

**Rye Junior High School**  
School Board – Principal's Report  
January 17, 2018

**Enrollment as of January 12, 2018**

Sixth Grade:	43
Seventh Grade:	46
Eighth Grade:	43
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>132</b>

**Upcoming Dates:**

**Tuesday, 1/9:** 8<sup>th</sup> grade step-up day at PHS

**January 3 – 31:** STAR Benchmark Testing Window

**Friday, 2/9:** School Dance

**Wednesday, 2/14:** 6<sup>th</sup> grade field trip to Portland Museum of Art/Ice Skating

**Updates:**

- Amy Reynolds is the winner of the 2017 Honor Kindness Award. We are fortunate to have Amy on staff. Below is the write up for Amy, which can be found on the UNH website here: <https://training.unh.edu/honorkindness>  
*Amy works tirelessly to support both students and staff in being kind, generous, and empathetic toward all. Her classroom at Rye Junior High School is cocooned in positive messages and uplifting statements, along with gently challenging reminders ("you don't know what someone else is going through, so always be kind..."). Students look to her to model those behaviors every day, and she does so with grace and style. Amy coordinates the staff "Sunshine Club", which recognizes monumental happenings in the lives of staff members. She often sees the positive in situations where the rest of us see challenges. She is a positive leader in our school building.*
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Step-Up Day: On Tuesday, 1/9, 8<sup>th</sup> grade students spent some time at Portsmouth High School. Students received a tour of the school, shadowed a class, were able to hear from current students and get their questions answered.
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Meeting: On Thursday, 1/11, a meeting was held for 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents to hear about the class trip to Montreal and get their questions answered.
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Art Show: Laura Sunderland and her art students held an art show on Thursday, 1/11 to showcase their works of art from the first semester.
- Guskey Conference: On Friday, 1/12 a group of teachers on our competency committee had the opportunity to spend the day with Tom Guskey, world renowned educational expert on grading, reporting and assessment.

**RSD GOAL: Increase the focus, depth, and rigor of learning and assessment tasks so students can engage with meaningful content and skills.**

- Students in 6<sup>th</sup> grade are beginning their informational writing unit and working on research journalism. The contributions of various activists will be explored, including Malala Yousafzai, Iqbal Masih, Alex Libby and Alex Lin. Students will learn the components of a well-crafted informational essay and will be reading the novel *I am Malala*. Ms. Fleming will turn their research papers into mini graphic novels.

**RSD GOAL: To increase the frequency and effectiveness of communication from the Rye School District:**

- We continue to send out frequent email updates to parents regarding upcoming events. The Save the Date (see folder) for the Regatta scheduled for May 31<sup>st</sup> has recently been sent out. We also held a night meeting to give parents information regarding the upcoming 8<sup>th</sup> grade trip to Montreal.