

Superintendent's Report
September 21, 2015

Centre Avenue School

1. Centre Avenue School in conjunction with the PTA held its Welcome Back Tea for parents on September 4th for parents to meet teachers and the CAPTA to hear about the academic program for their children.
2. Centre Avenue school is collecting summer work packets that students worked on during the vacation period to sharpen their math and ELA skills. Students completing the packet will receive a one day homework pass from the principal to use on a day of their choice.
3. Centre Avenue School held Back-to-School Night last Thursday to inform parents of curriculum to be taught and classroom expectations. The CAPTA book fair was held in conjunction with back to school night promoting the love of reading and gave children a chance to purchase a book of their choice. Proceeds will be used to fund the PTA and curriculum enhancement money that is rewarded to each grade to make additional purchases for the classroom from Scholastic.
4. On September 29th Centre Avenue School will enjoy a DASA assembly called the Power of One. This assembly will help students respond to bullying behavior and teach them how to help themselves as well as others.
5. The CAPTA is once again promoting their Parents as Reading Partners program with a kick-off date of October 5. Check out the Power of Words bulletin board across from the nurse's office that was created by PTA presidents Mrs. Gamache and Mrs. Araoz.

Rhame Avenue School

1. The Scholastic Book Fair and Meet the Teacher Night took place this past week at Rhame Avenue School. With the help of our PTA volunteers, the children were able to shop for brand new books which brought smiles to their faces. Teachers prepared wonderful and engaging presentations for Parents on Back-to-School night, too, and we had a great turnout!
2. Surfer's Healing took place at Lido West on Wednesday and some of our students had the incredible opportunity to ride the waves into the shore on longboards with the help of lifeguards and surf instructors. It was truly an incredible experience for all!
3. Art classes at Rhame Avenue are celebrating the birthday of "The Dot" by Peter Reynolds by joining classes around the country to create all kinds of art inspired by and incorporating "The Dot," big or small, singular or multiple, colored or black and white. We look forward to displaying these beautiful works of art created by our students

throughout the building shortly.

4. Our PTA sponsored “Back to School Family Picnic” which took place on Friday afternoon. Children, families and teachers were invited to mingle on the field and participate in a number of fun filled activities. Camp counselors from Rolling River Day Camp were invited to organize games and challenges for the children to enjoy. It was a great way to gather everyone together and kick off a wonderful new school year.
5. Literary Consultant, Dr. Parker will be joining us again this school year and we look forward to our continued work together to enhance data analysis skills and literacy instruction. He will be at Rhame and Centre Avenue schools this year to hold our beginning of the year data meetings with teachers and support staff.

East Rockaway High School

1. AP Scholars - East Rockaway High School has a total of **29** students who have been named AP Scholars.
 - 17 AP Scholars - Granted to students who receive scores of 3 or higher on three or more AP exams
 - 5 AP Scholars with Honors - Granted to students who receive an average score of at least 3.25 on all AP exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams
 - 7 AP Scholars with Distinction - Granted to students who receive an average score of at least 3.5 on all AP exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams
 - 2 National AP Scholars - Granted to students in the United States who achieve an average score of at least 4 on all exams taken, and scores of 4 or higher on eight or more of these exams(These two are also on the Scholar with Distinction list)

We are very proud of our AP Scholars and will be recognizing their academic success at our October 20th Board of Education meeting.

2. The middle school advisory program has gotten off to a great start. Teachers and students have been very enthusiastic about the variety of activities included, and the relationships being formed.
3. Homecoming will be held the weekend of October 2nd, beginning with a parade from Centre Avenue School at 6:30, followed by the Pep Rally outside on the field at 7:00. The Homecoming game against Mineola will begin at 3:00. Thank you to the Village and Mayor Romano, and the Town and Tony Santino for donating the lights and Showmobile.

4. The tablet initiative is underway. Parents were given an overview at the 9th grade orientation, and have begun to sign them out.
5. There is also a research initiative that will be rolled out throughout the year. Each grade level will be involved in a research project that will culminate in a written paper. Teachers will present the projects throughout the year in designated courses by grade level.