



Superintendent's Bulletin

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Dear RCSD Community Member,

Our District calendar for the 2016-17 school year has been approved. The calendar is posted on the home page of the District's website, and you may access it by clicking [here](#). One other calendar item to note for this year's calendar: RCSD schools and offices will be closed on Monday, April 25, following the Passover holiday, and Tuesday, May 31, following the Memorial Day recess. These days are unused snow/emergency days, and three of them are built into the school calendar every year. If we don't use the days for a snow or other emergency, we will have those days off. To make note of next year's snow/emergency days, please refer to the bulleted text at the bottom of the 2016-17 school calendar.

I hope you received my April 8 communication about the Osborn School furnace which is in need of immediate replacement. If not, you may read the letter on the home page of the District website or by clicking [here](#). As every homeowner knows, costly repairs are an occasional, unpleasant reality. The District intends to fund the new furnace by means of a bond, which will appear as a proposition on the ballot of the May 17 school budget vote and Board of Education election. Please join us at the Board of Education meeting on April 26 at 8:00 p.m. in the Rye Middle School Multipurpose Room to learn more about the Osborn furnace bond proposition and the school budget.

Sincerely,

Frank Alvarez

RCSD Names New Athletic Director

At the March 29 Board of Education meeting, the Board approved the appointment Michael R. Arias as the District's new Director of Health, Physical Education and Athletics. Mr. Arias is currently the Director of Athletics at the Keio Academy of New York in Purchase. Mr. Arias succeeds Rod Mergardt, who served as the District's Interim Director for the 2015-16 school year. He officially joins the Garnet family on July 1. ■



Michael Arias, RCSD Director of Health, Physical Education and Athletics

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Joint School Board of Education and Rye City Council Meeting

Prior to the April 9 Little League Parade, the RCSD Board of Education held its annual meeting with the City Council of Rye. The Board and City Council discussed a variety of issues of joint concern to both bodies including pedestrian and traffic safety and the City's new Master Plan process. The Board reiterated that Rye's public schools are at capacity while enrollment continues to grow and this must be taken into account when considering land use in the new Master Plan. ■



Midland's Daffodils

Signs of Spring at Midland

Midland is in full spring mode. Last November, the Midland Green Committee planted 500 daffodil bulbs on the south playground, with the help of some very industrious Kindergarten, first and second graders. The front lawn of Midland is now in full bloom thanks to their efforts. Kudos to the Green Committee and all the Midland student gardeners for a sign of spring that all of Rye can now enjoy. ■

Scholars' Dinner and Book Awards

The 51st annual Scholars Dinner and Book Awards were held on April 6th at the Willow Ridge Country Club in Harrison. The event honored 147 students from the Rye High School class of 2017. Students earning a 90 average or above during their high school career were invited to attend. In addition, 35 seniors were honored with a book award, sponsored by various colleges, universities and interested alumni. The event is sponsored by the Rye High School Parents Association. ■

Three Piggy Opera

For over 17 years now, Milton first graders have annually put on a performance of the Three Piggy Opera, a mini musical based on the classic tale of the Three Little Pigs. This year, each of the three classes of 20 students played to a full house of parents and younger siblings. ■



Milton's Three Piggy Opera

LOOKING AHEAD:

April 22 Passover
(Schools Closed)

**April 25 Unused
Snow/Emergency Day**
(Schools Closed)

April 26
Board of Education
Meeting
8:00 p.m.
RMS Multipurpose
Room

May 10
Board of Education
Meeting/Budget
Hearing II
8:00 p.m. RMS
Multipurpose Room

May 17
Board Election/
Budget Vote
Voting Hours
7:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.
Polling Place:
Rye Middle School
Gymnasium



L to R Dr. Alvarez, Principal Taylor, Scholastic Writing Award winners Sarah Brizio, Esther Yu, Caroline O, Board President Katy Keohane Glassberg



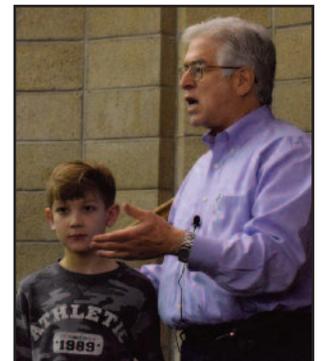
Rye Recognition of Excellence music award recipients pose with their teachers, Dr. Alvarez, Principal Taylor and Board President Katy Keohane Glassberg

Rye Recognition of Excellence Awards Honor Music and Writing Students

At the March 29 Board of Education meeting, Rye Recognition of Excellence awards were given to 25 music and voice students from all levels of the school district – from elementary to high school. The students were honored for their selection to perform in All-State, All-County bands or orchestras. In addition, three 10th graders from Roni Sarig’s Honors English class were recognized for receiving prizes in the regional Scholastic Writing Awards. Congratulations to all the students, their families and their teachers. ■

Osborn Hosts Author David Adler

Osborn School recently played host to David Adler, famed children’s book author of almost 200 titles, including the Cam Jansen and Bones mystery series, the Andy Russell series, and many other favorites. Mr. Adler enthralled students in grades K to 5 with tales of how he comes up with his characters (they are always people he knows) and even found some possible story inspirations in the audience. Thank you to the Osborn PTO for sponsoring Mr. Adler’s visit. ■



David Adler and potential book inspiration third grader Gabriel Grgas

Caroline Baldwin and Caroline Neave Named All-American Athletes

Congratulations to RHS Sophomore Caroline Baldwin and Junior Caroline Neave who have been named to the US Squash High School All-American Team. To be named an All-American athlete is an incredible distinction. Only approximately 15 girls are named High School All-Americans each year. The award goes to students selected by coaches as the best players in the country in their particular sport. Congratulations to Caroline and Caroline, their families and their coach, Tony Campbell. ■



All-American Caroline Neave



All-American Caroline Baldwin