



# Superintendent's Bulletin

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## Dear RCSD Community Member,

The school year is well underway! I stopped by all the District's Kindergarten classes on October 2nd to see how their first week of full day Kindergarten went. I am happy to report that all the students, teachers and teaching assistants were in fine form and none too tired as a result. Please see a photo at right of my visit to Mrs. Bellofatto's class at Midland.



It was great to see so many of you at the opening on the 8th of the new courtyard adjacent to the Science Wing. The courtyard is finally complete and looks fantastic – please see the photos below and stop by the next time you're at the campus. Thank you to all the families, faculty and staff who purchased pavers, benches, trees and planters to beautify the space through the Rye Fund for Education's ongoing "Got a Brick" campaign. We know our students and faculty will enjoy studying and relaxing in this beautiful new space for many years to come.



*The New Science Wing Courtyard*



I also enjoyed seeing many of you on Saturday at the 85th annual Rye/Harrison football game, held in Harrison this year. Congratulations to the team on their 28-14 victory over the Huskies! Congratulations also to Chase Pratt, the winner of the Christopher Daniel Mello Memorial Award and Scholarship, which is presented annually by the Mello family in memory of their son Chris who died on September 11. The two teams will meet again this Saturday at 11:00 a.m. in Rye as part of the playoffs, marking the first time the teams have ever met in consecutive weeks.

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## LOOKING AHEAD:

10/15...  
National Honor Society  
Ceremony  
7:30 p.m. PAC

10/16-10/17...  
RHS Fall Play,  
"Inherit the Wind"  
10/16 7:30 p.m.,  
10/17 2:00 p.m. and  
7:30 p.m. PAC

10/27...  
Board of Education  
Meeting  
7:30 p.m. RMS  
Multipurpose Room

11/3...  
Superintendent's  
Conference Day  
(Schools Closed)

11/6 - 7...  
RMS Fall Musical,  
"Alice in Wonderland"  
Shows Friday and  
Saturday 7:30 p.m. PAC

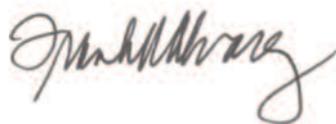
11/7...  
SAT Testing

11/10...  
Board of  
Education Meeting  
7:30 p.m. RMS  
Multipurpose Room

11/11...  
Veterans Day  
(Schools Closed)

Finally, the Rye Fund for Education is holding an exciting new fundraiser this coming weekend. The Fund has paired with BMW to bring BMW's teen driving school to Playland on Sunday, October 18th. Teen drivers with learner's permits or driver's licenses can experience a two-hour course with Professional BMW Driving Instructors in brand new BMWs to sharpen their real-life driving skills, including maneuvering, braking and skid control. Adult drivers can also sign up for the school for a less educational, more entertaining session from 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. Learn more at [www.ryefundforeducation.com](http://www.ryefundforeducation.com).

Sincerely,



**Frank Alvarez**

## The Renovated Deane H. Flood Fitness Center

It's a space few parents have visited, but for Garnet athletic teams it's an absolutely vital tool. Down a flight of stairs, tucked beneath the High School, is the Deane H. Flood Fitness Center. Physical Education classes use it throughout the school day, athletic teams use it to train after school, and the room is open and staffed by trainers after school two days a week for athletes out of season or other students looking to work out. With so much traffic, the fitness center was looking a little down at the heels. Thankfully, it received a beautiful renovation over the summer, thanks to the generosity of the Giordano Family and the Rye Fund for Education. The fitness center has all-new weightlifting equipment, cardio equipment, a flat screen television and surround-sound speakers, and is now air conditioned. A brand new ceiling, new lights and a two-tone coat of paint, and Garnet logos and words of inspiration on the walls and entryway have freshened the space completely. ■

