

President's Report - May 20, 2025

Hi and good evening Rye Neck. Tonight, we as a board would like to take a moment to talk about gratitude. Gratitude is simply defined as the quality of being thankful and the readiness to show appreciation. As a district we have a tremendous amount to be thankful for, and at the top of the list are two things.

- Number one. Earlier this month we dedicated a week to celebrate Teacher Appreciation as well as Nurse's Day. Students made cards for their teachers, brought in gifts, a parent who owns a coffee shop set up a coffee buffet for teachers to enjoy, and the PTSA organized luncheons at each of the schools. These small gestures were meant to express gratitude for our Rye Neck teachers who are hard working, thoughtful, dedicated, creative, fun, special, engaging and are without a doubt the heartbeat of our school. We hope the teachers and nurses felt the love and appreciation we have for them. As a community, let's commit to not only show our gratitude one week in May, let's commit to find ways to express our thanks throughout the year.
- Number two. We wish to show our gratitude for new beginnings. Tonight is an exciting evening for the district as we will, fingers crossed, pass the budget vote. A new fiscal budget allows the district to fund imaginative programs and strategic experiences for our students and staff. New budgets invite new beginnings, new opportunities and new ways to both teach and learn. We are grateful to our Rye Neck community for coming out to vote today and express their desire to keep Rye Neck fresh, innovative and competitive. Tonight we will also welcome two board members with whom we are eager to work with and support; we are grateful for their enthusiasm, time and desire to help make Rye Neck the best it can be.

Incredible teachers coupled with the resources to support their efforts, are a winning combination that fills us with gratitude and appreciation.