

November 15, 2021

Dear Rye Neck Families,

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

The district DEI Committee's first meeting went well on Tuesday night. The group included eight parents, eighth students, seven staff members, three Board of Education trustees, and four administrators. As an introduction for the group, our HS principal and committee chairperson Dr. Tina Wilson began with an "origin of your name" icebreaker that provided a simple but effective way to illuminate the unknown backstory that makes up the identity each of us brings to school. A later activity asked the committee to divide up aspects of their personal identity into three categories: above the surface, just below the surface, and deep below the surface. Framed in the metaphor of an iceberg, this activity further reinforced the inherent diversity of our school community. The opening activity for the next meeting in December will require each stakeholder group (i.e. "students", "parents", "district leaders") to explore their role as explained in the New York State Framework.

Vaccine Clinic

We are very happy to announce the dates of a Westchester County vaccination clinic for our students who are ages 5 through 11. On November 17th and December 8th, from 2:00 - 6:30 p.m., the Westchester County team will administer 135 doses at the MS Gymnasium. The number of vaccinations available at each school district was based on district enrollment, but supply is limited and demand is high. These vaccines were by appointment only and those appointments were all taken in approximately 90 minutes. If there are opportunities for future clinics, we will notify our parents.

Two representatives from Westchester County visited Rye Neck on Tuesday and together we toured potential sites for our 5-11 vaccination clinic. We rejected both the MS/HS Library/Community Room and the Daniel Warren auditorium and decided on the new MS Gym because there is ample room and parking.

Weekly COVID Case Update

- Week of November 8th: no cases were reported.

Best regards,



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