Elmsford UFSD



DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

"Treasure your attention."

A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dear Elmsford Community,

Welcome back!

On September 2, we welcomed back our staff, students, and families for the start of a new school year! Every new school year is filled with excitement as students reconnect with friends, meet new ones, and embark on a new school year sure to be filled with curiosity, encouragement, and success.

During my Superintendent Conference Day, I shared this year's theme with our staff: "Treasure Your Attention." We want our staff and students to be intentional about where they focus their attention—to their work, their learning, and one another—and to encourage and celebrate each other in all ways, not only for academic accomplishments.

This year, we will also be focusing our attention on increasing student literacy. We know that strong literacy skills are the foundation for learning in every discipline. We want our students not only to read at grade level, but to go beyond that benchmark and read beyond where they are academically.

Building strong literacy skills will provide our students with a solid foundation for whatever they choose to pursue in the future.

We will also be working to create a continuum of learning, where each school year academically connects to the next. I describe this progression as "Begin, Build, Deepen, Transfer, and Ready." This framework will help us ensure that students are building upon what they have learned and developing the skills and knowledge they need for continued success.

We have also begun focusing on the implementation of NYSED's Portrait of a Graduate, which will serve as a guide for our work in ensuring that students develop the skills they need to learn, grow, create, work, and contribute. Among these characteristics are being Academically Prepared, a Creative Innovator, a Critical Thinker, an Effective Communicator, a Global Citizen, and Reflective and Future-Focused.

I look forward to seeing the results of all our students' hard work, as well as the dedication of our staff, as the year progresses. We also look forward to meeting you at our events this year.

Together, we have an exciting year ahead, and I am confident that by being intentional about where we place our attention, we will continue to help every student learn, grow, and thrive.

Sincerely,
Susan Yom
Superintendent of Schools

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We welcomed our students back to school on Sept. 2! See photos of the big day on page 5.

Welcome to New Staff

The EUFSD welcomed new staff members during the annual New Teacher Orientation, held on August 26 and 27.















Transition Orientations

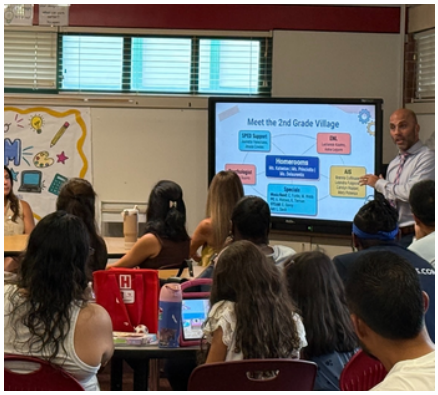
Parents and students had an opportunity to meet new administrators and learn more about their school.





Dixson Primary School

Our Dixson parents had an opportunity to meet Interim Principal Anthony DiCarlo before the start of the school year. Mr. DiCarlo introduced himself and answered questions in preparation for his leadership at the school.






Alice E. Grady Elementary School

Principal Jason Martín welcomed parents of the newest students at his school, sharing important information to help everyone make the adjustment from first grade to second grade. We thank the second grade teachers for being present to share successful strategies for a strong start.





Alexander Hamilton Jr./Sr. High School

It's a big change, the transition from elementary school to middle school! A special orientation evening was hosted at AHHS for incoming seventh graders and their parents. The evening helped everyone learn more about what to expect for our newest middle school students.

Congratulations to our staff on their milestone anniversary!



Monica Ahern
Patricia Byrne
Angela Diaz
Leandra Fulgione
Katie Velardo
Debra Williams
Silvana Zambrano



Adrienne Capocci
Erica Carrasquillo
Davia Katsetos
James Murphy
Jose Rodriguez
Kevin Tiernan

Superintendent addresses staff to kick off the new year



Setting an intentional and inspiring tone for the months ahead, Superintendent of Schools Susan Yom welcomed staff at the annual Superintendent Conference Day with a powerful theme: **Treasure Your Attention**.

She invited staff to deeply consider how their daily interactions and connections shape the lives of their students.

This dedicated focus extends directly to the district's core mission of preparing graduates for a thriving future, and shining a spotlight on literacy to guarantee that every child achieves grade-level and above literacy expectations. The District will be focused on implementing the NYSED Portrait of a Graduate. For more information https://www.nysed.gov/grad-measures/presentations-and-news-releases

"We want to create a continuum of connected growth through the grades," she said. "Your dedication and hard work this year will help every student thrive," Ms. Yom continued.

First Day of School!

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AHHS






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DIXSON







Raider Report

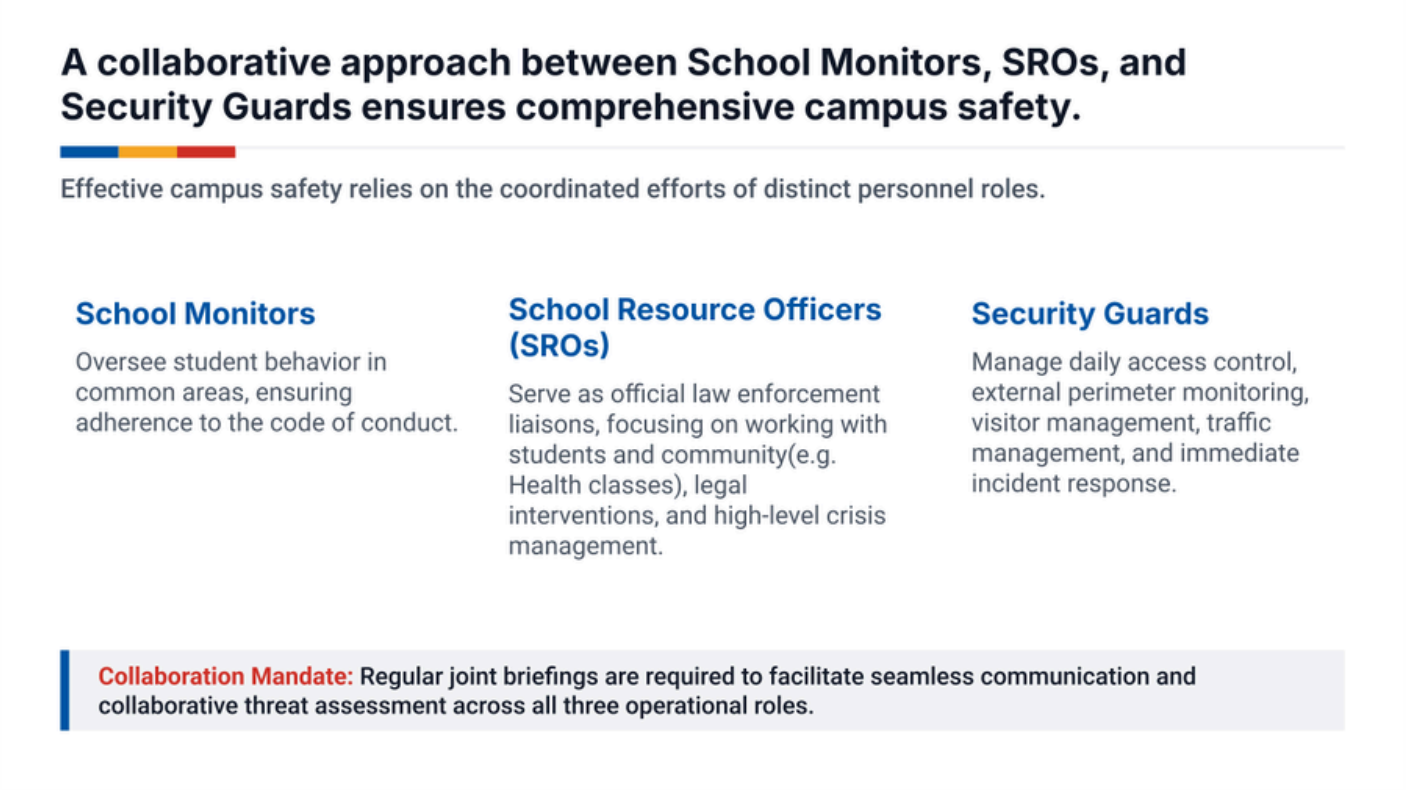
Congratulations to Athletic Director Rob Pollok and our entire Athletic Department for being the recipient of the "BSN Court of Confidence" prize!



Check out the Fall Sports Schedules ***HERE***

Safety Updates

Ensuring our students and staff are safe and supported is our top priority. Last school year, our district introduced two School Resource Officers. This year, we added two security guards to our teams, so every building has a trained safety team member at all times. This proactive step strengthens our safety response. Our District-wide safety team works alongside building staff to support routines like arrival, dismissal, visitor management, external perimeter monitoring, and drills, and to help our safety protocols run smoothly during our busiest time of the day. For more information on the Districtwide Safety Plan, please click on this link https://www.eufsd.org/district-info/eufsd-plans.



In Remembrance of 9/11

On September 11, at 8:46 a.m., our school community will take a moment of silence. The usual sounds of the school day will fall quiet as we pause to remember September 11, 2001 - a day that changed our nation. We honor the extraordinary courage of the firefighters, police officers, medical personnel, and ordinary citizens who risked—and in many cases, gave their lives to save others. We will pause to remember the lives lost, to honor the courage and service of those who responded, and to acknowledge the enduring impact of that day on our community and our nation. New York State law calls upon public schools to observe a brief period of silence in recognition of September 11th. For our students, we will approach this moment gently, and in an age-appropriate way.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **September 14, Dixson ENL Parent Night, 6:30 p.m.**
- **September 14, Dixson Back to School Night, 7 p.m.**
- **September 15, Grady ENL Parent Night, 6:30 p.m.**
- **September 15, Grady Back to School Night,7 p.m.**
- **September 16, AHHS ENL Parent Night, 6:30 p.m.**
- **September 16, AHHS Back to School Night, 7 pm..**
- **September 21, Yom Kippur, Schools are Closed**
- **September 25, AHHS Picture Day**
- **September 25, Dixson/Grady Fitness Friday**