



Superintendent's Bulletin

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Dear RCSD Community Member,

We are getting close to being able to finalize our District calendar for the 2016-17 school year. Once again, I apologize for the delay which was caused by the State Department of Education being extremely late in getting us some important dates. We will send the calendar to parents via SchoolMessenger and will post it on the home page of the District's website as soon as it's finalized – hopefully during the last week of March.

Please come and join us at the Board of Education meeting on March 29 at 7:30 p.m. in the Middle School Multipurpose Room. The meeting is one of two annual Open Topics Forums the Board holds each school year. At the meeting, Board Members will leave the dais and sit among audience members. If you have any questions or concerns about any aspect of the School District, but don't feel comfortable coming to the podium during a "regular" meeting, this is a terrific opportunity to give feedback, ask questions and get information about your school district.

Sincerely,

Frank Alvarez

RHS Girls Basketball Team Makes the Final Four

The 14-member Rye High School Varsity Girls' basketball team departed for the New York State Final Four championship in Troy on March 11-12 amid a flurry of drums, courtesy of the RHS band, and flashing lights and sirens, thanks to the Rye Police Department and the Rye Fire Department. The occasion marked the second time the team has made it to the Final Four. Unfortunately, the team lost very narrowly to Floral Park Memorial. Congratulations to the team, their parents and coaches on an incredible season. ■



RHS Principal Pat Taylor waves goodbye to the Girls' Varsity basketball team

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Snow Emergency Giveback Day

Because winter has been kind to us this year, the District has not had to use any snow/emergency days to date. As a result, Superintendent Alvarez announced on March 1 that the District would “give back” the date of Monday, March 28, which had been reserved as a possible snow date. If there are no additional snow days this year, District schools and offices will also be closed on Monday, April 25, and Tuesday, May 31. Dr. Alvarez will communicate about those days at the end of March or the beginning of April. For more information, please reference the 2015-16 School Calendar by clicking [here](#).

RHS States' Swimming Results

Congratulations to the Rye High School Boys' Swim team who had a terrific result at the New York State Boys High School Championships at Erie Community College in Buffalo, held March 3-5. Sophomore Michael Ackert took 22nd in diving at his second States appearance. Senior Liam Egan finished 2nd in the 100 meter butterfly and 4th in the 50 meter freestyle. Junior Christian Huber placed 10th in the 50 meter and 9th in the 100 meter freestyle. Senior Thomas Mackey finished 21st in the 200 meter individual medley. The team finished 5th in the State in the 400 meter freestyle relay and 13th overall in the 200 freestyle relay with the team's fastest time of the season. Congratulations to the athletes and coaches on a terrific showing! ■



RMS Hoops for Heart

On March 3, the Middle School Physical Education department hosted an after-school “Hoops for Heart” event. The American Heart Association-sponsored fundraiser seeks to raise awareness about heart disease. Students played 3 on 3 basketball and shooting games and learned about ways to improve cardiovascular health while having a great time. Along the way, they raised \$2,100 for a good cause. ■

A Hoops for Heart participant

Teens & Substances Symposium

On March 31, Rye High School will play host to a very important event, a symposium called “Teens and Substances – Their Health, The Law and Your Liability.” The event, presented by the Rye Youth Council in cooperation with the Rye City School District and Rye-ACT, promises to take an unflinching look at the legal and health consequences of underage substance abuse. Ellen Morehouse, Executive Director of the non-profit Student Assistance Services, will moderate a panel of participants from emergency services, local and county police and the Westchester District Attorney's office. Rye High School students will act out scenarios under the direction of Michael Limone. The event will take place from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the RHS Performing Arts Center. All are welcome! ■

LOOKING AHEAD:

March 21-28
Spring Recess
(Schools Closed)

March 29
Schools Reopen

March 29
Board of Education
Meeting :
Open Topics Forum/
Budget Hearing I
7:30 p.m.
RMS Multipurpose
Room

March 31
Teens & Substance
Symposium
7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
RHS Performing
Arts Center

April 12
Board of Education
Meeting: Budget
Adoption
7:30 p.m.
RMS Multipurpose
Room



Jim Fleming and the Osborn Bear got into the Seuss spirit



Osborn First grade twins Caroline and Lillian Pereira came dressed as "Thing 1 and Thing 2"

Happy Birthday, Dr. Seuss

Milton and Osborn Schools paid homage to Dr. Seuss's birthday (March 2) with a variety of Seuss-inspired activities. Students came to school dressed as their favorite Seuss characters, read and listened to classic Seuss books, and enjoyed Seuss-themed arts and crafts. Midland School celebrated by participating in Read Across America Day. ■



Milton First graders showed their love of Dr. Seuss' iconic characters

Midland's Dance Residency Program

Midland School recently played host to a week-long dance residency program. Vanaver Caravan Dance Company (vanavercaravan.org) spent a week at Midland School working with each first grade class each day in order to teach students a traditional dance from a different country. The classes chose Nigeria, China, India, Mexico and Ireland. The classes performed their dances for parents at the conclusion of the week. Midland chose the program because it fosters respect for people from all cultures around the world. Kudos to the Midland PTO for supporting the program and to First Grade Teacher Carrie Hughes for coordinating it. ■



Students from Mrs. Gabriellinis' first grade class demonstrate the Mexican Hat Dance