

Clear Stream Chronicle

“It is easier to build strong children than repair broken men.”
Frederick Douglass

A Message from the Administrators...



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Lost and Found

Please see if your child is missing a jacket, sweat-shirt, hat, etc. The Lost and Found has many items that are unclaimed. Please label your child's clothing so we can give back the unclaimed items. Any articles that are not picked up will be donated to a charity.

Congratulations on Completion of ELA and Math Tests

Kudos to all of the students in Grades 3 - 6 who worked so hard on the ELA and Math tests and of course, thank you to our wonderful teachers who assisted the students in preparing for the tests and helping to administer them.

Our entire school pitched in to make these past two weeks as easy as possible for everyone. A special thank you to Mr. Finelli who is by far the best organizer for creating schedules for these tests. Thank you parents for having your children at school on time, well fed and rested each day. We know we all did our best!

Budget Vote

The District Budget Vote will take place on Tuesday, May 18 from 6:00 AM - 9:00 PM at each elementary school. VS30 is so fortunate to have a budget that does not decrease staff or programs. The students of VS30 will continue to have all of the services that are presently in place.

District Music Festival

The District Music Festival will take place on Monday, May 17 at 7:00 PM in the Shaw Avenue auditorium. Clear Stream Avenue School has 27 students performing at this wonderful event. Please join us for a fun, festive and enjoyable night of music.

Thank you to our PTA

The teachers, staff and administrators of CSA thank the PTA for the delicious luncheon they served today. It is wonderful to be acknowledged in such a kind, thoughtful and generous manner. We could not do what we do without your support.

See you next week!

Ms. Golombas

Ms. Golombas came to CSA in May 2009 when she worked as a per diem substitute teacher. She is now here 3 days a week as a contract sub and we love her! She grew up on Long Island with her younger brother. She graduated from Molloy College. She loves to travel and has been to 16 states in addition to Mexico, Canada and the Dominican Republic. She remembers the first book she learned to read, *Grover Wears an Outfit* and that remains her favorite book along with *Goodnight Moon*. Her favorite food is pizza. Her hobbies are hiking, boating and watching the Islanders.

PTA Updates...

By most accounts, CSA, our school, can be considered a small school. Its small student population has created an atmosphere of community, commitment and camaraderie that cannot be found at a large school. Research has shown that small schools offer many advantages to students, teachers, parents and administrators. A national study by Bank Street College of Education, released in 2000, found that small schools in the Chicago Public Schools have higher attendance, fewer dropouts, fewer course failures, fewer incidents of discipline and violence. The study also indicates higher teacher, student, parent and community member satisfaction than larger schools.

In a setting like CSA, teachers often feel like they have more opportunities to make a real difference in the lives of their students. They have closer relationships and fewer discipline problems. When teachers are working to build traditions, customs and value systems for students, it is much harder to do with 1600 students than only 400. Small schools offer students a more personalized learning environment, where they are known well by a group of teachers. Students in large schools sometimes fall through the cracks because it is easier for them to go unnoticed. In a

small school, a student is usually 1 in 300 - 400 students, rather than 1 in 2000.

Small schools offer parents the choice of a more restrained and controlled environment. Parents are able to get involved and be active participants in building a better school for their children. Here at CSA, we are very fortunate to have a relatively small setting where teachers, students, parents and administrators can work together to create a brighter future. It's up to us to make the best of it.

Haiti T-Shirts

The T-Shirts will be available on Friday, May 14.

Upcoming Events

- May 17 - District Music Festival - 7:00 PM - Shaw Avenue
- May 18 - **Budget Vote** - 6:00 AM - 9:00 PM
- May 18 - Art Show - 7:30 - 9:00 PM - CSA
- May 20 - CSA PTA General Meeting - 7:30 PM

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