

VALLEY STREAM UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT THIRTY

October 27, 2011

Dear Valley Stream 30 Community,

Board of Education Recognition Week

Thank you to the Forest Road PTA for hosting, on behalf of all three PTAs, a tribute to our Valley Stream Board of Education members: Elise Antonelli, President; Carolyn Pean, Vice President; Trustee Ken Cummings; Trustee Jim Lavery; Trustee Cristobal Stewart in honor of New York State School Board Recognition Week. The many efforts and countless hours the Valley Stream 30 Board of Education members devote to the education of our students, on a volunteer basis, were recognized and celebrated.

As a fun part of the proceedings, the Forest Road students participated in a video tribute that was heartwarming and full of humor, as when the very youngest children were asked what they thought a school board does (make boards?). In recognition of National School Board Recognition Week -- October 31st - November 4th, 2011, we will post the children's video on our website www.valleystream30.com. Enjoy!

Valley Stream K-12 Wellness Committee

Did you know that representatives of each of the elementary school districts, the Central High School District, the PTAs and several community organizations, such as Peninsula Counseling, Friends of Bridge and Tempo Group meet together once a month to focus on social/emotional and physical wellness of our students across the whole Valley Stream K - 12 communities? The Committee is chaired by Jill Vogel, Director of Guidance in the Valley Stream Central High School District. Some of the Committee's activities last year included: a successful grant application for the purchase of goggles and class lessons to support awareness of how alcohol impairs driving ability; a Central High School district-wide Students Against Drunk Driving coordination meeting; a resource list of community mental health and wellness resources and visits by Valley Stream Central High School staff to local community health organizations to learn about new resources for our students and families. See a list of the community mental health and wellness resources on our website www.valleystream30.com. Go to "For Parents" and then click on the "Wellness" tab.

In addition, as part of the Committee's work, all four Valley Stream school districts are participating in a joint service-learning project that supports healthy living choices and helping others. Some students from the Central High School District recently attended a peer leadership training program at Adelphi University on National Food Day, which was October 24th. These older students learned age-appropriate lessons on nutrition, body image, physical activity and food marketing which they will teach to second graders at the three Valley Stream elementary districts later on in the school year. The second graders, in turn, will create informational posters and resources on the topic for their school's kindergarten students.

Valley Stream Residency Meeting

As you know, Valley Stream 30 takes, very seriously, the requirement that only bona fide residents of our school district are allowed to attend our three elementary schools. Each applicant needs to provide various proofs of residence. In order to make sure that all information is current, we also began, last year, engaging in a periodic re-registration process. Last year, all Shaw students needed to re-register. During the current year, Clear Stream is engaging in a staggered re-registration process and Forest Road will be doing the same in the near future.

Once a year, there is a Valley Stream Residency Committee meeting to discuss residency issues and questions from across all the Valley Stream schools. This year's meeting will take place on November 7th at 8:30 a.m. in the Board Room at Memorial Junior High, and it is open to the public

Have a Good Weekend

As always, please contact me at 516-285-9881, x222 or email 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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