

Clear Stream Chronicle

“The time is always right to do what is right.”

Martin Luther King, Jr.



A Message from the Administrators...

Spring Concert

Our Spring Concert was an outstanding success. Thanks to all our student participants, Mrs. Alberghini, Mrs. Cooke and Mr. Adams

Art in the Park

This year our students will be involved in the “Art in the Park” student art contest sponsored by the Envision Valley Stream group. This is completely voluntary but a wonderful opportunity for students to share their artistic talents. The project can be any 2-D drawing, painting, photography, collage, etc. depicting what Valley Stream means to you. If interested, students must submit their work to Ms. Freiberg, no later than May 3rd.

Parent/Teacher Conferences
Next Wednesday and Thurs-

day afternoon, we will be holding the second round of Parent/Teacher Conferences this year. Please take the time to come in and speak with your child’s teacher about his/her progress. A lot has transpired since the last meetings and it is always a good thing to keep the lines of communication open.

Emotional Wellness!

Everything about your children is important to us including their social and emotional well being. Therefore we are excited to inform you that Peninsula Counseling Center will be back to administer social-emotional screenings to you about your children. Last year we had great participation and an overwhelmingly positive response. This program is a confidential service for you and your family and has met with our welcoming

approval. The screenings are designed to promote early identification of emotional issues in children and adolescents, and to serve as an annual emotional check up for your children. Professional staff of Peninsula Counseling Center, under contract with the NYS Office of Mental health, will be on hand in our school to answer any questions you might have about these screenings. As you know, social and emotional health directly impacts school performance, as well as family and social relations. We want to help you give your child every opportunity to insure their life success. Therefore, we hope you will stop by the Peninsula Counseling Table in our school. If you have any questions, call Dr. Adina Korn, the Director of the program at 516-204-1345

PTA Updates...

As we discussed last week, student-teacher differences can develop into full-blown conflicts if not dealt with appropriately. However, a caring and responsible parent can play a very important role in bringing the two parties together into an acceptable level of peace and harmony.

Some books on education like *I Hate School* by Cynthia Ulrich Tobias, have a few suggestions on the subject:

- Work with the chain of command. First talk with the teacher, because going straight to the higher authorities may ease some frustration, but

may not necessarily solve the problem.

- Resist the temptation to request a reassignment if at all possible: Instead, a parent can use the opportunity to teach a child some very important interpersonal skills in conflict resolution that will serve for a lifetime.

- Try not to ambush the teacher at the parent/teacher conference with complaints about how your child is being treated: Start a relationship with the teacher based on respect and trust. Once you have

a relationship, you will be in a better position to get the teacher’s cooperation in creating a better learning environment for your child.

The PTA is currently searching for one parent volunteer to serve on the Nominating Committee. Please note that in order to serve, you must be an active member of the PTA. This committee meets only once. If interested, please contact Monique Sampson at (516) 285-3813.

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Interview: Ms. Dody

This is Ms. Dody’s 4th year teaching at Clear Stream. She is an inclusion teacher who works with Ms. Savino, Ms. Dougherty and Ms. Heumann. Her favorite color is purple and her favorite food is pizza. Her favorite pets are goldfish because they are easy to take care of. Her favorite TV show is Law and Order. Her favorite movie is Love Actually. Ms. Dody is of English and Irish descent. She has one brother. Ms. Dody loves walking around Manhattan.

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Upcoming Events

- March 18 - PTA Meeting - 7:30 PM
- **March 24, 25 - 11:15 AM - Dismissal - Parent/Teacher Conferences**
- March 29 - April 5 - School Closed - Spring Recess
- March 23-Report Cards
- April 6 - School Reopens

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