



**Rye Elementary School  
Rye School District Administrator Report  
March 23, 2023**

**Michelle Pitts: Entry Plan Goals**

**Goal 1:** *To build relationships with RES stakeholders, including staff, families, students and community members in order to maintain and enhance the positive culture.*

**Goal 2:** *To gain a deep understanding of curriculum and assessment practices and analyze student data to identify goals for instruction and student progress.*

**Goal 3:** *To gain an understanding of NH state laws, SAU 50 policies and practices as well as RES safety procedures.*

**Accomplishments and Successes**

**Goal 1:**

- We want to thank everyone who has donated to our Walk-A-Thon and playground project. We want to especially thank Robin Wehbe, who is donating his DJ talents and food for our upcoming event.
- On March 15, we held an assembly to celebrate Irish culture and it starred two of our own third graders, Nora and Orla, who demonstrated their skill in Irish step dancing. In addition, Brian Corcoran, an Irish singer of over 50 years, came and sang Irish songs and shared stories with our students. Many community members were in attendance, as well as the entire community of MHT in Newcastle!
- We want to thank Eileen Murphy, who has put a great deal of effort into building our tree tapping program. We tapped over 65 gallons of syrup, resulting in 5 quarts of maple syrup and district staff was invited to come try the pancakes last week, served with our own maple syrup!
- At our last all school assembly, we had a special treat when an all student jump roping crew came to RES to perform and help us celebrate our efforts to raise money for Jump Rope for Heart. One of our own students, Donovan, raised over \$1,000 on his own.

**Goal 2:**

- We have been working as a scheduling team to generate a schedule for the 2023-2024 school year that maximizes student learning time in a wide range of areas. The team is thinking creatively and thoughtfully about the needs of our students and we should leave this school year with a completed schedule.
- The Writing Committee is currently reviewing four writing programs for potential pilots next school year. After a research session in March and a meeting with program representatives in April, we should be in a position to choose two pilot programs for the 2023-2024 school year. Thank you to all the members for their time and effort!
- As a leadership team, we are currently collaborating to generate a clear and consistent assessment calendar for next year. This would outline all universal screening and benchmark assessments.

**Goal 3:**

- Our Safety Team has completed “Stop the Bleed” training. As a follow up, Karen McCusker, the school nurse in Greenland, will support our team in obtaining the second half of the training, which must be completed with a Stop the Bleed trainer.
- Our Wellness Committee is in the process of building a comprehensive Wellness Implementation plan, a document that accompanies our Wellness policy, and outlines our steps in ensuring our students are making healthy choices while at school. Some changes may be coming in an effort to ensure alignment with our Wellness policy.
- Recently, our Safety Team convened to analyze the recommendations from our recent assessment report from Homeland Security. A special thank you to Chief Walsh and Brian Helfich for moving on some of our tasks so quickly and to our office staff, Staci and Shari, who are continuously making small shifts that allow us all to feel safer while still maintaining a welcoming and happy school environment.
- Recently our students participated in presentations by Haven. Haven, “uses age-appropriate, interactive curricula to engage students K-12 in conversations about personal body safety, boundaries, consent, and how to seek help from a trusted adult.” Parents were given an opportunity to opt out.

**Current school focus****Goal 1:**

- We are currently working with Laura Cassinari and Todd Bonita, two local artists, to coordinate an Artist in Residence experience for our students in the fall of 2023. This collaboration would align with the 400th Anniversary of Rye and allow our students an opportunity to more deeply appreciate the landscapes that exist around them with the help of an experienced and talented artist. We are working to embed this work into the outdoor education component of our curriculum as well.
- On April 12 at 6:00 PM, I will be hosting, ‘RES 101,’ a community discussion about the accomplishments at RES this year and the goals we have as a team moving forward.

**Goal 2:**

- We are having discussions about Foundations being a K-3 program at RES. We are in the process of analyzing funding sources but know that we are seeing some gaps in phonics skills following second grade and need to address this as a team.

**Goal 3:**

- Deputy Chief, Scott Blaisdell, is helping our students practice another safety drill, the reverse evacuation. This drill helps us practice the protocols should we have an incident or potential danger occurring outside the school building and there is a need to evacuate back inside.

Other

March 24: Our School Board is invited to attend our Walk-a-Thon on Friday, March 24 to support our efforts to build a new playground for grades K-2.

**Thank you for all you do!**



**Rye Junior High  
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**Anne Gilbert, entry plan goals:**

Goal 1: Orient my understanding of the SAU 50 Plan for Effective Teaching in order to implement it with the staff at RJH.

Goal 2: To gain a comprehensive understanding of the Rye School District to include policies, procedures, and budgeting for all aspects of the school- curriculum, maintenance, staffing, technology.

Goal 3: To align practice, goals, and vision with Rye Elementary School

Goal 4: To gain a deep understanding of curriculum and assessment practices and analyze student data to identify goals for instruction and student progress.

**Accomplishments and Successes**

- Jordan Cartlidge, PE teacher and Athletic Director, and I met recently to review several aspects of the athletics programs in Rye. We discussed several issues:
  - Budgeting: The 22-23 budget did not reflect the needs of our student athletes. We have had to be creative with finding funds for coaches, officials, and uniforms. We have a budgeting plan that addresses these issues, but are working to replace seven teams' uniforms before the 2023-2024 seasons.
  - Team limits: currently, our athletic programs operate under a 'no cut' procedure. This has had an effect on all aspects of the athletic program, such as finding enough coaches, gym/field assignments, the affordability of transportation and officials. Next year, if teams have a large number of