



As we look back on the momentum we've built together, we want to extend our heartfelt thanks to **Dr. Eric Byrne**, who is retiring this year after eight years of dedicated leadership as Superintendent of RCSD. Eric was instrumental in the relaunch of the Rye Fund for Education in 2022 and has been a steadfast champion of our mission ever since. His vision, partnership, and unwavering support have helped lay the foundation for all that we are building together. We're deeply grateful.

## MISSION

The Rye Fund for Education is committed to enriching the learning experiences of Rye City School students and ensuring that they have the opportunities and skills necessary to succeed in college and beyond.

The Fund is supported entirely by donations and is governed by a board of private citizens who are committed to helping all students reach their potential in academics, arts and athletics. We seek to galvanize the entire Rye community to help the Fund achieve its goals, which we believe are critical as our schools face new and dramatic fiscal challenges.

## ANNUAL SPRING GALA

**Powering Dreams**, our Annual Spring Gala was hosted this year at Westchester Country Club and featured a showcase highlighting many of our incredible grants. We were thrilled to give community members a glimpse of how RFE helps power innovation in education and how the fund impacts RCSD students. The Gala raised over **\$530,000** that will go directly to fund grants. Our heartfelt thanks to Event Co-Chairs Georgia Dyer and Diane Martin and their talented and dedicated Event and Host Committees for such an incredible effort. Thank you so much to everyone who attended and generously raised their paddles to support our students.



### RMS ROBOTICS

As part of the Grant Showcase, RMS students demonstrate Robotics equipment funded through RFE.



### EMOTIV EEG HEADSET

RHS teacher Sally Mitchell and junior Maddie Morgan demonstrate the Emotiv EEG Headset as part of Grant Showcase.



### RAISE YOUR PADDLES

Community members show their support for Rye Fund for Education during the Paddle Raise.



### NEWSPAPER CLUB PODCASTING EQUIPMENT

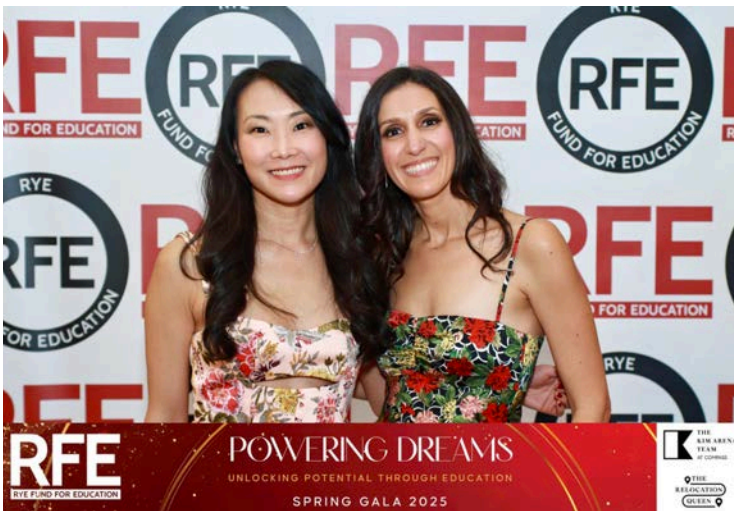
RHS teacher Anthony Frabizzio with students Clare Nemsick and Jessica Mehrara demonstrating new podcasting equipment used by the Newspaper Club.

# SPRING NEWSLETTER 2025

## RFE HITS A MAJOR MILESTONE

The 2024–2025 school year has been an exciting one at Rye Fund for Education, and we're thrilled to share a major milestone! This February, we proudly reached **\$1,000,000 in funded grants**—a testament to the unwavering support of our community and its shared commitment to enriching education in the Rye City School District.

During this school year, we've approved 27 innovative grants across Academics, Arts, and Athletics. These grants are already creating meaningful impact, bringing new opportunities and experiences to students in classrooms and beyond.



Gala Co-Chairs Diane Martin and Georgia Dyer.



Rye Fund for Education Board and Trustees.



# GRANTS

At RFE, our mission is to fund innovative, impactful grants that foster academic, artistic and athletic excellence, emotional growth, and meaningful support for our students. Since the start of the school year, we've **approved 26 grants**, each designed to expand knowledge, inspire creativity, and cultivate compassion in our schools. Thank you to the dedicated teachers and administrators whose thoughtful grant submissions continue to impress and inspire us. We also extend our deepest gratitude to our incredible Grant VPs, Jennifer Shirreffs and Rosana Colliniates, for their tireless efforts in bringing these grants to life. Your passion and dedication make this possible!

## GRANTS FUNDED IN 2024 - 2025

**DEVELOPING DECODERS**  
GRANT AMOUNT: \$516

**RHS NEWSPAPER CLUB**  
GRANT AMOUNT: \$2,057

**BRIDGES GRANT: INCLUSIVITY**  
GRANT AMOUNT: \$400

**ENGINEERING CLUB**  
GRANT AMOUNT: \$1,800

**AUTHOR STUDY / CHAPTER BOOKS**  
GRANT AMOUNT: \$725

**MIDLAND SENSORY WALL**  
GRANT AMOUNT: \$1,755

**MIDLAND SCHOOL PLAYAWAY  
WONDERBOOKS**  
GRANT AMOUNT: \$10,118

**RMS RYEBOTICS**  
GRANT AMOUNT: \$2,000



**PROJECT ADVENTURE**  
GRANT AMOUNT: \$21,963

**MIDLAND STORYWALK**  
GRANT AMOUNT: \$11,725

**SENSORY WALL DECALS**  
GRANT AMOUNT: \$423

**PERFORMING ARTS CENTER  
RENOVATIONS**  
GRANT AMOUNT: \$182,339

**OSBORN LEARNING COMMONS**  
GRANT AMOUNT: \$56,572

**HISPANIC AUTHENTIC MUSIC FOR RHS**  
GRANT AMOUNT: \$550

**WIRELESS KEYBOARD CARTS**  
GRANT AMOUNT: \$923

**RESPONSIVE CLASSROOM  
FULL ELEMENTARY IMPLEMENTATION**  
GRANT AMOUNT: \$30,000



**VIRTUAL REALITY HEADSETS FOR  
8TH GRADE**  
GRANT AMOUNT: \$20,226

**MIDLAND SCHOOL LEARNING  
COMMONS**  
GRANT AMOUNT: \$45,150

**PROMETHEAN BOARDS**  
GRANT AMOUNT: \$80,000

**SENSORY ROOM AT OSBORN**  
GRANT AMOUNT: \$6,000

**UKULELES FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS**  
GRANT AMOUNT: \$1,957

**SOFTBALL FIELD SCOREBOARD**  
GRANT AMOUNT: \$19,781

**ROBOTICS CLUB**  
GRANT AMOUNT: \$6,803

**GREEN BRONX MACHINE BUNDLE**  
GRANT AMOUNT: \$2,770

**MEDIA EQUIPMENT 2-5**  
GRANT AMOUNT: \$2,482

**MEDIA EQUIPMENT 6-12**  
GRANT AMOUNT: \$2,482

**2ND GRADE WRITING PORTFOLIOS**  
GRANT AMOUNT: \$1,114



## HOW YOU CAN HELP

**HELP US EMPOWER, INSPIRE AND SUPPORT OUR STUDENTS TODAY!**

The Fund is interested in galvanizing the support of the entire Rye community and it welcomes the financial donations and volunteer spirit of all community members within the Rye City School District as well as donations from any other sources, including bequests, employer matching, charitable trusts and gifts from corporations and individuals.

Please always feel free to contact any Fund Officer or member of the Board of Trustees with your ideas and/or to lend your support.

To make a tax-deductible donation, click the link below and follow the prompts or send a check or money order payable to "Rye Fund for Education, Inc." and addressed to:

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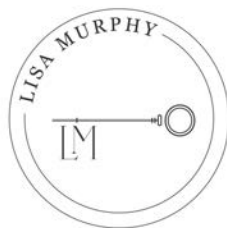


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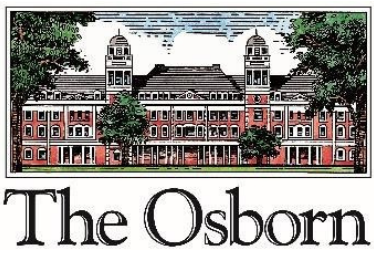
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