

Clear Stream Chronicle

“A mother is not a person to lean on but a person to make leaning unnecessary.”

P.J. O'Rourke



A Message from the Administrators...

Math Tests

We are in the midst of administering the New York State Math Test to Grades 3, 4 and 5. The test schedule is as follows:

- Grade 3 - Thursday and Friday
- Grade 4 - Thursday and Friday
- Grade 5 - Wednesday and Friday
- Grade 6 - have completed the test

Here is how you can continue to help prepare your children for the test:

- Please be sure your child arrives at school **ON TIME** the morning the day of his/her test because he/she cannot begin a test once it has started
- Make sure he/she gets a good night's sleep every night
- Make sure he/she eats a good breakfast

- Be supportive but not too inquiring about how the week is going

- There will be a Budget Hearing on Monday, May 10th at 7:00 PM at the Shaw Avenue Library. Please join us to gain information about the Valley Stream District 30 School Budget

- Community members can register to vote in the Main Office or at the District Office during school hours. On May 11th, there will be an evening session from 4 - 9 PM for voter registration.

- District Budget Vote - Tuesday, May 18th at each elementary school from 6:00 AM - 9:00 PM

Happy Mother's Day

Wishing everyone who celebrates this day - a great one that is full of joy and love!

Field Tests

Grades 3 - 6 will be taking the New York State Field Test next Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. It is a short assessment which informs the state as to the validity of test questions for further state assessments. The test will be 50 minutes long and there is no need for the students to be nervous. These questions cover information the students have been taught. Thank you for your cooperation.

Email

There was a glitch in our network yesterday and email was down but we are up and running today. If you emailed your child's teacher and have not gotten a response yet - this is the reason. Thank you.

PTA Updates...

During the April General Meeting, the PTA announced the names of the new board members for the next school year. The new board is both honored and excited to be elected for such a noble task. They all look forward to being the voice for the children and parents of our school and our District 30 at large.

So much has changed since the formation of our PTA many years ago, however, one thing remains constant: the need for people working together to promote quality education. The issues now include far more

than reading, writing and math. With school budgets growing ever tighter, PTAs are filling critical gaps in funding and working to maintain standards of education, according to James Martinez, spokesperson for the national PTA.

Whereas fundraisers paid for playground equipment or field trips in certain areas of the country, PTA coffers now are also covering more critical budget items, such as art teachers, hall monitors and computer equipment, Mr. Martinez added.

Ms. Laura Bay who has been elected to the National PTA Board of Directors pointed out that education reform may have given us better standards, but it never gave us the resources on how to get everyone there yet. According to Bay, the PTAs play a major role in educating the "whole child," the education world's term for meeting a broad spectrum of needs, including health, nutrition and emotional wellness. A million thanks to our current PTA Board and the very best to the new one.

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Mrs. Estime

Mrs. Estime was born in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. She lived there until she was 11 years old when she moved to Chicago, IL. She moved to NY when she got married. She has 2 sons - ages 17 and 7. She has 1 sister and 2 brothers. She played soccer when she was a child but she disliked soccer when she was in high school. *Amelia Bedilia* books are her favorite. She loves to read during her free time. Fish are her pets, "I love them." We love you, too, Mrs. Estime.

Upcoming Events

- May 6, 7 - PTA Plant Sale
- May 10 - Budget Hearing
- May 12 - BLT Meeting - 5:30 PM
- May 13 - Staff Appreciation Luncheon

District Website:
valleystream30.org

See you next week!