

Daniel Warren School Receives Special Honor from County Exec

– By Janice Llanes Fabry –

Westchester County Executive Andrew Spano bestowed a special honor on Daniel Warren Elementary School on March 20, the culmination of “No Junk Food” week. Along with County Legislator Judy Myers, he presented Superintendent Peter Mustich and Principal Joan Babcock with a proclamation commending the administration, faculty and staff for devoting so much time and effort to health and wellness, for creatively participating in the County’s “Fit Kids Program,” and for encouraging healthy behavior throughout the entire school community.



“The proclamation recognizes that the Rye Neck district is at the forefront in championing health and wellness and combating childhood obesity,” said Babcock. “I am very grateful to have the support of teachers and a home-school partnership as we go forward.”

Accompanying Spano was a representative from the Japanese government, which hopes to model their programs on Daniel Warren’s. The school has been making sustainable changes promoting healthy lifestyles for six years now. Some of the many activities they implement in conjunction with the community, the Rye YMCA and the Rye Neck PTSA include: Fitness Fridays, Zumba dancing, after-school playground parties, a climbing wall, biking to school, healthy eating and growing their own vegetable gardens. As Babcock’s mantra reinforces daily, “healthy bodies, healthy minds.”