

Rye Neck Schools

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Dear Rye Neck Families,

I'm excited to begin showcasing some of our outstanding staff from around the district. Once a month, we will spotlight four members of our Rye Neck team. This week's group features one teacher in a leadership position from each school:

- [Monique Santoro](#), Daniel Warren
- [Fran Kayan](#), F.E. Bellows
- [Allison Reynolds](#), Middle School
- [Melinda Folchetti](#), High School

Nixle?

The Village of Mamaroneck Police Department reached out to offer access to a community message system for weather-related hazards/events, road closures, emergency evacuations, and police-related critical incidents. *Nixle Engage* is a community engagement tool that allows the Village Police Department to advise residents of important notifications quickly. Notifications are sent through the app which can be downloaded to any IOS or Android device. Residents can visit the VoMPD website (www.vompd.com) and click the red link on top of their homepage or they can text the keyword "VOMPD" to 888777.

Signs

Schools often rely on signs to reinforce safety rules. I have noticed two particular posted safety rules that need to be illuminated. Please note the following:

- Dogs are not allowed on school grounds. That's from someone who enjoyed a 15 ½ year best-friend relationship with a puggle named Theodore. However, our campuses are for our students and bringing a dog to a crowded game presumes that everyone is comfortable with dogs and that neither dogs nor humans will do the unexpected.
- The speed limit on school grounds is a slow but very important 10 mph. The frustrations of the drop-off and pick-up rush, new student drivers, distracted veteran drivers, and walking/biking students who don't pay attention to any of the above make extra care necessary, especially at the MS/HS where we have almost 1,000 people.

COVID

The NYSDOH has asked us to pass along a reminder regarding use of the at-home antigen tests we have been distributing: "when testing using over-the-counter or at-home testing, all tests in the box must be taken per the directions included with the test. For example, one negative test in a box with 2 tests does not mean that the person has tested negative. They must test negative on both tests exactly following the instructions included (ie: take the tests 48

hours apart), otherwise the negative result may very well be inaccurate and should not be used in any decision making (testing out of masking, for example).”

Best regards,

Dr. Eric Lutinski
Superintendent of Schools