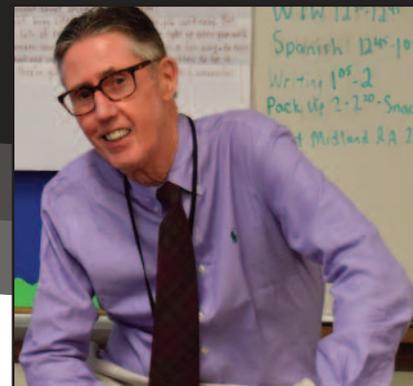




Superintendent's Bulletin

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Dear RCSD Families,

So, are you tired of getting phone calls from me? The calendar tells us that winter is over, but we'll see what the next few weeks bring. As I write this, we have used two snow days but are still scheduled to have a longer weekend by closing on Friday, May 26. We will have school on Monday, April 17, and Tuesday, May 30.

This will be a short letter because we need all the space to highlight things that are going on. You will read about the success of our high school students in a variety of areas: the arts, academics, community service and athletics. You will also learn about the rich array of programs that support our elementary and middle school students. In addition, you will get an update on one of my favorite community-based activities, Heard in Rye. I hope you have had a chance to take advantage of this outstanding speaker series. If you haven't, I urge you to do so next year.

Enjoy the spring. If your phone rings, I hope it's not me.

Sincerely,

Dr. Brian Monahan



Dr. Monahan with Heard in Rye Co-chairs
Beth Gallos and Ann Magalhaes and speaker
Dr. Adam Cox

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HIR's Final Speaker Event for 2016-17 Coming Up April 6

The final Heard in Rye speaker event of the 2016-17 school year is coming up on April 6 at 7:30 p.m. at Rye Country Day School in the Performing Arts Center. Rachel Simmons will speak about "The Curse of the Good Girl – 5 Strategies to Raise an Authentic, Confident Girl." Ms. Simmons is author of New York Times bestselling book *Odd Girl Out: The Hidden Culture of Aggression in Girls*. All are welcome, and admission is free. Heard in Rye is a speakers' bureau that seeks to educate the community on issues relevant to parenting today by bringing distinguished experts in parenting and education for speaker events in Rye and neighboring towns. For more information, visit www.heardinrye.org. ■

Commendations

The following winter teams have been recognized as Scholar Athlete teams by the New York Public High School Athletic Association (NYSPH-SAA). To qualify, 75% of the participating athletes on a team must have a combined average of 90% or above

- Boys basketball
- Girls basketball
- Boys swimming
- Boys indoor track and field
- Girls indoor track and field

RHS *a cappella* group **Rythm on Rye** for won second place in the International Championship of High School A Cappella (ICHSA) Quarterfinals on March 18. The group now heads to the Mid-Atlantic Semi-finals

The **RHS girls soccer team** received the Section One Sportsmanship Award. Congratulations to the team and Coach Rich Savage

Senior **Fusine Govaert** is a 2016 National Field Hockey Association High School All American

Senior **Caroline Neave** is a US Squash's High School All American; she is number 4 in the Under 19 Division

Junior **Caroline Baldwin** is the Fairwest Girls Squash League All American for the second year in a row

Presidential Aspirations

Congratulations to seniors Alexandra (Alex) Meyer and Alexander (Tiger) Hu who have been selected as candidates for the United States Presidential Scholars Program. The program recognizes some of the nations most distinguished graduating seniors who are selected based on their accomplishments in areas such as academics, the arts, leadership, and involvement in their school and community. The students must also represent excellence in education and the promise of greatness in America's youth. We wish them the best of luck in their quest to become semi-finalists. ■



Presidential Scholar Program Candidates Alex Meyer and Tiger Hu

Midland Celebrates Dr. Seuss's Birthday



A rapt audience of Kindergartners listens to 5th grade teacher Mrs. Partington read "There's a Wocket in my Pocket"

A favorite Midland tradition took place on Dr. Seuss's birthday, March 2, which is celebrated as "Read Across America Day." Midland students in the upper grades returned to their former years' classrooms and teachers, and younger students visited the upper grades classrooms for a glimpse into the bigger kids' world. Everyone enjoyed hearing some Dr. Seuss and other classics read by the Midland teachers. Dr. Seuss would have been 113 this year. ■

Around the World at Osborn

After a potential snow day caused an initial cancellation, the Osborn School rallied on short notice to put on Around the World at Osborn on February 28. Parents hosted booths from 15 countries, including Australia, the Netherlands, Israel and the Republic of Korea. Osborn students grades K-5 rotated through the countries to get a taste of the countries' individual cultures. Thank you to all the many Osborn parents who participated. ■



Visiting Greece at Osborn

Milton Fourth Graders Go Back to Colonial Times



Milton students prepare to try tinsmithing

Milton Fourth Graders enjoyed one of the school's long-time traditions as they re-created colonial days at the Colonial American Fair on March 3. Students dressed in colonial attire and tried some traditional colonial era crafts including stenciling, candle making, tinsmithing and cooking, spent some time at a dame school, and enjoyed games, dance and music. ■

2017 Scholastic Writing Awards

Three RHS students recently won recognition for their submissions to the Scholastic Art and Writing Awards competition. Sophomore Sophia Cetina won a Silver Key award for her poetry collection, "Illuminating the Shadows." Junior Caroline O won a Silver Key award for her Science Fiction/Fantasy story, "Heal." Junior Esther Yu won an Honorable Mention for her poetry submission, "The Unspoken History." The students received Rye Recognition of Excellence awards at the March 21 Board of Education meeting. Congratulations to these students and their teachers, Kerry Tolan, Gina Giordano, Joel Edminster and Christen Klewicki and a big "thank you" to Roni Sarig for serving as advisor. ■



Scholastic Award winners Sophia Cetina and Caroline O with Superintendent Brian Monahan, RHS Principal Patricia Taylor and Board President Katy Keohane Glassberg. Not pictured: Esther Yu

LOOKING AHEAD:

April 4
Board of Education
Meeting 8:00 p.m.
RMS Multipurpose Room

April 10-14
Spring Recess
(Schools Closed)

April 17
Schools re-open

April 18
Board of Education
Meeting/Budget
Adoption
8:00 p.m.
RMS Multipurpose Room

May 2
Board of Education
Meeting/
Budget Hearing II
8:00 p.m.
RMS Multipurpose Room

RMS Expo

The Rye Middle School hosted its annual Expo on March 9. This year's theme was "The Challenge of Excellence." Famed NBC sportscaster Jimmy Roberts and former New York Giants defensive back Patrick Morrison were



RMS students listen to FBI Acting Supervisory Special Agent (and RHS graduate) Anthony Molloy

opening keynote speakers and focused on perseverance and making the right choices in life. Students then broke up to attend smaller breakout sessions of their choice hosted by faculty, athletes, artists and other professionals, including Rye police officers, a Broadway actor, members of the Healing Arts Collective and Rye Youth Council, a professional dancer, and a former Marine Corps Corporal. Several Rye High School groups also hosted workshops, including student leaders from the RyeACT Coalition and LETS (Let's Erase the Stigma of Mental Illness). The breakout sessions included personal stories about achievement, all focused around the underlying values that help cope with obstacles in the way of excellence. ■

Model U.N. Club Visits Washington, D.C.

Over the last weekend in February, 24 Rye High School sophomores, juniors and seniors travelled to Washington, D.C., to represent RHS at the annual Washington area Model U.N. Conference at George Washington University. The students engaged in different conferences, including a modern one on disarmament, one on the court of Henry the VIII in medieval England and one on the Meiji Restoration in 19th century Japan. Kudos to all the attendees and advisor James Bannon. ■



RHS Model UNers hard at work
(photo courtesy James Bannon)