

Clear Stream Chronicle

“If you make children happy now, you will make them happy twenty years hence by the memory of it.”

Kate Douglas Wiggin

A Message from the Administrators...

Library Open on Monday Afternoons

The library will be open on Monday afternoon until 3:30 PM for book exchange and research. Thank you Mrs. Kaiser for making the library accessible for this extra time.

Progress Reports

Progress Reports are being sent home today. This correspondence is an excellent means of communication with your child's classroom teacher to see how he/she is progressing at this point in the school year. We hope you find these helpful and informative.

STARS Assembly

On Wednesday, October 28, CSA held its STARS Kick-Off Assembly. It was a huge success! Thank you to the members of the STARS team: Ms. Brennan, Mrs. Ingram, Mrs. Kunstler, Mr. Mansfield, Ms. Neiss, Mrs. Orellana, Mrs. Ragone and Mrs. Schulman. We had a separate assembly for Grades K-3 and Grades 4-6. We talked about the Big 4 and how important it is to follow it throughout the day. It is being safe, caring, responsible and respectful. A special thank you to Mr.

Mansfield for putting together 4 wonderful PSAs to demonstrate the Big 4 in various situations. We introduced the “Star Buck” reward system that begins on Monday. Students will receive “Star Buck” coupons when they follow through with the Big 4. When they have earned a set amount of coupons, they will have earned a special acknowledgement. Mrs. Schulman introduced the word “tolerance” since we will be working on what it means to be tolerant on a school-wide basis.

Turn Back Clocks One Hour This Weekend!

See you next week!



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Ms. Levine

Ms. Levine has been the Principal at CSA since August 2008 and before that she was principal at a school in NYC; she also worked in Florida and Massachusetts. She has been in education for 37 years and still loves every minute of it. She went to Mills College of Education, College of New Rochelle and Capella University. Her ancestry is of Polish and Russian descent. She is an only child and has 1 son who lives in NH. She loves to spend time with her 4 year old granddaughter. Her favorite drink is coffee and her favorite food is ice cream. In her spare time she likes to read and needlepoint. One day she would like to travel to Italy and France.

Marc D. and Justin

PTA Updates...

Dr. Andrea Canter of the National Association of School Psychologists writes that parent involvement in children's education goes beyond contributing cookies to class parties or attending PTA meetings. To be effective, parent involvement has to be a partnership between the family and the school to assure that children are learning to the best of their ability, that they feel safe and supported and that their parents feel well informed and involved in making decisions for

their child's school experience. At the same time, a strong home - school partnership means teachers perceive that parents are concerned about their children's education and promote positive attitudes toward school and learning.

Establishing this partnership requires effort from both teachers and parents to create a trusting, equitable relationship. Sometimes parents must first deal with their own discomfort with schools and teachers.

If you are new to the community or do not speak fluent English, you may feel overwhelmed by the whole process. Next week, we will be sharing some tips to make things a little easier.

District Website:

valleystream30.com

Upcoming Events

- October 30 - Gr. 5 & Gr. 6 Halloween Party
- Nov. 3 - School Closed Superintendent's Conference Day
- November 11 - School Closed - Veteran's Day
- November 19 - PTA Meeting - 7:30 PM
- November 26, 27 - School Closed - Thanksgiving