

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – BOARD OF ED MEETING 11/17/20

From High School Principal Mike Mahoney:

- The November SATs were successfully held on November 7th. Also, as of November 13th, 42% of the senior class has applied to a college and our school counselors have processed 735 applications. The applications will top 50% by the end of this week.

From Barr Middle School Principal Roger Guccione:

- We are delighted to announce that Barr had 30 8th grade students receive the Rockland Community College Hispanic Heritage Award. This competitive award recognizes outstanding scholastic achievement among students of Hispanic descent in Rockland County. Of the 30 students recognized, 17 students received the Academic Achievement Award (academic average above 90, but less than 95) and 13 students received the Academic Excellence Award (academic average of 95 or higher). The virtual ceremony will take place on Monday, November 23rd at 7:00 pm.

From Academy 5-6 Principal Anne Chen:

- GRADE 5: The 5th graders are excited to be supporting the Make A Wish Foundation by writing letters to Macy's and thus earning a \$1 donation per letter. The students are learning that even as 5th graders they are the difference makers and together can accomplish so many things to spread kindness and support others. Stay tuned for our total letter writing donation later in December. We have community minded Golden Knights!
- GRADE 6: The 6th grade general music classes just finished a ukulele unit where we worked on songs of varying difficulty and performed for each other (both in person and over zoom). Now we are using the coding program Scratch to create musical instruments and performances to share with each other.

From Highview Principal Nancy Bonner:

- We would like to give a shout out to Rebecca Weiss for spreading the word on "World Kindness Week"! Our students recited the "The Pledge of Kindness" and participated in a variety of kindness activities to in school and at home to show kindness. Let's make kindness contagious!

From Miller Principal Maryellen Griffin:

- Students wrote cards for Veterans this week to thank them for their service. Mrs. Weiss, Mrs. Lipson and Mrs. Hedberg helped Miller celebrate World Kindness Day by organizing activities, read alouds and dance parties on Friday the 13th. The building is in full swing and we are working out the kinks of phase 2. Many smiles are seen on teachers and students!

From RoseAnn Mercado:

- On Saturday, November 7, the FRC teamed up with the River Church on Ehrhardt Rd to hold our first Social Distant Free Shopping. The side lawn of the church was roped off and 14 tables were spaced 10 feet apart from each other. The volunteers and the shoppers filled out a COVID-19 Screening Attestation form, wore masks on their face and used hand sanitizer before they could enter the shopping area. Only 30 shoppers with color tags were allowed into the shopping area at a time. It was a beautiful day and over 90 shoppers attended.