

VALLEY STREAM UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT THIRTY

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Dear Valley Stream 30 School Community,

Thank you so much for passing our 2010-11 budget. We are very grateful for your support and look forward to implementing a wonderful educational program for our students in the coming year, with the funds provided.

Where many Districts had to make program cuts, we are very fortunate in Valley Stream 30 that our programs remain intact. In addition to strong academic programs in reading, writing, math, social studies and science, we are fortunate that our students, because of your support, have equally-strong programs in the arts, physical education and music to support the development of well-rounded children and future citizens.

The District Art Show, exhibited the night of the budget vote, was a wonderful example of the creativity and skill that is nurtured in our students by our wonderful art teacher staff. They are Paul Farinacci, Leslie Freiberg and Colette Giardella.

In coming weeks, I will highlight specific information regarding all our specials' programs and the value research places on their importance to our children's education. Thank you, once again, for supporting these programs, as well as all the hard work of our terrific classroom teachers and administrators in the daily, academic classroom programs. We so appreciate your support and partnership and will continue to work very hard in the best interests of your children/our students!



*This year, the fifth grade Art Club at **Clear Stream Avenue** collaborated to create a mural reflecting medieval times. Through research in the computer lab, students brought their own unique images to life, utilizing a variety of materials. Some materials the students used were crayons, tempera paints, colored chalk, aluminum foil and cellophane. The mural incorporated stained glass windows, a flying dragon, a knight in shining armor, as well as a 3-D castle with a moat.*



*This mural, representing the many facets of the World of Sports, was designed and created by the 6th Grade students at the **Forest Road School**. Under the creative supervision of Mrs. Colette Giardella, the graduating class of 2010 has left a lasting contribution to the school which was placed inside of the school gym as a tribute to Physical Education.*



It's a bird. It's a plane. No it's Elmer the Elephant and Super Farinacci!

*While reading about Elmer the Patchwork Elephant in Art class, Kindergarten's imaginations took flight, creating these mixed-media paintings at **Shaw Avenue**. A piece of quilted fabric, reminiscent of Elmer, was used to inspire the lesson. Once draped over their art teacher's back and shoulders, something very magical happened; he was transformed into Super Farinacci, the Art Superhero, a name given to him by one of these young students.*

Upcoming Board Meeting

May 24th, 8:00 p.m., Board of Education Business Meeting, Shaw Avenue Library, **Special Technology Presentation**

I wish everyone a good weekend! Please email (ekanas@vs30.org) or call me (285-9881, ext. 222) with any suggestions, comments, questions, etc.

Sincerely,

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