

Rye Junior High Rye School District Administrator Report May 17, 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

Goal 1: Staff in need of recertification are completing a self reflection, and summative evaluations will start the week of May 30. I've learned an incredible amount about teaching, learning, and assessment throughout my year of classroom visits. My goal next year is to be in classes much more, and team teach, experiment with, or model strategies with teachers.

Goal 2: RJH is finishing up the budgeting year, and we are creating systems to help track and streamline spending in departments and for areas in the building. RJH has started the hiring process for a .6FTE Math Interventionist, and are moving forward with the open special education case manager position.

In honor of Earth Day, our students worked on the RJH grounds and in the community,

completing a significant amount of yard work. Who knew that they would drag back half a boat and a car bumper???

Goal 4: RJH recently hosted a virtual discussion of the "Happier Parents, Happier Kids" podcast discussion with staff and parents. While attendance was small, we had a rich, vulnerable discussion of raising our kids, both at home and in school. Next year, the group identified three areas for continued discussion: chores and responsibilities, social media use in pre-teens and teens, and anxiety and depression in pre-teens and teens. We look forward to continued discussions to support our students.

Current school focus

Please save the date for the RJH Rye 400 event June 7. "Rye Revealed" will showcase a year of learning in a variety of student directed formats. The best projects are the ones with results that the teachers do not direct... all projects will be completely student driven.

SAS testing is the week of May 22-25. Our staff has collaborated to create a schedule that honors student learning and the ability for students to have time and space to put their best into the testing.

Moving forward, we are working internally on developing recurring, intentional end of year activities:

- Student Chromebook turn in procedures
- Field day planning and preparations
- Organization of team events on common days
- Staff technology check in
- Building repairs to occur over the summer

Other

Thank you, PTA, for a wonderful Teacher Appreciation Week!

Graduation Day: Wednesday, June 14 9:00-10:30 Awards Assembly 6:00-7:00 Graduation 7:00-10:00 Parent sponsored 'after party'

Check out the picture below of RJH seventh graders operating their remote controlled underwater robots in Rye Harbor!

