



Superintendent's Bulletin

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Dear RCSD Families,

I continue to be impressed by what I see in the Rye schools. At a recent meeting, the Board of Education held an "Open Topics" forum, during which residents got a chance to raise issues and ask questions in a more informal setting. The questions and answers will appear shortly on our District website. By looking at them, you will get a chance to see the wide scope of areas in which our families are interested. I was gratified to see that the topic receiving the most attention was our literacy program. That attention is consistent with what I have seen during my time here. Rye families recognize that excellent reading and writing skills prepare students for success in their formal education and beyond. I know that many of you have made reading with and to your children an important part of life as they grow up. As someone who began his career as an English teacher and spent more years than I can count studying literacy in graduate school, I am excited by our discussion of this topic. I hope many of you will continue to offer your input going forward.



Now we approach the holiday season. This time of year is especially meaningful for those of us who work with children on a daily basis. We welcome the challenge of keeping them focused amid all that is going on around them. Our various holiday concerts are a special treat. I hope to see you at one.

The Monahans will be spending the holidays with our daughter where they put holiday lights on palm trees. Wherever you will be during the season, I wish you well and thank you for letting me be a part of this special community.

Sincerely,

Dr. Brian Monahan

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Commendations

The **RHS crew men's varsity 4+** boat placed third at the Head of the Charles Regatta at the end of October

Six seniors were named to the National Hispanic Recognition Program on the basis of their scores on the PSAT/NMSQT test taken during their junior year.

They are:

John Bateman,
Victor Gomez,
Jan Nowak,
Jared Patel,
Lorenzo Roman and
Jaime Ryan

Senior **Nathalie Rodilosso** was named the first Lion's Club Athlete of the Month for the 2016-17 school year ■

LOOKING AHEAD:

12/22
Early Dismissal for
Winter Recess
(12:00 p.m. dismissal)

12/23-1/2
Winter Recess
(Schools Closed)

1/3
Schools Re-open

1/16
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
Day (Schools Closed)



Luvagh Brown at RMS

Civil Rights Activist Visits RMS

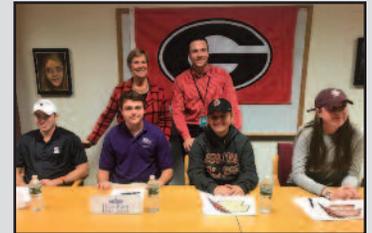
On November 3, Rye Middle School eighth graders had a very special in-class speaker. Luvagh Brown, a Civil Rights activist during the 1960s, came to relate his experiences. Almost 100 students plus faculty and administrators were riveted by his descriptions of his participation at a sit-in at a Jackson, Mississippi, Walgreens lunch counter, his subsequent arrest and his travels to aid in voter registration in Mississippi as a Field Secretary for the Student Non-Violence Coordinating Committee. The eighth grade had just completed a six-week unit on Race in America which traces the history of African Americans from the post-Civil War era through the Civil Rights movement. Kudos to Social Studies Teacher and 8S Team Leader Francesca Miller for coordinating the fascinating talk. ■

Four RHS Seniors Sign Letters of Intent

On November 16, four seniors gathered at the Media Center to sign National Letters of Intent. The seniors, their sports and colleges/universities are:

James McHugh, golf, Pennsylvania State University
William Tutun, lacrosse, High Point University
Fusine Govaert, field hockey, Boston College
Caitlin Cornacchia, crew, Boston College

Congratulations to the seniors, their coaches and parents! ■



RHS Principal Patricia Taylor and Athletics Director Michael Arias with (l to r) James McHugh, William Tutun, Fusine Govaert and Caitlin Cornacchia

Milton Feasts Multiculturally

Milton School held its annual second grade Multicultural Feast on November 16. The feast has been a favorite school tradition for over 18 years. Parents brought in sweet and savory dishes from around the world for some young adventurous eaters, who in turn treated parents, teachers and administrators to a performance of the "Family Tree" song with accompanying American Sign Language signs. ■



Milton Second Graders boldly trying new things



Dr. Monahan and Milton second grade parents