in the year 2025?), architecture, the stock market, recycling, and consumerism. The development and demonstration of creative and critical thinking skills are an important component of this program.

READING PROGRAMS

Success in reading is closely associated with success in school. For this reason, District 30 is diligent in its efforts to develop competent and confident readers. Our reading programs encourage all students to learn to read so that they can read to learn. The components of the District's reading programs are identified and outlined in the recently implemented Integrated Language Arts Curriculum. The basic skills of reading are taught through a whole language approach which emphasizes listening, speaking, reading, and writing as an integrated process of communication.

Local and state-wide assessments and evaluations determine whether or not some students will require additional assistance in reading. When this is necessary, certified reading teachers are available in each school. Through a variety of referral procedures, a student may receive direct or indirect assistance from a reading teacher in his/her school. When a student receives direct assistance, he/she participates in reading groups which are conducted by reading teachers; a variety of remedial experiences are provided. This service may be delivered in a small group setting in the reading teacher's room or in the regular classroom. Self-confidence and success are encouraged in this setting, and not just reading skills. Indirect services are provided via computer-assisted instruction under the supervision of the reading teacher. In District 30, the *Successmaker* computer software program is utilized for indirect tutoring in reading. *Successmaker* has been very well received by teachers and students because of its range of skills and dynamic, graphic format of the material. The *Successmaker* program also provides reading teachers with valuable feedback and reports regarding each student's progress.

Although the majority of their time is earmarked for direct and/or indirect services to students, reading teachers also provide staff development and consultation opportunities. Reading teachers provide specific expertise in the teaching of reading; this is a valued support to all teachers in the District.

Some students may receive reading services as required by Title 1 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) or as mandated by the State Education Department. These services are determined by law and implemented according to prescribed guidelines.

SUPPORT SERVICES

SPEECH AND LANGUAGE SERVICES

All children in District 30 who have an identified need in the area of speech and/or language are eligible to receive speech and language support services. Where the need is more severe and interferes with a child's ability to learn, speech and language services are determined by the Committee on Special Education. Where the need is less severe and does not interfere with a child's ability to learn, i.e., some forms of articulation difficulties, speech services may be provided by a speech teacher without an identification by the Committee on Special Education. In some cases, speech teachers may work with an entire class in the classroom to help develop specific language skills. Speech teachers in District Thirty are certified as speech pathologists and are well trained in their area of expertise.

PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES

The role of the school psychologist is a multi-faceted one and fulfills a number of needs for individual children and their families. In addition to conducting psychological testing which is required for children who are referred to the Committee on Special Education for evaluation, school psychologists also provide school-oriented counseling to students who are in need of such support. Other needs for supports vary and may address a child's transitional circumstances such as bereavement, family crises, separation/divorce, and other life adjustments. In such cases, the school psychologists may act as a short-term resource to help direct parents to other long-term, community based resources. School psychologists are also available to assist school staff and parents in the development of behavior management strategies.

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

For some children who enter District 30's schools, English is not their primary language. For these children, English as a Second Language (ESL) must be provided according to State Education Department regulations. The philosophy of the ESL program in District 30 is to provide eligible children instruction in English language development in a language intensive, small group setting. The goal of the ESL program is to enable eligible students to become fluent speakers and users of English in a timely manner. ESL services are provided and coordinated by teachers who are specially trained in the area of English as a Second Language. Our District 30 ESL teachers are an important resource to all teachers, as well as the parents of ESL students.

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

Parent-Teacher Associations (PTAs)

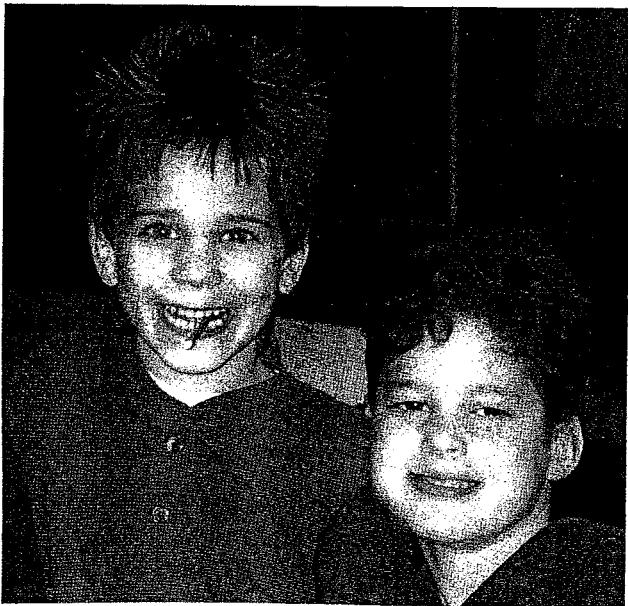
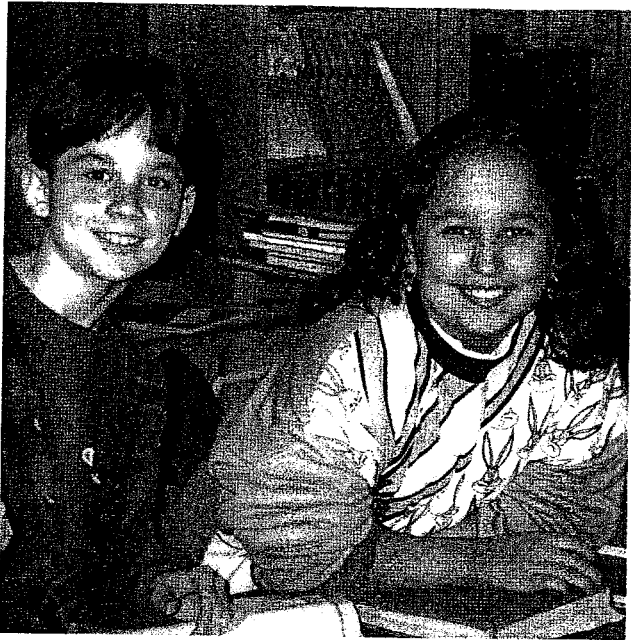
District 30's schools benefit from highly concerned and involved parents. The Parent-Teacher Associations in each school continue to be active organizations which meet various needs of parents and enhance the quality of school life. Numerous cultural arts programs and special events are made possible through the efforts and generosity of the PTAs. Other events, such as book fairs, holiday boutiques, and fashion shows generate resources which support a variety of educational assemblies and in-class programs. Participation in PTA also provides opportunities for parents to socialize, foster a strong sense of community involvement, and learn more about their child's education.

New Compact For Learning

The District Thirty New Compact for Learning District Plan was among the first plans approved by the State Education Department. This plan, known as the District-wide Plan, provides opportunities for various constituent groups within the community to participate in building level teams at each school. Parents constitute one of the four groups represented on building level teams. The function of a building level team is to provide and facilitate ideas which enhance the education of all children in the school. Building level teams have three primary areas of responsibility:

- the development of pilot programs which enhance children's learning;
- the study of the reconfiguration of staffing patterns; and,
- alternative means of student assessment.

Now in their second year of existence, the building level teams have addressed the issues of consensus building, conflict resolution, building effective group relations, and communication skills. Initiatives in the areas of special programs are currently under discussion or in development. On each building level team, parents are valued and productive contributors. The collaboration of parents, faculty, support staff, and administrators has proven to be a productive and worthwhile experience.



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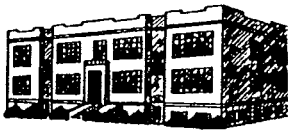
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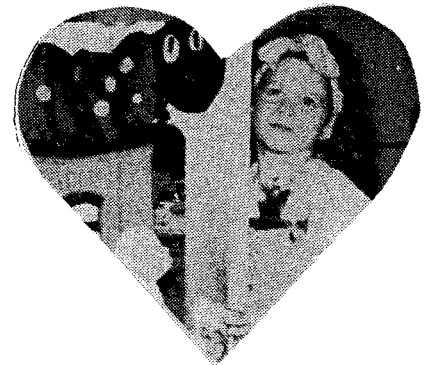
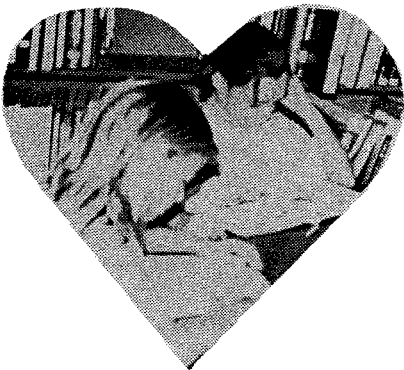
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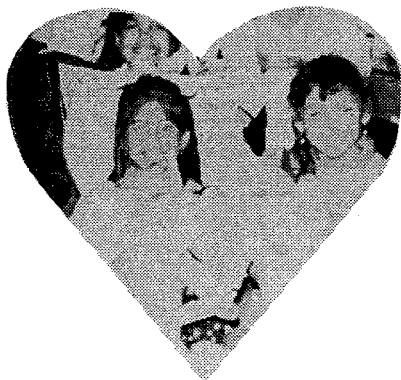


Dist. 30 Library Media Centers Pioneer Electronic Services

New York State Education Commissioner Thomas Sobol has recognized District 30's Libraries as advanced "Electronic Doorway Libraries." They are among the first libraries in the state officially designated for the pioneering use of computers and telecommunications technology.

An electronic doorway library provides a two-way flow of requests and information, into and out of a library, by electronic means. The district's Library/Media Centers use computer and telecommunication technology, a full range of library resources and the services of skilled librarians to meet the business, governmental, and education information needs for people of all ages, backgrounds, interests and abilities.

Library Media Specialists, Mary Mathews, Alice Dorb and Carol Tolle accepted Certificates of Recognition on behalf of District 30 at the Nassau School Library Systems' Administrator/Librarian meeting.



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Back to Colonial Times

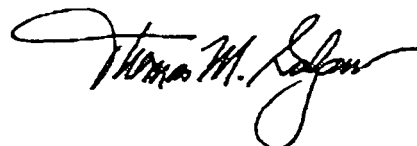
Colonial America on Long Island came alive at Clear Stream Avenue School. The children in Dale Ehrenreich's, Maureen Spiess' and Barbara Clarke's 4th grade classes captivated their spectators with hands-on activities, music and dance. Some of the demonstrations included weaving, quilting, egg dyeing, holiday decorations, pottery, stitchery, and doll making. Dressed in the attire of the Colonial and Native Americans, the children sang songs and were accompanied by Linda Pratt, Music Teacher, on the piano. A group of children played their violins under the direction of Barbara Wieder, String Music Teacher. The children learned the techniques of quilting in Susan Menken's Art Classes. Student teacher Eileen Cudaky was a wonderful help with their costumes, scenery and projects. A tasty treat of warm apple cider and delicious cornbread added to the festivities.

Numerous parents stated that they learned many things about colonial life from their knowledgeable children. This 4th grade Colonial Fair was a wonderful setting for all age groups to witness the successful integration of musical art, math, social studies, and language arts in the 4th grade curriculum.

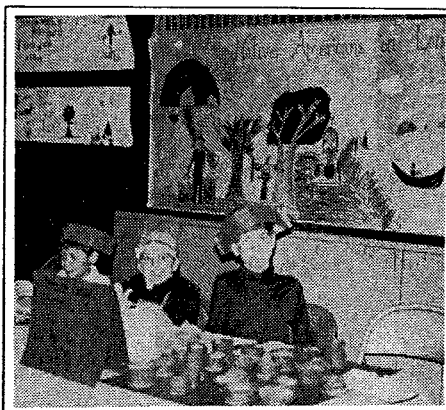
An Open Letter to All Residents...

On behalf of the Valley Stream District 30 School Board, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the residents of our District for their recent passage of our school budget. Your support will enable us to continue what we believe is one of the finest educational systems in Nassau County, New York State and in the country. At the same time, your support will enable us to prepare our children for the next century. It is important that our students have the educational tools to enable our country and its greatest resource—a highly educated work force—to compete effectively in this new global economy.

At the same time, the recent campaign has brought to the forefront taxpayers' concerns over costs and taxes and the ability of all of our residents to fund our educational program. Our Board pledges to maintain its ongoing efforts to carefully and prudently monitor the school budget to control expenditures and to provide tax relief to our residents where possible.



President of the Board of Education



Stepping back in time.



Music and songs added to the atmosphere.

F.A.T. City

Approximately 66 parents at Clear Stream Avenue School viewed a video entitled F.A.T. City (Frustration, Anxiety, Tension). This informative and very interesting film focused on understanding learning disabilities from a student's point of view. It was followed by a question and answer session that was hosted by Gene Nyitray, Director of Special Services, and June Innella, Resource Room Teacher. Parents had the opportunity to ask a wide variety of follow-up questions.

National Geography Bee Update



Mike Chiappardi, 5th grader at Shaw Avenue School, went to Schenectady, NY on April 7, 1995 for the New York State finals. He was one of the youngest to compete in this very difficult competition.

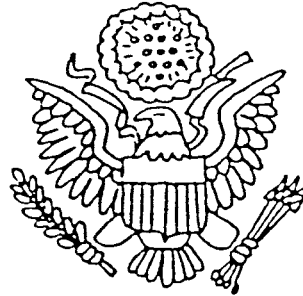
MultiCultural Celebration

Shaw Avenue School's first multicultural celebration was a week filled with numerous activities revolving around the school's culturally diverse population. The week's events began on a Monday morning with an all-school sing-a-long, and a parade of students dressed in native costumes representing over 25 countries.

The entire school wore T-shirts, donated by the PTA, emphasizing the week's theme. Every student was also issued a passport that was stamped as they visited various continents (booths set up in the small gymnasium).

The students also participated in various hands-on activities during the week. Parent guest speakers were invited to visit classrooms and talk about the culture and customs of their

PASSPORT to ADVENTURE



Shaw Avenue School

respective countries.

A highlight was the International Cafe set up in the science room. All students and staff were able to taste foods from around the world; the food was graciously donated by the parents.

The week was a huge success in which all students became familiar with the traditions of their classmates' native countries. They saw that each culture has many similarities as well as differences and that although we may look and dress differently, we're all the same inside. This experience will help everyone to become more tolerant and understanding of each other.

The week of activities was coordinated by Joan Stein, Physical Education Teacher, and Mary Clavin, Kindergarten Teacher.



It is a small world after all!



A parade of countries.

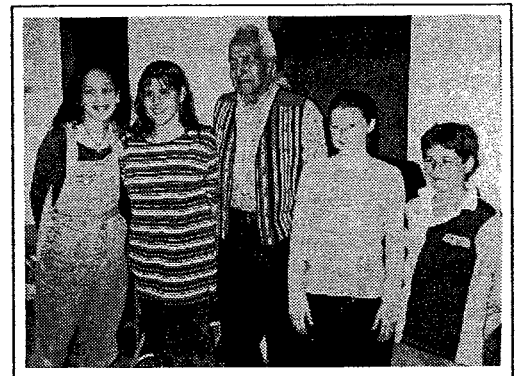
Kindergarten Play Was Multicultural, Too!

The three kindergarten classes at Forest Road School performed a multicultural play entitled, "Around the World With Love." The children traveled around the world in song and dance. They visited Morocco, Africa, England, France, Australia, Mexico, India, Italy and China.

The play was truly a cooperative effort, and as usual, their Kindergarten Aides were on hand to add to the success of the play. The play was enhanced by wonderful and creative scenery and costumes provided by these children's parents. Even though the children projected their voices, the sound system provided by D.J. Joey (a father of a kindergarten student) enhanced their performance

Visit From Chief Shenendoah

Forest Road School students in grades 4, 5, and 6 had the pleasure of a visit from Chief Leon Shenendoah. He is the Chief of the Iroquois Nation and a friend of a Forest Road School family. Chief Shenendoah spoke to students about Iroquois government, reservation life, its school system and Iroquois ceremonies. The students were truly honored to have had the opportunity to meet and speak with this important Native American leader. Chief Shenendoah looks forward to visiting the school again when he returns to Valley Stream.



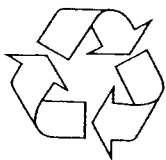
A special visitor, Chief Shenendoah.

STUDENTS INVOLVED IN RECYCLING PROGRAM

The students at Shaw Avenue School are working to protect the Earth. Chris Grullon, a student in Rosemary Decker's class, deserves credit for the start of the Shaw Avenue School recycling facility. With the support and encouragement from Carol Moen, Teacher Aide, Chris wrote a letter to Stanley Kaminsky (Shaw Avenue School Principal) and to the Shaw Avenue School Compact for Learning Team, requesting to start a school recycling program. Upon receiving Chris' letter they felt proud to assist in the initiation of a school recycling program.

The 6th graders have also become a part of this new school endeavor to help save the environment. They are registered participants in the 4th Annual NYS Senate Earth Day Competition 1995 "i. ma. GREEN. nation."

For three weeks the 6th grade students devoted their time, talent and teamwork to design and construct a tool, or machine, that would make recycling easier.



"It is exciting to see these most elaborate projects that were so diligently created. The 6th grade students worked

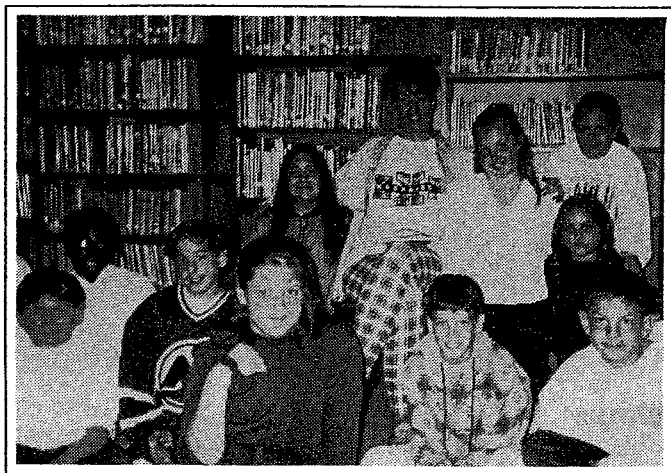


These are just some of the innovative recycling projects.

in the science lab and on their recess time to finish these recycling masterpieces with much pride and success. I am happy to be a part of all the excitement and creativity that is so widespread at our school," commented Anne M. Homer, Science Teacher at Shaw Avenue School.

4TH ANNUAL READALLOUD A SMASHING HIT

Children in kindergarten through grade 6 invited grandparents and other relatives (other than their parents) to read a story to their library class during National Library Week (April 7-13). This year's Readaloud was a huge success as our Library/Media Specialists reported the number of visiting readers: Alice Dorb, at Clear Stream



Sharing their love of reading!

Avenue School, stated they had over 50 readers; Carol Tolle, at Forest Road School, reported 52 readers; and Mary Mathews, at Shaw Avenue School, reported 98 readers.

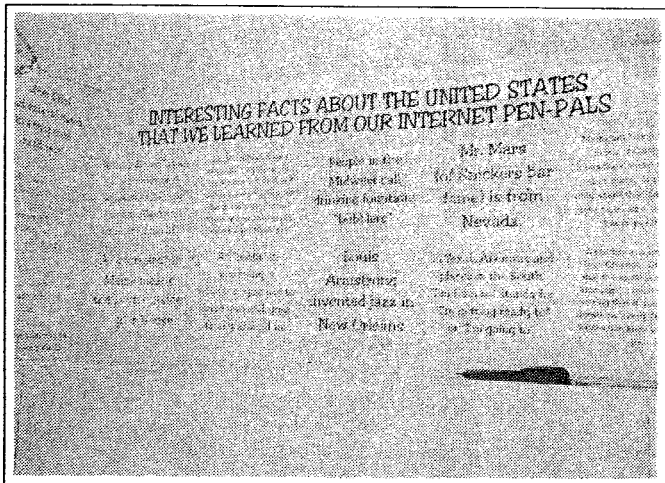
Looking back at this event, Mary Mathews commented: "There were new people in the school and so many familiar faces were recognized from previous Readalouds. All participants enthusiastically brought the joy of reading to classes full of eager listeners. It was moving to see the children's faces light up when they saw and introduced their special guest. The hugs and kisses exchanged were touching." Pictured are Shaw Avenue School students with their visitors.

A common response by the visitors was, "I'll come again next year. I really enjoyed myself and would come anytime." Many guests said that they had read last year and one participant mentioned this was her third Readaloud. An aunt who had participated several times said she moved to Florida last year. She flew up early so she could read to her niece and nephew again this year.

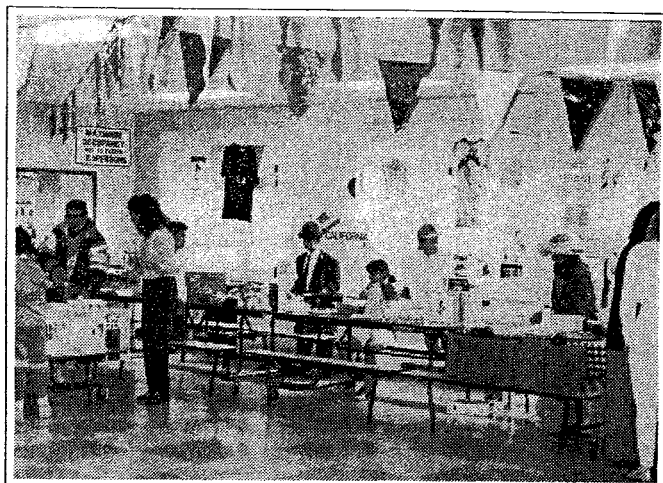
Grandmothers, grandfathers, aunts, uncles, godmothers, and sitters did a wonderful job celebrating reading their love of books. They gave a special gift of their time and interest to the children of the schools.

State Fair

Internet proved to be an asset in researching



The 5th graders were all very excited about their State Fair and Internet connection.



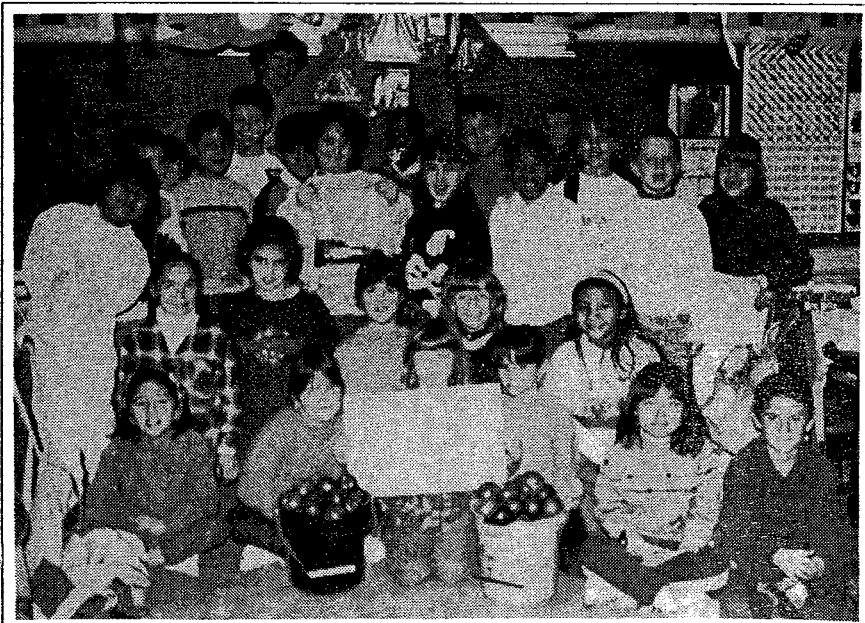
Information obtained via Internet was posted on the walls.

The 5th grade student in Sherrie Lewis' and Allison Ferrante's classes at Forest Road School have been working on a state research project that culminated at their State Fair. The children invited parents and relatives, District 30 administrators, and other Forest Road School classes to this exciting event. Each student researched a state and presented posters, flags, brochures, and delicious foods from all over our nation.

The classes also participated in a national Internet project entitled "The Fifty Nifty States" where children E-mailed other students from all over the United States. The children were able to do this with the assistance of their teachers; student teachers; PTA representative, Karen Higgins; Library/Media Specialist, Carol Tolle; Computer Technician,

Lydia Rosen; and the Valley Stream District 30's "Computer Genius," Carolyn Biscardi. The students shared and received information and trivia about many different states and were able to present this information as well. During the State Fair, the children were able to be on-line and to demonstrate their skills in the use of the Internet by responding to questions that have been E-mailed to them by other students.

They also communicated on the World Wide Web with people involved in the Oklahoma City tragedy. The students E-mailed President Clinton and Vice President Gore invitations to the State Fair; unfortunately, they were not able to attend.



100th Day Celebration

Let us flash back to February 14, 1995. Of course we know that it was Valentine's Day, but the children had an additional celebration. It was the 100th day of school, and students in our district celebrated this special day. Pictured is 2nd graders in Christine Murray's class, at Clear Stream Avenue School, who gathered 100 apples, raisins, Chinese noodles, and pretzels. Other classes made pictures from 100 pieces of macaroni, toothpicks, cookies, and more. Whether it was projects that concerned art, reading, or math, 100 was the theme!

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 "Dare to Discover." There are four categories in the Reflection Program: Literature, Music, Photography, and Visual Arts. Students interpret the theme in any way they feel appropriate. The students' projects were on display at the Green Acres Mall. Listed below are the winners from each of our schools:

Literature

From Clear Stream Avenue School: Mariano Rodriquez, Allison Sheffield and Amanda Taormina.

From Forest Road School: Gabriela Barreto, Danielle Barreto, Greg Silverman, Melvin Grullon, Erica Shea and Brian Magh, Melvin Grullon from Forest Road School was also a winner at the Nassau County level of competition.

From Shaw Avenue School: Christine Coletta and Hillary Ann Shera

Photography

From Clear Stream Avenue School: Michael Belmonte, Allison Sheffield and Steven Kaplan

From Shaw Avenue School: Kyle Antonelli and Melissa Berman

Visual Arts

From Clear Stream Avenue School: Brittany Rostron, Sara Palazzolo and Joanna Lockspeiser

From Forest Road School: Hasan Shakir, Elizabeth Weinbloom, Zachary Turner, Louis Loria, Soribel Gutierrez and Richard Godwin

From Shaw Avenue School: Danielle Allen, Jacqueline Brady and Joyce Chen

Music

From Forest Road School: Alexander Klein and Christopher Ignaciuk

(Note: The PTA Reflections Program Chairpersons are: Carole Belmonte and Cathy Montefusco at Clear Stream Avenue School; Robin Laurentz at Forest Road School; and Elise Antonelli at Shaw Avenue School.)

Summer Reading Continues

Students in Sandra Rubin's 2nd grade reading groups at Shaw Avenue School are putting the finishing touches on their summer reading projects. Vacation is just around the corner and the importance of reading during the summer is a popular topic. The children realize that the wonderful progress they have made this year needs to be maintained by recreational reading during the summer months.

For the entire school year, the 2nd grade groups have been reading monthly poems from Maurice Sendak's "Chicken Soup With Rice." They share finding rhyming words and applying particular reading skills to each month's poem. In addition, the students brainstorm what they know about the months and use these ideas to illustrate the poems.

As summer approaches, everyone is busily organizing the completed months and adding the upcoming ones of July and August to create their own poetry books. Their pride and hard work are reflected in this project. The children are eager to share a year of poems with family and friends during the sunny days of July and the "dog days" of August.



Learning is FUN!



Teachers and staff continue to learn, too!

The Amazing World of Light

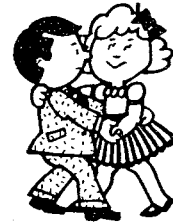
This special program captivated the students at Clear Stream Avenue School. They explored the particles that make-up light (photons), the properties and applications of the laser, strobe lights, the importance of light in photography and some theatrical light wizardry. This production was both entertaining and extremely information, and arranged through the efforts of Mary Maclean, 3rd grade teacher and cultural arts liaison for the school.

Concluding An Exciting Year

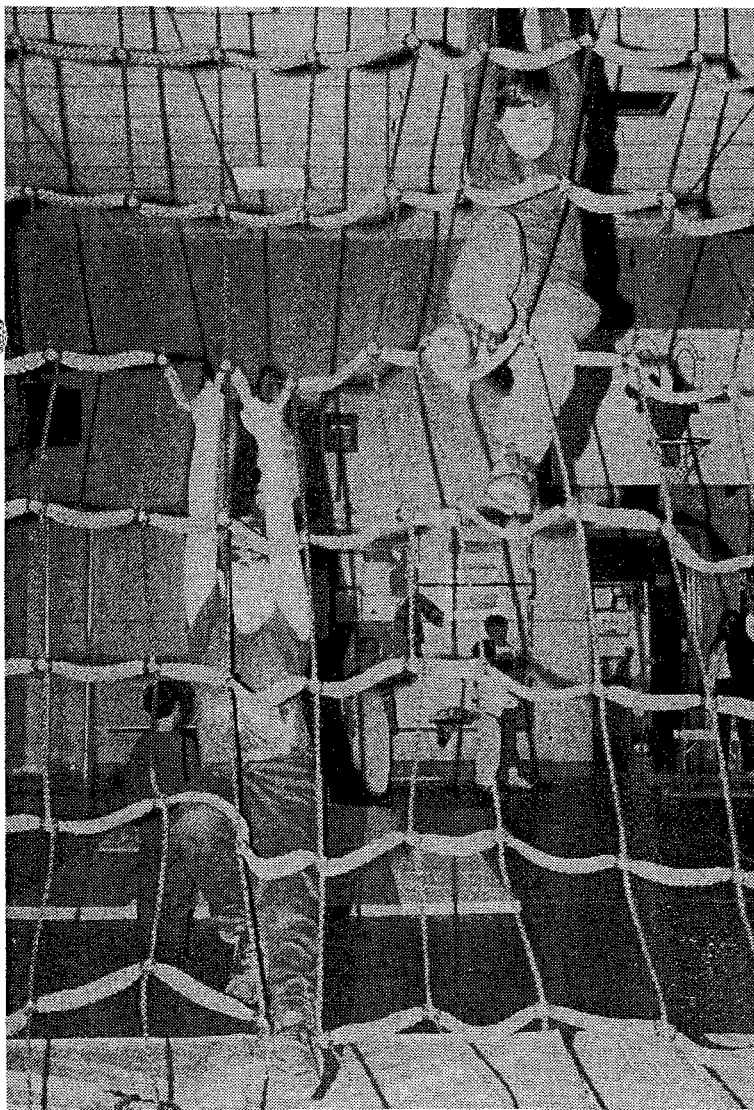


The 2nd grade classes of Marie Federici, Janet Geffner and Gail Starler, at Shaw Avenue School, are finishing up a great year with a trip to Westbury Music Fair. They shared the excitement of seeing *The Wizard Of Oz*.

Dance-A-Thon

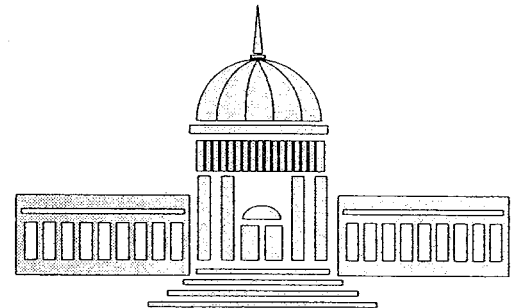


The Clear Stream Avenue School Student Council (with the assistance of the PTA) sponsored a Dance-a-Thon. The result is not finalized, but all the proceeds will go to the Special Olympics Fund.



Keeping body and mind fit!

Washington Trip



The annual Washington D.C. trip was a successful learning experience for the District's 5th grade students. Visiting places that students read about, increases retention and makes subject matter real and visible. A special thank you from all the 5th grade students to Stanley Kaminsky, Shaw Avenue School Principal and Administrator in charge, the teachers and parent chaperones.

Poetry By Young Americans

Congratulations to Stacy Bobrow in Bruce Lesser's class, at Forest Road School, who was notified that her poetry submission will be published in *The Anthology of Poetry by Young Americans*. This is the second year that 6th grade students have been successful in having their submissions published.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- June 19 District 30 Board of Education Committee Meeting — 8:00 p.m.
- 21 6th Grade Graduation - 8:15 p.m. at each District 30 School
- 22 Kindergarten Graduations - 9:30 a.m. at each of the District 30 Schools
- 23 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
- 27 District 30 Board of Education Meeting — 8:00 p.m.

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

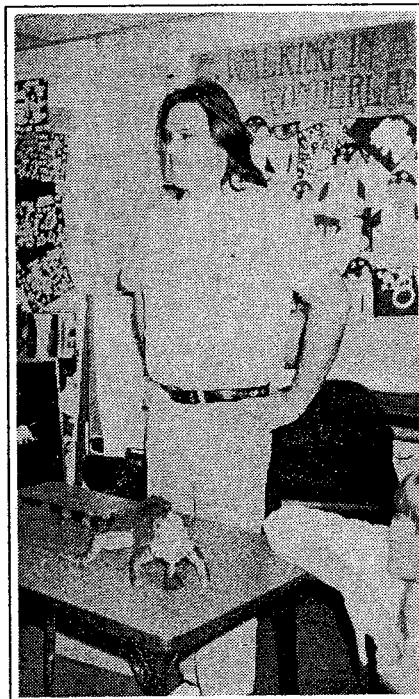


Local Vet Returns

Dr. John Charos, from Central Veterinary Associates, once again visited our kindergarten classes at Forest Road School. His visit is in keeping with an ongoing effort to involve community people in our schools, as they are a great resource for our children.

He brought an assortment of animals for the children to see, including a dog, two birds, an iguana, and a snake. Dr. Charos, along with his assistant, Kristie, brought goody bags for each child to take home. In his discussion, Dr. Charos talked to the children about keeping pets healthy, and at the same time making the connection to the childrens' good health and well being.

This is the eighth year that Central Veterinary has been visiting students at Forest Road School. We thank them for doing a community service so well and so willingly.



Using animals to demonstrate good health.

Architecture Up Close

Mr. Victor Pei, nephew of I.M Pei, the famous architect, visited students at Shaw Avenue School. His presentation was outstanding and the children became very knowledgeable about form, purpose or use, materials, etc. He brought innovative slides of buildings that have specialized uses (such as schools) and buildings that were beautiful on the outside, as well as on the inside, such as the National Gallery of Art in Washington.

"School Kids Against Drunk Driving"

"School Kids Against Drunk Driving" (SKADD) visited 2nd grade students at Forest Road School to teach two important messages: "Children don't drink alcohol" and "Adults don't drink and drive."

The visit featured "Daisy the Clown" who utilized a video, s alongs and prizes to demonstrate effects of alcohol.

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10 Years Ago In The Friendly Schools

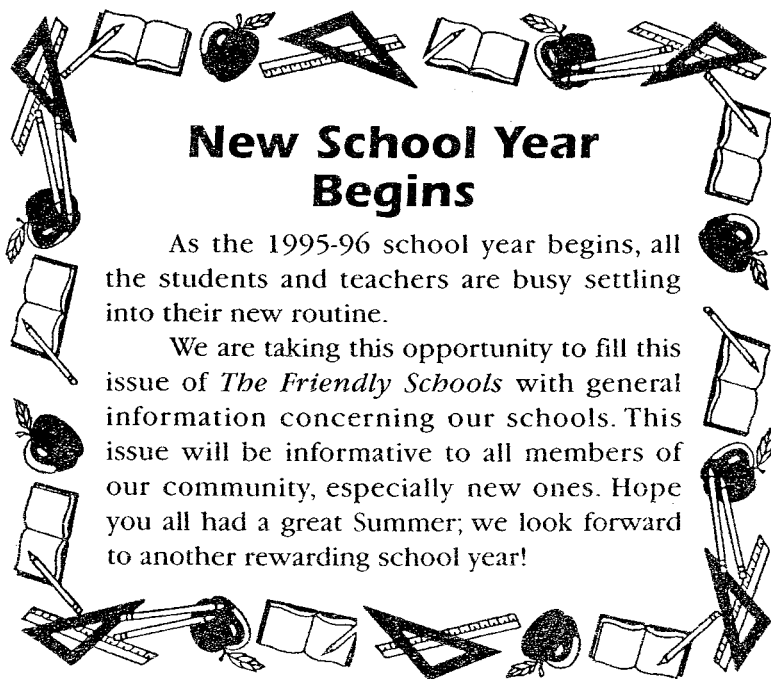
October 1985: The front cover contained a "Superintendent's Message," (written by Mr. William J. Van Ness, who since has retired). His message spoke about teachers being trained for our computer program, and a committee was formed to develop a Code of Discipline for all students.

New teachers and staff members consisted of: Jay Comcovich, School Psychologist; Maria Marino, ESL Teacher (who since has married and became Mrs. Dove); Arlene Upton, Math Teacher/Writer Coordinator (Arlene is presently our 5th grade teacher at Shaw Avenue School); David Kutcher, Business Manager (David is presently our Assistant Superintendent); and Carol Biscardi, Computer Technician.

Also included in that issue was an article describing the opportunity our children now had to create graphics on a new Apple II computer (just look at us today!). Our former students should remember these noteworthy items: Mary Maclean's 1st graders at Clear Stream Avenue School welcomed a new member to their class—Scotty—a large stuffed bear given to her by Stella Schlaeger, School Secretary; students observed at first-hand the "inner workshop" of a beehive in Richard Kaufmann's Science Room at Clear Stream Avenue School; at Forest Road School, students celebrated the 100th birthday of the Statue of Liberty and the 40th Anniversary of the United Nations; meanwhile, at Shaw Avenue School, 71 students signed up for the popular Math Olympiad.

Other points of interest were club activities, "News of our Retirees", and a postage stamp commemorating public education issued by the Post Office.

As we begin our new school year, we all look forward to new and exciting activities to enhance the development of our students.



New School Year Begins

As the 1995-96 school year begins, all the students and teachers are busy settling into their new routine.

We are taking this opportunity to fill this issue of *The Friendly Schools* with general information concerning our schools. This issue will be informative to all members of our community, especially new ones. Hope you all had a great Summer; we look forward to another rewarding school year!

SCHOOL CLOSINGS

Weather and other emergencies may warrant school closings. PTA Class Mothers will be informed 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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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 allows you 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 Superintendent 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: October 27 at Shaw Avenue School, January 12 at Forest Road School, and March 22 at Clear Stream Avenue School.

Update from the President of the Board of Education

Dear Residents:

The 1995-96 school year got off to a great start on opening day, with our largest enrollment since 1976. Our enrollment now tops 1,270 students, which represents an increase of 40 students over last year.

Once again, our staff has done a wonderful job over the summer to insure a smooth opening. The buildings and grounds are in sparkling condition thanks to the efforts of our custodial and maintenance departments, and all the classrooms were decorated and ready for the students due to the preparation and hard work of our teachers. Many of our students hit the ground running, as a result of participating in our summer reading program.

New at Shaw Avenue School this year is a computer mini-lab to serve our kindergarten and grade 1 classes exclusively, and the relocation and enhancement of the computer lab for the upper grades by moving it closer to the classes it serves. Similarly, the Forest Road School computer lab was also relocated and updated and, in fact, the computer labs at each school were ready for use on the first day of school. These labs will be a busy place for word processing, research on the Internet, E-mail, and other technology projects as we prepare our students for today's computerized world.

Back to school night was also a great success with almost all of our parents visiting their children's schools and classrooms. At this time, they each had an opportunity to hear firsthand the educational and instructional goals and expectations for this coming school year.

On behalf of the Board of Education, we wish all a most productive and satisfying school year!

Sincerely,

Thomas M. Galgano
President, Board of Education

Have a Question?

The following information is mainly directed to new members of our community. District 30 consists of three school buildings and a main office. Whether you are a new member to our community, or not, if you have any questions concerning our schools, please refer to the telephone numbers listed below:

Administrative Offices - 285-9880

Mr. Lawrence McGoldrick, *Superintendent of Schools*
 Mr. David Kutcher, *Assistant Superintendent of Schools*
 Mr. Gene Nyitray, *Director for Special Services & Programs*

Clear Stream Avenue School - 872-4333

Mr. Robert Cohen, *Principal*
 Forest Road School - 791-6134

Dr. Barbara Cronin, *Principal*
 Shaw Avenue School - 872-4320
 Mr. Stanley Kaminsky, *Principal*



Welcoming Our New Staff Members

INTRODUCING ...

Eileen Cudaby joins us as a 4th grade teacher at Forest Road School. Under the direction of Barbara Clarke (4th grade teacher) and Christine Murray (2nd grade teacher), Eileen was a student teacher at Clear Stream Avenue School. She graduated from St. John's University with an MS in elementary education, and received her BA in history from Providence College in Rhode Island. "I am extremely happy to be working in such an excellent district as District 30," commented Eileen.

Paul Farinacci has become the Art Teacher at Shaw Avenue School. He has been a teacher for 5 years, and an artist for 10 years. He taught art to students in grade K-6 at a Special Education School in New York City. Among his credentials: He received a Fellowship/Residencies at Colorado College, Colorado Springs from the National Art Educators Association as one of the top six art educators in the country; and received a Project Grant from the N. Y. State Department of Health, Mayor's Office. His art work has been exhibited at the MMC Gallery in New York entitled, "Altered States"; Columbia University, Fine Arts Museum of L.I.; plus, exhibits in Colorado Springs and Kentucky. He also painted a mural

for the City of New York, whose theme was "Warning children of the harms of smoking," and has been interviewed by *Newsday* and CNS radio.

Jonathan Greiss is the Physical Education teacher at Clear Stream Avenue School. He received his BS in Physical Education/Business in 1989 at Skidmore College and received an MA in Physical Education at Adelphi University in 1992. He comes to us with four years of experience including grades K-8; he was a middle school coach for girls' tennis, basketball, softball, and boys' basketball. Since 1986 he has been involved with the Friends Academy Summer Programs, where he began and now directs a very successful golf program for juniors. Jon is very active and into fitness and sports. He plays Volvo Team Tennis, and is a highly competitive golfer. (He is also a member of the U.S. Tennis Association and the U.S. Golf Assoc.) Jon is also musically inclined and very artistic.

Allison Needleman is at Forest Road School teaching 5th grade. She served District 30 as a Contract Substitute in 1993-94 and a Leave Replacement Teacher for Suzanne Walsh's 5th grade class in 1994-95. Allison recently married (Congratulations!); we knew her before as Allison Ferrante. She is involved

with the Greater Five Towns YM & YWHA's camp, after school programs, and winter programs. Aerobics, art, dance and drama are among her interests. "Since I was here last year, I am already involved with the parents, PTA and students," commented Allison.

Lisa Adair has become part of our Speech Department. She is a part time Speech Teacher at Forest Road School.

Daryl Rossello joins our part time secretarial staff at Shaw Avenue School.

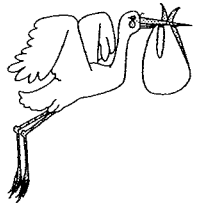
OTHER STAFF NEWS

Elaine Friedman, R.N., School Nurse at Forest Road School, has been appointed District Coordinator of Nurses.

Elaine Marshall is presently our afternoon Machine Room operator. Elaine was formerly one of our Noon Hour Aides.

Nancy Blankshine (Contractual Substitute) is filling in for our 3rd grade teacher, Susan Lipski at Shaw Avenue School. Which leads us to...

A special congratulations to *Susan Lipski* on the birth of her daughter. We wish her, her husband and little daughter a healthy and happy life.



Vandalism Costs Us All Money

Help us to reduce this drain on our tax dollars by keeping a watchful eye on your local school. Perhaps you've noticed persons on school grounds who were behaving suspiciously or who were actually engaged in vandalism, but you did not know who or where to call.

To report school vandalism or suspicious activities at your school, call the Nassau County Emergency Number, 911. Give the name of the school, its location, and a brief description of what is happening. A police car will be radio-dispatched to investigate, and appropriate school personnel will be alerted. School

officials will prosecute offenders whenever possible and attempt to secure restitution for damages.

Please report any of these activities:

- persons on the roof of the school
- anyone throwing objects at windows
- someone shooting weapons of any kind
- any kind of fire on school grounds
- destruction of grounds, shrubbery, or facilities
- anyone operating mini-bikes on playgrounds or driveways
- any other suspicious or criminal acts.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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| October | 23 | District 30 Board of Education Meeting — 8:00 p.m. |
| | 27 | Breakfast With The Superintendent held at Shaw Avenue School — 9:30 p.m. |
| | 31 | Halloween |
| November | 7 | Election Day |
| | 11 | Veterans' Day |
| | 20 | District 30 Board of Education Committee Meeting - 8:00 p.m. |
| | 23-24 | Thanksgiving Recess - SCHOOLS CLOSED |
| | 27 | District 30 Board of Education Meeting — 8:00 p.m. |

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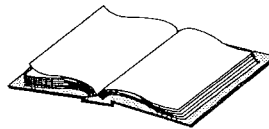
Teachers Become Authors

Many of our teachers have a very interesting and exciting life beyond their teaching profession. Some have been artists, performers, and yes, even authors!

Arlene Sacks-Weitman and Stan Weitman are authors of the "first ever" book on Crackle Glass, entitled, *Crackle Glass, An Identification and Value Guide*. (Arlene Sacks is a kindergarten teacher at Clear Stream Avenue School.) Crackle glass is an intriguing type of glass known for its sun-catching vibrant colors and has been admired for centuries. The Weitmans are crackle glass lovers and have a collection of over 600 pieces, including jars, jugs, glass, vases and perfume bottles. Their book concentrates on the most popular era, 1920-1950, and contains information on crackle, including manufacturers and how to identify their works, history, production, and more! Because there was no official documentation on this special glass, Arlene and her husband began their quest of publishing a book. "Researching crackle glass was one of the most exciting experiences of our lives," stated Arlene. An article appeared in the Amityville Record concerning their research and book. The Weitmans also held a book signing at Bayvillage Gardens and Antiques in Amityville, and on November 18 will be signing books at the Barnes & Noble Book Store in Massapequa Park between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

Gerard Camilleri, District 30 Computer Coordinator, is also a co-author of a book. It is entitled *Information. P.L.E.A.S.E.* The book was co-authored with Marsha Iverson, who is the District Director of Occupational Education for the Valley Stream High School District. This book is a database textbook for junior high students. It teaches the creation of databases using critical thinking skills integrated with such subjects as science and English. Jerry and Marsha also co-authored a book entitled, *Ready! Set! Keyboard!*, which was published in 1989 for elementary school students.

Congratulations to our teachers!



Breakfast Program

The National School Breakfast Program, which already began at Shaw Avenue School last year, has been included in all our schools. Starting this school year, all elementary schools in New York are required to offer breakfast to their students. For further information concerning this program, please contact your individual school.



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 into effect. This law states that there can be no use of tobacco in any school building (any building housing children) **at any time**.

Not Getting The Friendly Schools?

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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 11580-3056. (Telephone: 516/285-9880).

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BREAKFAST IS AVAILABLE IN OUR SCHOOLS

This program began in our schools in September, 1995 and provides a complete and nutritious breakfast for our children at a reasonable cost (75 cents). If your child is currently receiving School Lunch at a reduced or free price, he/she automatically qualifies for a free or reduced price (25 cents) breakfast.

Breakfast is served daily between 7:50 - 8:10 a.m. at Forest Road and Shaw Avenue Schools and 7:40-8:00 a.m. at Clear Stream Avenue School. School Breakfast is available to ALL children. Show your support by encouraging your child to start his/her day with a nutritious breakfast. The reward will be a happier and healthier child. The Breakfast Program is an "offer program" which means your child has the option of all four items or three out of four items offered daily.

Breakfast Menu

Fruit - Choose One: Fresh Fruit Selection, Juice, or Cup of Fruit

Beverage - Choose One: Milk, Lowfat Milk, or Lowfat Chocolate Milk

Bread/Bread Alternate - Choose One: Sliced Bagel, Roll, Assorted Cold Cereal, White or Whole Wheat Bread

Protein - Choose One: Peanut Butter and Jelly, Slice of Cheese, Peanut Butter Cup, or Hard Boiled Egg.

WINTER MUSIC NOTES

If you pass the music classes in our schools you can hear the students diligently practicing for their Winter Concerts. Our schools' chorus, band and orchestra are all on key and ready for their big night.

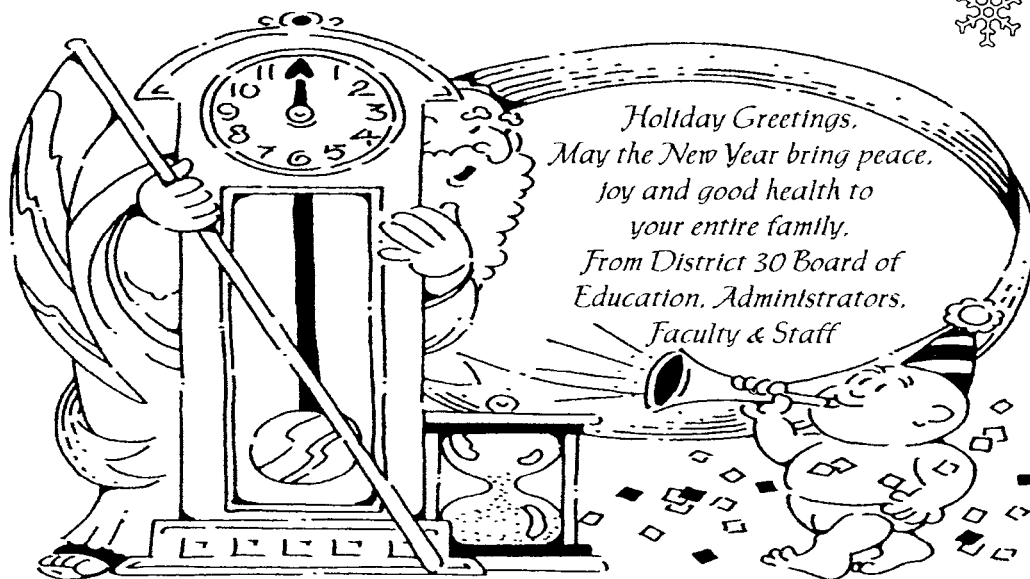
Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy some holiday music with us! Each concert will begin at 7:30 p.m.

December 14 at Shaw Avenue School

December 15 at Clear Stream Avenue School

December 19 at Forest Road School

The Shaw Avenue School Concert Band will be performing at Franklin Nursing Home on December 20th. The Concert Band played at the nursing home last year, spreading holiday cheer to many. The patients loved the performance and invited our children back!



*Holiday Greetings,
May the New Year bring peace,
joy and good health to
your entire family.
From District 30 Board of
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SHOWING CONCERN

Fire Prevention Week was a recent topic of discussion in Mary Ruschin's 2nd grade class at Forest Road School. Letters of condolence were written by the children to Mr. and Mrs. McLaughlin, parents of New York City firefighter Peter McLaughlin.

The children's thoughts were most moving. Some excerpts include the following: "You are very lucky to have had such a brave son. I saw it on TV but I could not watch it—I was too concerned." "You must be very sad. I wish it had never happened." "It's okay to be sad—anyone would be." "I'm sorry that your son Peter died in the fire, but he's still and always will be in your heart, he was a brave man."

Mary Ruschin commented: "Who said children are only concerned with themselves??? NOT TRUE!!"

NEW TAX EXEMPTIONS 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:

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>PERCENT EXEMPTION</u>
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.

HALLOWEEN



Halloween is a time for all our little skeletons, princes, ninjas, and ghouls to show off their costumes. In addition to class parties, Clear Stream Avenue and Shaw Avenue Schools paraded in their costumes around their school playground for all to see. Meanwhile the students at Forest Road School once again were treated to a Face Painting workshop.

TEACHERS JOIN TOGETHER

On "Let's Make A Difference Day," teachers in Forest Road School donated warm, new clothing for the Children of the Prairie.

Over 635 items (including socks, underwear, shirts, jeans, gloves, boots, pajamas and sweaters) were collected and shipped to the Lakota

Indian School. The joy of giving will make a big difference to the children.

CROSSING GUARD HONORED



"Thank you for your devotion, Ms. Egan!"

As students and faculty gathered outside the Clear Stream Avenue School for the pledge of allegiance, a surprise was to follow. Robert Cohen, Principal, announced that they were gathered to honor (and surprise) a very special person—Leanore Egan, for her 20th year of service as the school's crossing guard.

The surprise consisted of: a student's presentation of a handmade book containing pages of drawings depicting "Ms. Egan" helping children across the street; cards from the faculty and staff; a bouquet of flowers from PTA; and four generations of Egan Family in attendance.

Leanore Egan calls her post (the corner of Cedar Street and Clear Stream Avenue) the "smiling corner," because she asks all the children to give her a smile when they cross the street. We call it the "smiling corner," because whenever you pass the corner you are guaranteed to receive a smile from Leanore.

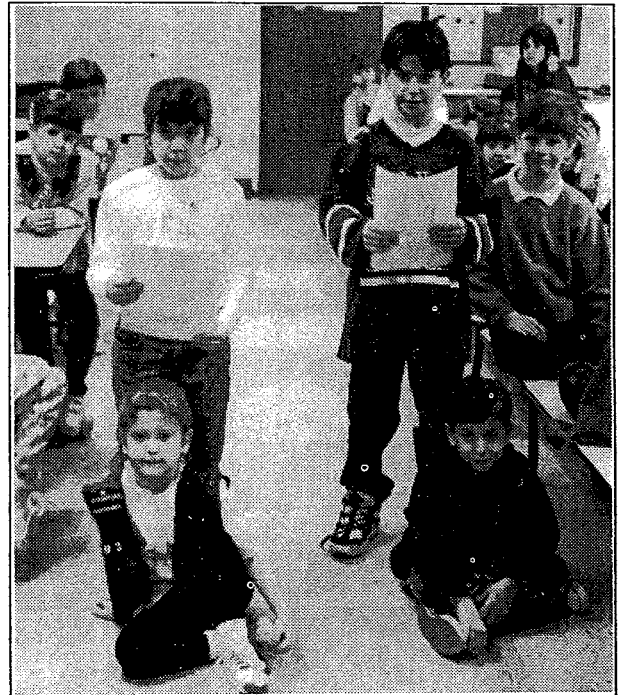
Leanore is now crossing her second generation of Clear Stream Avenue School children. Many of the parents whose children currently attend Clear Stream Avenue School were ushered across the street by Leanore many years ago.

Leanore Egan is a person devoted to Valley Stream and dedicated to District 30. Her children attended Clear Stream Avenue School; she served as their PTA Co-President; and has been a member of the District 30 Board of Education for many years.

READING BUDDIES

Roslyn Scheidt and Peggy Badalucco's 1st graders, at Forest Road School, have very special Buddies—reading pals from Grace Guttman's 3rd grade class.

They meet in the school cafeteria every other week. During the first meeting they passed around rolls of bathroom paper. Each child took the number of sheets he/she wanted. As each



Susanna Sher, Samantha Curran, Corey Ciorciari and Cory Leshansky, who are about to share a reading experience.

sheet was torn apart, the child had to tell his/her reading pals one thing about himself/herself. What a great way to introduce the children and start a year long partnership!

The 3rd graders read a Halloween poem to their buddies, and the 1st graders received the selection to take home. Another copy of the poem was mounted on paper and decorated by the 3rd graders. Last reported, they were working on special Thanksgiving literature for the 1st graders.

It looks as though this special program will be enjoyed by all.

(For more innovative reading experiences, see Page 4.)

BACKPACKS A READING EXPERIENCE

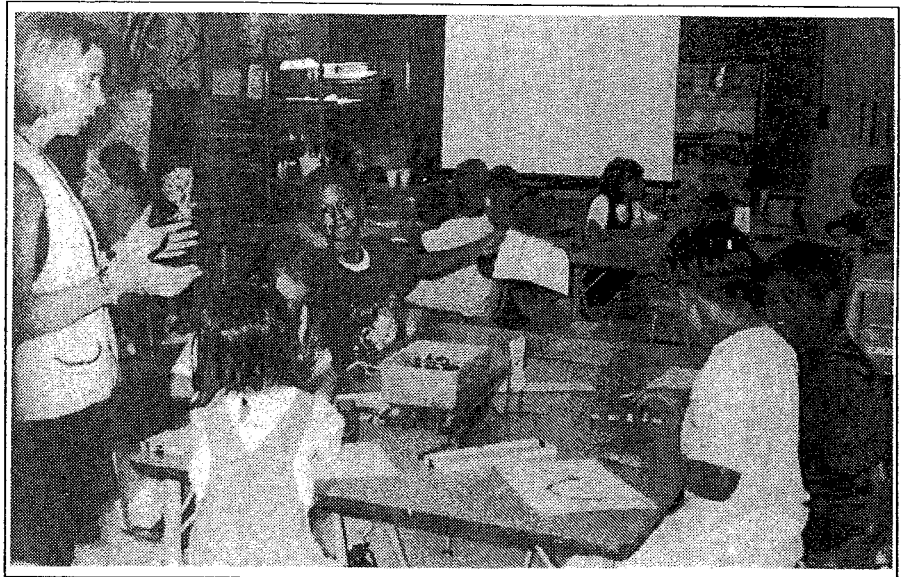
What parents do to help their children learn is very important to academic success. Parents who read aloud with their children create opportunities to establish special bonds. Sharing books offers other bonuses, too. Research has proven a parent can help his or her child do better in school; improve as a reader; and enjoy a richer, fuller life—all by helping your child discover books. To promote this kind of parent involvement, special backpacks were designed for students in grades 1 to 3 at Forest Road School. They offer parents and their children opportunities to read together and to share fun book-based activities in an easy-to-read format.



Backpacks will go home with a different child each week in grades 1, 2, and 3. Each backpack contains books, poems, journals, a game, recipes, facts, science experiments, social studies projects, math problems, etc. Parents and children will read from A to Z with Curious George, explore colors with Brigid, identify shapes on the Frimble Family shopping spree, learn about bears with Goldilocks, solve mysteries, investigate insects, make friends, travel into the earth's core, and create poems and riddles. A packet, which the family can keep, is included to reinforce the fun and learning long after the backpack has been returned.

The Forest Road PTA has donated all the books and backpacks. Rene Herman, Reading Teacher, has used our new computer lab to create iron-on designs for the backpacks and the accessories.

ARTIST'S VISITS STIMULATE STUDENTS



Visiting artist, a learning experience

Third grade students in Paul Farinacci's art classes welcomed artist Lisa Falls to the Shaw Avenue School. Ms. Falls is the first of what Paul Farinacci hopes will become a regular visiting artists' program at the school.

Residing in San Diego, California, Ms. Falls is a very gifted professional painter, printmaker and art therapist. Her artwork has been seen in exhibitions throughout the U.S. and is part of numerous public and private collections. She received a Masters in Fine Arts and Art Therapy in New York.

During her visit to Shaw Avenue School, she presented a slide show of her work, evoking a lively discussion among students and staff. Afterwards, the students were provided with forms found in Ms. Falls' work. Utilizing these forms, they excitingly participated in hands-on workshops exploring printmaking; creating monoprints; pastel drawings; and cooperative creative construction. Paul Farinacci reflected: "Fun was had by all while lots of learning took place. This visit

proved to be a great success." The students and staff anxiously await the arrival of other artists to the school.

TEACHER RECEIVES RECOGNITION

The Feingold Association of the United States presented Mary A. Ruschin, 2nd grade teacher at Forest Road School, with an award of excellence in June.

The Certificate of Appreciation was awarded to Mary in grateful recognition of her outstanding service and continuous contribution to her students by helping them achieve their maximum potential.

Ms. Debrah E. Hayes, Chairperson of the Teacher Appreciation Committee, praised Mary Ruschin and her efforts in presenting the positive benefits of good health, nutrition, and fitness in order to lead a successful life. The balance of a healthy body and sound mind enhances student learning, self-esteem and academic success.

Congratulations, Mary Ruschin!

A TEACHER'S SUMMER ADVENTURE

Let us for a moment reflect back on the summer months. While most of us were trying to beat the heat, one of our teachers went on a great adventure. That teacher is Susan Wasserman, who teaches 5th grade at Shaw Avenue School, and her



Exploring the cultural life

adventure was a National Geographic story that came alive! Below are Susan's own descriptions of her adventure:

I ventured to the Alaskan wilderness and, as a side excursion, I flew to Barrow (the Northernmost U.S. city and located on the Arctic Ocean), where I was marooned for 24 hours due to fog, caused by high temperatures of 47 degrees and

breakage of the Arctic ice. Unable to sleep due to 24 hours of daylight, I explored the city of Barrow, its cultural life and its school system. An interesting note: Barrow elementary school children wear miner's hats with lights attached during the dark (nearly 24 hours of darkness in winter) days of December, January and February so that the school bus driver can see the children as they make their way to the school bus.

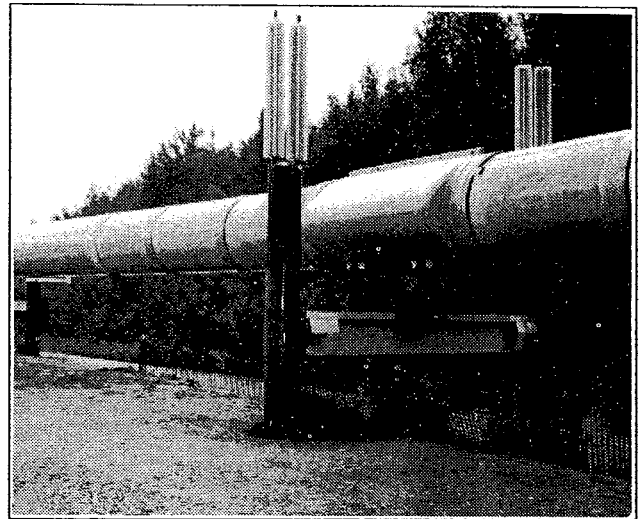
After touring the "North" country, I visited Denali National Park, which is a true wilderness and home to much of Alaska's wildlife. A mother grizzly bear and her triplet cubs made a brief appearance as did a lone gray wolf and a family of bald eagles. Mt. McKinley briefly showed its snowy face and I thoroughly enjoyed viewing the tallest mountain in North America. Seeing the humpback whales and the great glaciers of the inside passage gave me further opportunity to view the variety of wildlife in our northernmost state.

This exciting trip is one that Susan will

always treasure, and she has brought her experiences back to share with students and friends in District 30.

Once back in the U.S.A., Susan Wasserman continued her teaching and exploring. As an active member of the New York Geographic Alliance (the state arm of the National Geographic Society), Susan directed the Summer Geography Institute, at Hunter College in New York City, during two weeks in August.

Exploring the city (e.g., Ellis Island and the city's architectural highlights), the teachers who participated were able to immerse themselves in economic, political and cultural geography utilizing materials and resources from a variety of sources.



The Alaska Oil Pipeline

THANKSGIVING CELEBRATIONS

Thanksgiving celebrations filled our schools! Besides the individual class parties, some special annual celebrations were held. At Clear Stream Avenue School you could smell the turkey, stuffing and trimmings as the little pilgrims and Indians in the kindergarten feasted on their Thanksgiving dinner. At Forest Road School the entire stu-

dent body and faculty gathered for a Thanksgiving breakfast. Meanwhile, the kindergartners at Shaw Avenue School also feasted on their special breakfast.

In addition, on Tuesday, November 21st, Madelyn Schweigert's kindergarten class, at Shaw Avenue School, made apple pies. The children rolled dough,

peeled and sliced the apples and added cinnamon and sugar. Each child took home an 8-inch pie to share with their family on Thanksgiving. The children and helping adults had a great time. "Everyone said they were the best apple pies they ever tasted!" commented Madelyn Schweigert.

i AND j A MYSTERY??

In October, David Kutcher, Assistant Superintendent of Schools, presented a challenge to Arlene Upton's 5th grade class at Shaw Avenue School. He asked that they research the name for the dot that appears above the letters "i" and "j" in our alphabet. The children took this mission seriously, using innovative and critical thinking skills in their quest; they used various reference materials found in the school's library and in their classroom and questioned various specialized staff members (librarians, reading teachers, speech teachers, principal, and resource room teacher). From time to time, when the children were away from their room, "The Phantom" left clues on the chalkboard for them to consider.

Some of their responses are:

Heather Gauger: It signifies a lower case letter.

Michael Genco: It is a kind of punctuation mark.

Jennifer Canonico: It means the "i" isn't just a stroke.

Anthony Rensing: The dot is a diacritical mark.

The class really enjoyed this challenge. David Kutcher was impressed with the skills used (accessing information from people and things) by the children in their attempt to respond to the task he presented to them. In celebration for the class's outcomes, Arlene Upton, Stanley Kaminsky (Principal), and David Kutcher shared lunch with the children.

If you have a guess to this mystery, contact Arlene Upton's class at Shaw Avenue School.

STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN MUSIC FESTIVAL

The Nassau Music Educators Association held their annual All County Festival. Under the direction of our music teachers, Linda Pratt, Frances Gibson, Barbara Kreeger (Chorus), Concetta Madonia-Stevens (Band), and Barbara Wieder (Orchestra), several of our students participated. Congratulations to our students: From Clear Stream Avenue School for chorus, Lancelot Drummonds, Lisa Fiore, Danielle Fusco, Matthew Roth, for band, Ling-Wei Hsiao; and for orchestra, Tania Rios. From Forest Road School for chorus, Brian Farhi, Deanna Licht, Jessica Surgan, Jenna Spector; for band, Aurora Kiviat; for orchestra, Gia Mancini. From Shaw Avenue School for chorus, Lisa Agostini, Pammy Katsabas, Edward Pei, and Jennie Randazzo; for band, Jamila Valero; for orchestra, Hanna Kim.

JUGGLING FOR SUCCESS

Learning can be a juggling process, and juggling can be a learning process, as the students in Forest Road School soon found out. In a day-long program called, "Juggling for Success," students and faculty experienced the art of juggling.

Did you know that juggling can improve handwriting; help children concentrate; boost self-esteem and self confidence; improve tossing and catching skills reflexes; and is challenging and fun for all ages.

This special and enlightening program was sponsored by the Forest Road School PTA.

STUDENT TEACHERS ARE ASSETS

The speech students at Shaw Avenue School are fortunate enough to work with Miss Melissa Keyishian, a student teacher from St. John's University. Melissa is an undergraduate student, studying to become a Speech/Language Pathologist. She will be working with Patricia Phillips, District 30 Speech Teacher (who also graduated from St. John's University).

Melissa Keyishian has formed a special rapport with the students. They enjoy working with her during the many exciting language and articulation lessons she creates. Melissa Keyishian's semester at Shaw Avenue School will be a long-remembered educational experience.

(Editor's Note: Several of our classes have Student Teachers. It is a great learning experience for our future teachers, and an addition to our classes.)

COMPUTERS AND YOUNG AUTHORS

The computer room was buzzing as Phyllis Amalfitano's 1st grade class was busy working on a book project. With the assistance of Vivian Scarangella, Computer Technician at Shaw Avenue School, the students constructed their own stories. The computer project centered on a circus theme in which the children added their own information. These "personal" touches helped to make it more meaningful and a great learning success!



TEACHERS CONTINUE TO LEARN

What do teachers do after a full day of work? Quite often they attend educational seminars to see what new and exciting ideas they can bring back to their students.

Several teachers from Forest Road School attended the *5th Health Literacy Seminar*, entitled "Literacy for Learning: Thematic Teaching in Today's Classrooms." Guest speaker, Dr. Irene Fountas of Boston University, was very dynamic and stated, "Literacy is for something, it has a use. Literacy is learning how to read, then reading to learn. It's learning HOW to write, then writing to learn." She gave three cheers for the new curriculum introduced across the nation, mainly Thematic Teaching. Thematic studies are "connected" learning involving thinking skills to help students use processing abilities needed throughout their lives.

Teachers Marie Barry, Mary Ruschin, Ellyn Fitzgerald, Susan Moskowitz, Rene Herman, Roslyn Scheidt, and Grace Guttman (all pictured) left the seminar invigorated. They were eager to explore some of Dr. Fountas' philosophy in their own classrooms. It had been a long day, but well worth it!



Literacy for Learning ... seminar was an asset!

District 30, along with all of the Valley Stream School Districts, made important contributions to the *47th Annual New York State Art Teachers' Association Conference*. This year's theme was "New York—A State of the Arts."

Teachers had the opportunity to participate in lectures by artists and art historians as well as business and educational leaders. A wide variety of workshops, including topics such as adaptive techniques for special education, classroom video, computer technology, multicultural-interdisciplinary projects, and archeology were offered.

District 30 was represented by two of our Art Teachers, Susan Baron and Susan Menkes. They co-facilitated the elementary level "Idea Exchange," giving teachers from across the state the opportunity to share successful lessons and classroom strategies. Susan Menkes also presented the workshop "It's Mona, It's Me!" describing ways to use art history as motivation. When participants shared their excitement with colleagues after her morning presentation, the afternoon session attracted a standing-room-only crowd.

Through the leadership, talent, and professional commitment of our art education staff, meaningful experiences are provided for our children; they bring to the district a sequential program of visual art education; and play an important part in the New York—A State of the Arts.



District 30 art display at the Conference



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

December	18	District 30 Board of Education Meeting - 8:00 p.m.
	25-29	Holiday Recess—SCHOOLS CLOSED
January	1	New Year's Day—SCHOOLS CLOSED
	12	Breakfast With The Superintendent—9:30 a.m. at Forest Road School
	15	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day—SCHOOLS CLOSED
	22	District 30 Board of Education Meeting - 8:00 p.m.
February	14	PTA Founders' Day—7:30 p.m. held at Clear Stream Avenue School
	19-23	Winter Recess—SCHOOLS CLOSED
	26	District 30 Board of Education Meeting - 8:00 p.m.

(NOTE: District 30 Board of Education Meetings are held at Shaw Avenue School.)

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 11580-3056. (Telephone: 516/285-9880).

Sr. T.L. By and Son



Special robots, special rules!

What an innovative way to learn about the correct behavior in school! With the assistance of their Art Teacher Susan Baron, students in Eileen Cudahy's 4th grade class created two special robots—Sr. T.L. By and Son (School Rules To Live By).

Students discussed and wrote school rules on cards. The rules came alive as they placed them on the robots, which were displayed in the main entrance of Forest Road School. Pictured are Susan Baron, Art Teacher, and 4th graders Fareeza Sheriff and Scott Winokur.

Below are some of the rules placed on the robots:

- Don't scream in the cafeteria because the fire bell might ring.
- Know where all the exits are.
- Listen to the teacher and to directions.
- Show respect to the teachers and aides.

SCHOOL CLOSINGS

Weather and other emergencies may warrant school closings. 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 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.

ASBESTOS REPORT: A-OK

Gregory D. Abbate, Director of Facilities and Operations for Valley Stream School District 30, reports that the triennial asbestos inspection that is required by New York State law, has been completed. The reports were submitted to the State Education Department before the August 1, 1995 deadline indicating that no friable asbestos exists in any of the district's school buildings.