

## VALLEY STREAM UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT THIRTY

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Dear Valley Stream 30 Community,

### **Educational Web Site**

At a parent literacy workshop earlier this year, the presenters highlighted a free website where children can practice their vocabulary building. The website is [www.freerice.com](http://www.freerice.com). For every vocabulary word children define correctly, several grains of rice are donated to the World Hunger Project.

Check out this website with your children. There are many challenge levels on the site and countless hours of vocabulary games for the whole family. (As with any internet website, parent monitoring is encouraged.)

### **Valley Stream 30 to be Featured on Bloomberg Radio**

Last week, I did an interview with a new program on Bloomberg Radio called *Education Honor Roll*. This radio show is designed to feature outstanding educational programs. The interview was about Valley Stream 30's early literacy reading program. It will air several times, and I will let you know in an upcoming newsletter when you can "tune in."

### **Budget Hearing and Vote**

Questions about the 2011-12 proposed budget? Need more information? Come to the Budget Hearing on May 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at Shaw Avenue. The Central High School District will present their budget, as well. Remember...the budget vote is **May 17<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.**

### **Family Fitness - June 3<sup>rd</sup> 6:30 p.m.**

Reminder -- As part of our Strategic Plan Goal of our students meeting or exceeding the New York State and local standards in Physical Education, Fitness and Nutrition, a jointly-sponsored PTA/District workshop will take place at the above time at Shaw Avenue library. All interested District parents are encouraged to attend. This one-hour workshop will provide you with many ideas for how to encourage your child's (and your) fitness starting with just 10 minutes a day of fun, physical activity.

### **Upcoming Board of Education Meetings - Shaw Avenue Library**

May 16<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 p.m. – Work Session – Presentation of draft updated AIS/RTI Plan  
May 26<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 p.m. – Business Meeting (**note change of date**)

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,

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