



RPS News

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Happy Holidays and Best Wishes for a Healthy New Year

Ridgefield Public Schools extends a special thank you to our teachers, administrators, staff, students, and families for your support, hard work, resiliency, and collaboration this year. Happy New Year!

Vaccine for RPS

The photo right shows Aaron Crook RN, Ridgefield Public School’s COVID-19 Health and Safety Compliance Liaison and Coordinator of Nursing Services, after he received the Pfizer mRNA COVID-19 vaccine on Tuesday. RPS school nurses have scheduled their vaccine appointments in the coming days. Educators will be vaccinated next, in phase 1b. Nurse Crook said that after the vaccine he felt “awesome”!



SRMS Student’s Video Celebrates Season in the 06877



RPS, you have talent! Scotts Ridge Middle School sixth-grader Mack Landry recorded [this seasonal video](#), *Christmastime in Small-town USA*. Mack spent the past nine months taking virtual piano lessons to sharpen his skills as a budding singer-songwriter. His goal was to put out his own original recorded music by the end of quarantine 2020. He completed his goal just in time. Mack’s inspiration for this original Christmas song, his very first song ever, is the feeling that he gets every year in anticipation of Christmas. Filmed with a snowy and festive Ridgefield backdrop, *Christmastime in Small-town USA* is a heart-warming video for those of us at home or wishing we could be at home for the holidays.

Thank you, Mack!

Calendar

December 23
Early Dismissal
December 24-January 1
Winter Recess
January 4
Classes Resume

January 11 and 25
BOE Meetings
January 23
BOE Special Meeting
Full-day Budget Workshop

Asynchronous Days
January 29
February 26
March 15
April 26
May 24

[Full RPS Calendar](#)

Students Recognized for Athletics, Debate, and Music on Page 2

Athletes, Debaters, Musicians

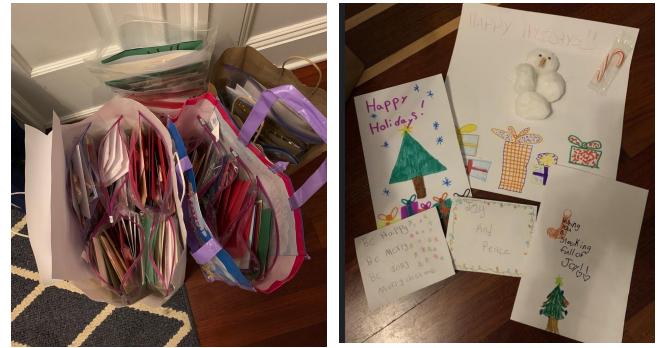


Ridgefield High School Principal Dr. Jake Greenwood identified a long list of student accomplishments in his last weekly phone call of 2020. Congratulations to the following RHS students.

RHS Field Hockey players Aerin K., sisters Riley and MacKenzie Peters (photo above), and Lisa V. earned All-State recognition.

The RHS Debate Team won ten rounds at the online State Debate Tournament. Henry L. and Andrew K. earned a third-place trophy in the varsity division, and Sophie S. and Gabriel U. won a fifth-place trophy in the novice division. Nineteen RHS students earned a spot in the Connecticut Music Educators Association Western Region Music Festival. Students submitted a video audition of themselves playing technically challenging etudes. With over 1,200 students auditioning from the western region of the state, our students are considered amongst the best of the best. Lauren K., Tyler I., Diana K., Carson D., Claire Z., Jeremy H., Akarsh T., Jackson P., Quinton M., Michelle K., Alexander N., Alexandra H., Dmitri V., Emma D., Francesca R., Alexander S., Nathan G., Coleman H., and Ellen M.

Cards & Bags to Spread Cheer



Scotland Elementary embraced the holiday spirit by making hundreds of cards to be delivered to Meals on Wheels recipients with their Christmas meal. SES first graders also decorated over a hundred bags that will be used for New Year meal delivery.

Some Would Say It Glows



Art teacher Jennifer Zeyer pointed out the “spectacular colors” in this work by Veterans Park fourth grader Emma C., which make the work “look like it’s glowing.” This project, based on the art of Wolf Kahn, taught students about warm and cool colors. Students learned about the value of a color by adding white tint to lighten and shade black to make a color darker.

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