

## **SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT – BOARD OF ED MEETING 11/2/20**

Many of the following “building brag” items were included in Dr. McCahill’s report on 11/2:

From High School Principal Mike Mahoney:

- 33 Nanuet Senior High School students (10th & 12th graders) earned 2020 Rockland Community College Hispanic Heritage Awards, which honor Rockland students of Hispanic descent for outstanding academic accomplishments. The honors are awarded to students in grades 10 and 12 in two categories: Academic Achievement (academic average above 90, but less than 95) and Academic Excellence (academic average of 95 or higher). Congrats to all of these students!

From Barr Middle School Principal Roger Guccione:

- Kudos to our 7th grade teachers for implementing problem-solving, dance, social and emotional and team building activities for all of our virtual and in person students with a Halloween theme. The students were extremely excited about participating and had a lot of fun while learning valuable lessons.

From Academy 5-6 Principal Anne Chen:

- GRADE 5: Fifth grade students showed their school and Halloween spirit on October 30th by dressing in black and gold or black and orange. There was a raffle for those that participated that was donated by the PTA and there was a winner from each homeroom. Fifth grade science classes had SUEZ visit via zoom. The students participated in an H2O Olympics program which made connections to prior knowledge on the properties of water as well as introduced them into their next unit of volume. Conservation of water was also emphasized. So, don’t be surprised if your fifth grader tells you that your shower shouldn’t be longer than 10 minutes. 😊
- GRADE 6: Our 6th grade Social Studies classes have been working on a research project about the major rivers of the ancient world that we will be studying this year. Without these rivers these civilizations would not have been able to thrive and grow. Students are practicing good research strategies, such as using the World Book and Britannica online encyclopedias and keeping up with each day’s assignments, throughout the project. Students have been taking notes each day in their River Project slides, and teachers have been giving feedback through the slides as well. Students will prepare a brief presentation about the river / civilization being researched, to present to the class.

From Highview Principal Nancy Bonner:

- Highview teachers successfully administered the aimswebPlus reading and math assessments to our in-person students in the Hybrid learning model. We have also scheduled our fully virtual students for this coming Wednesday. Our Highview Knights are working hard and we are very proud of them!

From Miller Principal Maryellen Griffin:

- All Miller students are back 4-days for in-person learning beginning today! Teachers readied learning locations to make them welcoming classrooms. They created schedules for instruction to be able to share their time between their assigned learning locations. Students and staff look happy!
- Students enjoyed wearing their costumes to school last Tuesday and Friday and our virtual students zoomed with costumes on Friday. Students enjoyed Halloween activities throughout the day despite the dismal weather.

From RoseAnn Mercado:

- The pre-k children had a great time celebrating Halloween! The children participated in several games such as a ghost toss and flying bats. They also enjoyed watching the erupting pumpkin volcano. The children read “Spookley the Square Pumpkin.” They learned how everyone is different and special in their own way.