

Rye Neck is very proud when our students showcase their talents and skills and we encourage learning that provides dynamic experiences. I recently had the pleasure of talking with some of our Science Research and Independent Learner Program students at last week's HS Research Symposium and I'm continually impressed with the depth of knowledge and level of articulation our students command. I also visited afterschool Binary Bingo, where HS students ran math games for MS students. A crack team of 6th graders tried to explain the math to me, but I'll need further instruction. Elsewhere, Rye Neck kindergarteners visited the Westchester Children's Museum, 3rd Grade visits the NY Hall of Science tomorrow, the 7th grade saw *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, and many of our seniors have begun what I think is one of our most important programs, the Senior Internships. Speaking of seniors, congratulations to the class of '24 on their Junior-Senior Day victory last week.

On Friday, Middle and High School parents should get notification that 3rd quarter report cards are available, signaling the beginning of the 4th quarter. Our students around the district will continue their busy pace throughout the final 41 class days left in the school year. I visited both elementary schools today and had conversations about angles, the Quartering Act, glockenspiels, and the role of the superintendent as described by a 2nd grader. I was treated to some *Beatles* as the 1st grade prepared for their Earth Day concert this Friday. Also coming soon are our K-5 Art Show held at Bellows, concerts at both the MS and HS, MS's *Matilda Jr.*, and intramural, modified, JV, and varsity athletics continue. Of course our parent groups are a big part of promoting our community vibe and student success, with the PTSA Panther Party on April 27th, the Booster Club Spring Spirit BBQ on May 4th, and the Rye Neck School Foundation kick-off event on May 6th.

Our Rye Neck Strategic Plan will play a key role in student success as well. Tomorrow we meet with our Arts Chair, Mrs. Dallow, whose Graphic Arts students have prepared prototype logos and infographics for use on our website and social media to promote awareness and understanding of the plan. These student contributions will help visually represent the goals that will equip our learning community with problem solving skills, communal empathy, and professional capacity. Our three Action Plan Teams are on schedule to complete elements needed for our July 1st Strategic Plan launch date.

I'll close with a question I was asked at Daniel Warren today. What did one wave say to the other as they passed in the ocean? Nothing: they just waived. Thanks to Ms. Cortese's 1st grade class for putting that joke book together and making my day.