

## VALLEY STREAM UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT THIRTY

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May 12, 2011

Dear Valley Stream 30 Community,

### **Budget Vote**

**Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.** The proposed 2011-12 budget based on community feedback maintains all programs, some in modified form. Band, instrumental, chorus and enrichment programs are all maintained, as are our after-school academies, summer school, full-day kindergarten and Quest program. By maximizing resources to the fullest extent, the Board of Education and the District were able, with the support and input of the community, to develop a budget that maintains our rich and varied programs that support the development of the whole child, even in this challenging financial climate.

Information about the budget is available on our website – [www.valleystream30.com](http://www.valleystream30.com). If you have any last-minute questions or need for information, do not hesitate to call Lisa Rutkoske, Assistant Superintendent for Business, at 285-9881, x225 or me at x222. If it is inconvenient for you to talk during the workday, please leave a message and we will call you back in the evening.

### **Democracy in Action**

Voting in America is one of the bedrocks, privileges and rights of our democratic society. Help us teach your children at this early age that casting a vote is their right and their responsibility as citizens of our country. Bring your child with you on **Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>** when you come to vote. This will show them how important this right is as they watch you execute it.

Additionally, in order to further support children's understanding of democracy, your child will have an opportunity to vote in a special election just for the school children of Valley Stream 30. They will cast a vote on a special event that all Valley Stream 30 will celebrate in June. The choices they will vote on are: *outdoor picnic lunch, Hawaiian luau or pajama day*.

### **Family Fitness Day - 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.

### **Valley Stream 30 Success Recognized by School Administrators Association of New York State (SAANYS)**

Valley Stream's 30 summer school program has been selected to be showcased as an exemplary program to school administrators at the SAANYS School Administrators' Conference this month in Saratoga Springs, New York. Jerry Poole, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, and I will be presenting Valley Stream 30's award-winning summer school program at the conference.

### **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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