

# VALLEY STREAM UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT THIRTY

January 12, 2012

Dear Valley Stream 30 Community,

## **Valley Stream 30 Receives Recognition**

Valley Stream 30 has been recognized by the S3TAIR project for our effective practices in literacy. Supporting Successful Strategies To Achieve Improved Results (S3TAIR) is a New York State Education Department Office of Special Education project, supported in part by a federal grant. S3TAIR seeks to find schools with effective, evidence-based practices in literacy instruction, positive academic and behavior interventions and supports, and/or effective special education instruction. Valley Stream 30 was nominated in the area of literacy for our student monitoring model. This model includes regular literacy support team meetings regarding all students on an ongoing basis. The Valley Stream 30 literacy monitoring model was found to be an exemplar model by the S3TAIR project, and we have been awarded the distinction of being named an Effective Practice School District.

We are excited that a representative from the New York State Education Department program will be visiting Valley Stream 30 to personally present the school district with a certificate of recognition and best practices' banner. They will do so on February 1<sup>st</sup> at 8:00 p.m. at Shaw Avenue Library when the Board, staff and parent community members will be assembled for the Budget Forum. The certificate of recognition will be accepted on behalf of the Board, teachers, administrators and families for the united effort of the Valley Stream 30 community in supporting the success of our students.

## **Budget Dates**

*A Community Forum on the budget will take place on Wednesday, February 1<sup>st</sup> at 8:00 p.m. at Shaw Avenue Elementary School Library.* Board discussion regarding the budget will also take place at the January 23<sup>rd</sup>, January 31<sup>st</sup> (note date change), February 13<sup>th</sup> and February 27<sup>th</sup> Board of Education meetings. The public is invited and encouraged to attend. Public comment can be made at the January 31<sup>st</sup> and February 27<sup>th</sup> Board Business meetings and at the February 1<sup>st</sup> Community Forum. At any time, input can also be shared by emailing [budgetcomments@vs30.org](mailto:budgetcomments@vs30.org), Elaine Kanas at [ekanas@vs30.org](mailto:ekanas@vs30.org) or Lisa Rutkoske, Assistant Superintendent for Business, at [lrutkoske@vs30.org](mailto:lrutkoske@vs30.org).

Have a good weekend. As always, please contact me at 516-285-9881, x222 or email [ekanas@vs30.org](mailto:ekanas@vs30.org) with comments and suggestions on the topic of this newsletter or with suggestions or questions on other topics.

Sincerely,



Elaine Kanas, Ed.D.