

## Superintendent's Report

October 20, 2015

### CENTRE AVENUE SCHOOL

1. The on-line scheduler for Parent Teacher conferences is open to parents to schedule meetings beginning this week. Just go to the school website and log on. This new resource has been popular with parents as they schedule meetings with their child's teachers.
2. The CAPTA PARP program is up and running during the month of October with an interactive bulletin board in the main hallway for students to access. Students have also been writing book reviews for submission to the PTA and the principal. Students receive a book from the PTA and get to change the principal's hat on the bulletin board.
3. On October 8<sup>th</sup> Centre Avenue students received a Long Island Rail Road Safety assembly on train safety. Students heard from Officer Chris on how to be safe and viewed a grade appropriate video on the curriculum. Students also went home with LIRR materials.
4. Red Ribbon week begins at Centre on October 26<sup>th</sup> with a host of activities to keep kids' drug free. Monday is Red Ribbon day. Tuesday is wear red day. Wednesday is wear sports attire. Thursday is Pajama Day and Friday is bring a healthy snack to school. Mrs. Ragone our school social worker is coordinating classroom presentations as well by grade.
5. Read 180 is a new reading program designed for our most challenged readers. A read 180 suite with computers and leveled books has been installed in room 18A. Teachers Sherina Lugo and Diana Collins have been trained in the program and provide the instruction to the students.
6. The Centre Avenue Halloween parade is scheduled for October 30 at 2:30 PM and is held on the school grounds. This is a huge event for Centre each year. Come out and join in the fun!
7. On October 22<sup>nd</sup> Centre Avenue grades one and two students will be presented a savings lesson from the 1<sup>st</sup> National Bank of Oceanside. Children will learn the value of saving and will have the opportunity to open an account if their parents are interested. Students will receive an old fashioned savings book to record their savings.

### RHAME AVENUE SCHOOL

1. On Monday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, Rhame and Centre Avenue Schools participated in the "Read Across the Globe" event in hopes of helping other schools across the world shine a light on literacy. Teachers, administrators, and members of the community read stories about different countries as part of an international theme in all classrooms. The collective goal

is to break the Guinness World Record for the number of children read to within a 24-hour period by reading to more than 300,000 children across the globe.

2. As part of October's focus on "Bullying Awareness," we were lucky to have Officer Groshans, a member of the Floral Park Police Department speak at last week's PTA meeting. A 28 year veteran on the force, Officer Groshans acts as the current school resource officer in Floral Park and spearheads a number of youth programs in the surrounding area. He is an expert in all areas pertaining to Bullying, DASA & Internet Safety for children. We are looking forward to welcoming him back into our classrooms next month to speak with our 6<sup>th</sup> graders about "Cyber Safety."

Both elementary schools students learned the importance of "Fire Safety." On October 14<sup>th</sup> students were treated to a presentation from the East Rockaway Fire Department on fire safety in the home. Students watched fire fighters in full equipment show off their skills and training in fire rescue. Students also were treated to a viewing of fire truck and lifesaving technology. The program ended with students getting real fire rescue experience operating the fire hoses.

Rhame Kindergarten through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade Classrooms visited the East Rockaway Main Street Firehouse to learn about "Fire Safety." October is "National Fire Prevention Month" across the country in remembrance of the Great Chicago Fire of 1871. The students met the firefighters, look at their equipment, learned about the importance of fire safety and even practiced how to stop, drop and roll. Thank you to the East Rockaway Fire Department for opening up their firehouse to the kids.

Elementary Art teacher, Beth Brody, has been recognized as the 2015 New York State Art Teacher of the Year from Nassau County. She will be attending the awards ceremony at her annual state conference up in Rochester in November. We thank Beth for all of her hard work and dedication to her students. This is an amazing accomplishment and we are extremely proud.

### EAST ROCKAWAY HIGH SCHOOL

1. Homecoming at the Jr./Sr. High School was a success. Students got into the E.R. spirit during Spirit Week, culminating in a Door (Middle School) and Hallway (H.S.) Decorating contest. Ms. Mendyk's Advisory won for the middle school while the Sophomores won for the High School. Thank you to the PTA for supporting the event. The week continued with a well-attended Pep Rally, capped off with a win by the Varsity football team over Mineola.
2. NWEA testing has been administered for all students in grades 7 and 8. The test results provide valuable data for teachers to plan instruction and address individual student needs. Please see your child's teacher with any questions.
3. Progress Reports were posted on the portal last week. Please continue to check the portal for updated information on your child's progress.

4. The PSAT exam was administered last week to all 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> graders. Middle school students went on a field trip to Ellis Island (Grade 8 ) and Garvies Point Museum (Grade 8). All 9<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students watched McFarland USA, which will be followed up with classroom activities at a later time. All in all the day was productive.
5. The Annual Lupus Walk took place this past Sunday at Eisenhower Park. Over 40 students participated. All proceeds go to the Lupus Foundation of America.
6. Tim O'Connell from Nassau County notified the district that they will be holding the grand re-opening of Bay Park on Wednesday 10/28 at 4:00 PM. There will be media coverage of this event and our girls JH soccer team was invited to practice wearing their jerseys at that time.