



**Rye Junior High
Rye School District Administrator Report
April 19, 2023**

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

[Earth/World Language Week](#) is this week at RJH. Highlights include each day having a global sustainability focus, including electric lights all remaining off, “No Meat Monday”, and crepes for snack. On Friday, the school community will work together to clean up various areas around town, and celebrate our work with a World Cup tournament.

The schedule committee has created an academic schedule for the 2023-2024 school year. Our class blocks will be 60 minutes, which will allow for intervention strategies to be delivered during each class period.

There have been several team performance assessments in the past month.

- The fifth grade Math and Physics Extravaganza included student built roller coasters demonstrating physics concepts, and students created slideshows that outlined how math is used in real life.
- The seventh grade SeaPerch was a collaborative project with Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. Students worked with PNSY engineers to build underwater robots that will pick up debris. The robots were tested in the UNH pool last Friday, and will be used in Rye Harbor in May!
- The eighth grade Biosphere Expo was a collaboration between science and language arts classes. Students researched biospheres and planetary elements, and created a biosphere on a celestial body of their choice. In ELA, they read science fiction stories and generated a science fiction Choose Your Own Adventure story that took place in their biosphere, and incorporated content vocabulary from science class.

Current school focus

As always, we are focused on improving social studies instruction. Our May early release will be sorting seminars into themed categories, and making sure that each seminar has a balance of history, civics, geography, and

Monday night was the Unified Arts informational meeting about their EXPLORE program for the 2023-2024 school year. EXPLORE will be a more personalized way for students to receive instruction in the UA classes. The basics for EXPLORE:

Rotating Blue/White days for Explore classes

Explore class structure:

- Quarter long seminars with a specific focus
- Option for some year long classes
 - Spanish I/French I in 8th grade
 - Band
- Students will be enrolled in four Explore classes per quarter
- Some examples include:
 - PE - Backyard Sports & Activities, Wellness, Strength and Conditioning
 - Art - Printmaking, Clay and Pottery
 - Music - Song Writing, Guitar
 - STEAM - Stop Motion Movies, Laser Cutting Design
 - ICT - Library Volunteers, Podcasting
 - WL - Cuisine & Conversations (French), Spanish art, music, and culture

Other





