

# Clear Stream Chronicle

*“Questions cause children to think. Commands cause children to resist.”*  
*Jim and Charles Fay*



## A Message from the Administrators...

### Parents/Guardians Drop-Off in the Morning

When you drop your child/ren off in the morning, please do not stand in the back part of the staff parking lot. Many teachers are arriving at school and need access to their parking spaces. We would appreciate it if you could stand near the playground instead. As always, we are conscious of everyone's safety. Thank you for cooperation in this matter.

### Lost and Found

As mentioned previously, our Lost and Found section is growing larger and larger on a daily basis. Friday, November 13th

will be the last day for students to claim articles of clothing. Any article of clothing, lunchbox, etc. that is not picked up by Friday, November 13th will be given to a collection box for needy children. PLEASE speak with your child/ren if you notice anything missing. We appreciate your attention to this matter.

### Homework Routines

By this time of year, the leaves are falling; we turned the clocks back and we are settling into the routines of being back in school. It is important that routines are

consistent and are followed through. Is your child completing homework each night? Is there a set place where your child completes his/her homework? Does your child share information that is sent home on a regular basis? It is important that these things are completed daily. It takes a bit of effort to keep on the right path but the results are well worth it.

### Warm Clothing

Please be sure to dress your child/ren in warm clothing. The children go out for recess every day.

**See you next week!**

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### Ms. Pope

This is Mrs. Pope's 3rd year at CSA. She taught Sixth Grade for two years. This year she is teaching First Grade and she loves it! She grew up in Stewart Manor, NY and she has 1 brother and 1 sister. She was married this summer and in her spare time—she is learning how to cook! She has 2 dogs and 1 hamster. Two of her favorite things are taking long walks and watching funny movies. Her favorite food is pizza and her favorite color is purple. She would like to visit France.  
**Brandan, Kaylin, Aisha**

## PTA Updates...

There are many things that schools can do to make parents feel more involved in their children's school experience:

-Schools can provide interpreters and cultural advocates for parents who speak little English and/or come from other cultures. Parents should be encouraged to bring another family member or a friend to help translate and provide support

-Schools can plan activities early in the school year that serve to introduce families

and school personnel in a positive setting

-Schools can establish working groups of parents and teachers to address school-wide issues such as discipline, safety, homework, etc. It is important that schools seek out parents who represent the full school population.

There are also many ways that parents can demonstrate their interest in working with school personnel:

- Seek out your child's

teacher at the first open house. Introduce yourself and let the teacher know how to reach you

- Ask for a conference early in the year. Meeting early, before any problems arise, can help establish a good working relationship as well as provide an opportunity to inform the teacher of specific concerns or issues that affect your child

- Parents should always ask if their child's behavior is appropriate and find out how they might reinforce appropriate behavior at home

### Upcoming Events

- November 11 - School Closed - Veteran's Day
- November 19 - PTA Meeting - 7:30 PM
- November 23 - Board of Education Meeting- 8:00 PM