



Superintendent's Bulletin

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Dear RCSD Community Member,

The new school year is off to a great start. Our total enrollment has remained steady this year at 3,385 students on opening day. Among that number we count 217 Kindergartners ready to experience the District's first year of full day Kindergarten, which now includes art and music classes in addition to physical education. Please see the photo to the right of some of Midland's Kindergartners enjoying their first art class.



Mrs. Pellettieri's Midland Kindergarten Class Enjoys Their First Art Class with Mr. Reilly.

Our dedicated administrators and faculty were busy over the summer planning for the students' return and preparing and revising curricula to provide students with the first-rate educational experience for which Rye is renowned. The District's balanced literacy initiative kicks off in the Middle School this fall and continues at the elementary schools in grades K-5. A 3D Design and Architecture class debuts at the High School, as does a second year of engineering as part of the expansion of Project Lead the Way.

The District's technology consultants were also busy implementing technology upgrades over the summer. The District has a new firewall, and improved Internet and Wi-Fi connectivity thanks to upgraded cabling in all our buildings. We've also begun our 5-year computer replacement program, resulting in new computers at the High and Middle School and elementary school labs. The Band Room in the Middle and High School Building enjoyed a complete renovation over the summer (*Please see the "before and after" photos on the next page*), and the Courtyard adjacent to the Science Wing is almost complete. I hope you will join us the evening of Thursday, October 8 at 6:30 p.m. as we celebrate the opening of the new Courtyard. We're looking forward to a busy, but successful year!

Sincerely,

Frank Alvarez

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Before



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Band Room Renovation

The Rye Middle and High School band room has been completely renovated over the course of the summer, thanks to the generosity of the Rye Fund for Education and the RMS and RHS Parent Organizations. The room received new acoustic treatments for the walls and ceilings, all new cubicles and instrument storage, new lighting, and new blinds. Please see the “before and after” photos above and below, and stop by the room the next time you’re in the building. ■



Before



After

Science Wing Courtyard Opening

On Thursday, October 8th, the Courtyard of the Rye High School and Middle School campus Science Wing will be officially opened to the public. All members of the Rye City School District community are cordially invited to attend. The event kicks off at 6:30 p.m. and will feature light refreshments, entertainment provided by student musicians, and brief remarks by Superintendent Alvarez, Principal Taylor, Board of Education President Katy Keohane Glassberg and the Rye Fund for Education’s President Laura Slack. Student-led tours of the renovated Band Room, Fitness Center and the Science Wing will be on offer. If you bought a brick or paver, come see it in place. If you’d like to buy one, they are still available. Learn more by visiting the Rye Fund for Education website at www.ryefundforeducation.com. We hope to see you on the 8th! ■

LOOKING AHEAD:

10/1...
RHS Back to School
Night 7:00 p.m.
Performing Arts
Center (PAC)

10/6 & 10/8...
Elementary
Parent/Teacher
Conferences
(11 a.m. dismissal)

10/8...
Science Courtyard
Opening
6:30 p.m.

10/9...
RHS Pep Rally
7:00 p.m.

10/10...
Rye Harrison Football
Game at Harrison
11:00 a.m.

10/12...
Columbus Day
(Schools Closed)

10/13...
Board of Education
Meeting
7:30 p.m. RMS
Multipurpose Room

10/14...
PSAT
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

10/15...
RHS Honor Society
Ceremony
7:30 p.m. Performing
Arts Center (PAC)

Dayna Reist Named Teacher of the Year



*Teacher of the Year
Dayna Reist*

Milton's Dayna Reist has been named the Rye City School District's 2015-16 Teacher of the Year. Mrs. Reist has been a 2nd grade teacher at Milton for 6 years and is known for her warmth, her commitment to excellence, her positive attitude and her extraordinary level of involvement both in and out of the classroom. Milton School Principal Dr. JoAnne Nardone said of her, "Dayna Reist is a shining star whose glow embraces our entire community and helps us all reach our potential." Teachers of the year are nominated by their peers, parents, students and alumni. Congratulations to Mrs. Reist! ■

Mary Henwood to Join Westchester County Sports Hall of Fame

The Westchester County Sports Hall of Fall has announced the members of the 2015 Hall of Fame class and among them is Rye High's Mary Henwood. Mary was Eastchester High School's first 1,000 point scorer in basketball and went on to be a 1,000 point scorer at Hofstra. In her time at Rye High School, she has compiled more than 500 coaching wins in basketball and lacrosse. Mary will be inducted to the Hall of Fame on October 22nd. Mary is the 9th Garnet to receive this honor. Congratulations, Mary! ■



National Merit Semifinalists (above left) and Commended Students (above right).

National Merit® Scholar Semifinalists and Commended Students

Four Rye High School seniors were named National Merit® Semifinalists in September. The students earned their spots by scoring well on the PSATs last fall.

Rye High School also has 26 National Merit® Scholar Commended Students. The Semifinalists and Commended Students will be recognized for their achievements at a Board of Education Meeting in October. These honors are reflective of a great deal of hard work and dedication by the students, their families and the students' teachers. Congratulations to all. ■