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Curriculum

Core Instruction
- Designated as a “District in Good Standing” on the New York State Report Card.
- Shaw Avenue Elementary School recipient of National Blue Ribbon Award in 2013.
- Forest Road designated as a Reward School by New York State Education Department continued achievement and student growth for the 2014-15 school year.
- Recognized for exceeding performance benchmarks in demographic subgroups.
- Distance learning program with elementary school in South Africa and Clear Stream Avenue School grade 5 through LIU Post.
- Enhanced professional development network, in partnership with LICEE (Long Island Consortium for Excellence and Equity) and BOCES, to promote excellence and best practices in education.
- Curriculum Instruction and Assessment Council focused on supporting coherent, data-driven, long-range instructional planning.
- Special Services Advisory Council focused on supporting high-quality continuum of special education programs and support services.
- Strong math and literacy RtI/AIS interventions in all grades.
- Enhanced activities to support culturally responsive classrooms and project-based student learning opportunities.
- District-wide implementation of Yale’s RULER Approach and RtI Multi-Tiered Student Behavior Framework to address social-emotional learning needs of all students and promote a positive, safe learning environment.
- Comprehensive physical education, integrated health and wellness programs.
- In 2009, the District received the Magna Award from the American School Board Association for its early intervention program.
- In 2010, Forest Road was selected based on student performance to become part of the Albany Kids Study. This program studies excellent schools in order to share the school’s practices for others to learn from.
- In 2011, the District received Effective Site Practice Validation from the New York State Education Department for Literacy Monitoring Practices.
- In 2012, the District was the recipient of a New York State Education Department Performance Grant, a competitive grant awarded to school districts with high growth in student achievement.

Enrichment
- Continued expansion of enrichment opportunities, such as Quest, 21st Century Learning Skills and after-school extracurricular clubs (i.e. Lego Robotics, Game Builders, Theatre, and STEAM).
- Continued provision of a minimum of one field trip experience to all grades with an emphasis on STEAM experiences.
- Continued expansion of enrichment opportunities for all students including new mobile furniture and interactive touch screens for enhanced student collaboration.

Student Showcases/Competition
- Forest Road Elementary School recipient of the 2015 Waldinger Cup for summer reading.
- Nominated for Be the Change for Kids Innovation Awards for the 21st Century Learning Program sponsored by the New York State School Boards Association in 2014 and 2015.
Students recognized for Highest Completed Lessons and Highest Points in New York State Think Through Math Program. Participation in local and regional geography bees, spelling bees, science fairs and Math Olympiads. Participation in the NBA Math Hoops program offering students in grades 4-6 the opportunity to explore mathematics through a partnership with the NBA and WNBA.

**Arts in Education**
- Arts in Physical Education activities including rock climbing, zip lining, rope courses on aerial trails, and bowling.
- Celebrations of music and culture from throughout the world.
- Expanded general music program to include Ukulele curriculum in grade 5.
- Expanded physical education program to include an integrated health newsletter to support home connection.
- High student participation in band and orchestra instrumental program in grades 5 and 6.
- Multiple student assemblies and trips to support the District’s Let’s Move initiative.
- Partnered with Lincoln Center to offer Jazz Arts in Education Music Program in 2014.
- Partnered with Nassau BOCES Arts in Education programs (i.e., iGames4, Adventure Park) to support Arts in Education Movement/Dance Program in 2016.
- Dance Residencies partnerships with:
  - Dancing Classrooms Long Island provided ballroom dancing residency.
  - Alvin Ailey
  - Phyllis Rose Dance Company
  - Foot & Fiddle Dance Company
- Shaw Avenue grade 6 student selected to serve as Valley Stream Mayor for a Day (2017).
- Student-musicians participate in NYSSMA Solo, Ensemble, and All-County music festivals.

**Instructional Technology**
- 21st century integration of technology into instructional programs:
  - iPad 1:1 program for students in grades 3-6
  - iPad 2:1 program for students in grades K-2
  - Multiple Chromebook carts in all buildings
  - Full PC labs in all buildings
  - Interactive whiteboards and tables in every classroom
  - Capacitive touchscreen monitors in shared learning spaces
- 21st century integration of technology software:
  - eSpark Learning
  - Imagine Math
  - Achieve 3000
  - Google’s G Suite of productivity and creativity apps
  - iMovie, GarageBand and Swift Playgrounds
  - New library research software including NoodleTools, Flipgrid and FactCite
  - Digital ebook and audiobook libraries OverDrive and Epic!
  - Makerspaces driven by software including Lego robotics and Livestream.

**Family Engagement**
- Annual Parent-Teacher Conferences designed to develop new strategies to support student learning at school and at home.
- Ongoing Parent University events (i.e., Taste of Services) to support family and school connection.
Communication

- Board of Education meetings held monthly which are open and welcome parents as well as community members to attend.
- Continuous implementation of the District’s Strategic Plan for 2015-20 in collaboration with community and staff.
- Provision of monthly highlights of District programs or general District information using various newsletters.
- District brochures providing information of special programs and/or initiatives.
- Development of a student-to-student peer-learning model with the Central High School District focused on cyberbullying, health, and nutrition.
- Community service events.
- Strong PTAs and building-level shared decision-making teams.
- Enhanced Parent Universities to support student learning.
- High level of collaboration with the Central High School District and Valley Stream elementary districts.
- Increase parents, students, teachers and administrators’ ability to stay connected and informed about resources, tools, news and information with the Valley Stream District 30 app: [https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/valley-stream-district-30/id1091742637?mt=8](https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/valley-stream-district-30/id1091742637?mt=8)

Capital

- Prudent oversight of business, facilities, and operations.
- Clean financial audits.
- The last five years included three years of zero tax levies and two years of negative tax levies.
- Continued monitoring of Building Condition Survey items which are addressed each year.
- Health and Safety projects continue to be the number one priority.
- Implementation of capital improvements without incurring bond debt.