



# RPS News

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## Happy Two-Year Anniversary, Superintendent Da Silva!

### RPS Team Selects Elementary Math and Phonics Curriculum Resources

Two years ago today, Dr. Susie Da Silva took the helm at RPS during the first month of the pandemic. Since then, the District has announced many significant hires, including principals at RHS, BMES, ERMS, and FES; a new curriculum team; as well as veteran RPS employees in new positions.

At Monday’s BOE meeting, Assistant Superintendent Cory Gillette and Director of Elementary Education Linda Johnson presented the collaborative efforts of many of these District leaders and RPS educators with the selection of elementary math and phonics curriculum resources. “This is not a new curriculum,” explained Gillette. “The new resources will support the implementation of the standards. Having strong and aligned resources is very important.” With a team of elementary leaders and 6-12 grade transition input, the District selected “Foundations” and “[Math]odology: Think Math.” Please see the full presentation [here](#).

Dr. Da Silva comments, “Selecting the resources is important but the key to their success is the *implementation* of those resources. With Johnson and the team, we are ready for success at this crucial next step.”



## Register for Summer Bridge, April 4-8!

RPS plans to offer a Bridge Program again this summer. This popular free program aims to offer more opportunities for RPS students to connect and engage in fun, project-based educational experiences that might have been lost during the pandemic. [Registration for programs at all levels](#) (Grades PreK to 12) begins on April 4 at 12 p.m., first come first serve with a waiting list, and closes on April 8 so act quickly to reserve a spot.



## Calendar

**April 4 and 25**  
BOE Meetings  
In Person at BOE\*\*  
90 East Ridge Road

**April 8\*\***  
Full Day of School for Students

**May 10**  
Town Budget Referendum

**April 11-14**  
No School/Spring Recess

**June 24**  
Tentative Last Day of School

**\*\*NOTE CHANGE\*\***

## RHS Raises Funds for Ukraine



RHS senior Mike Stamatis reports that “over the last week, the RHS Student Government directed their efforts toward the World Central Kitchen, a non-profit organization built to aid Ukrainian refugees. RHS was able to collect over \$1000 in donations, and the Exec Board of Student Government vowed to contribute an additional \$500. The donation comes at a time when millions of Ukrainians are fleeing their homes without knowing where their next meal will come from. The World Central Kitchen though, with help from all its generous donors, has been able to produce over 10,000 sandwiches, and 16,000 hot meals every single day. RHS is proud to have contributed to their efforts, and we thank all those kind enough to have donated. If you would like to donate on your own, visit the [WKC website](#) to find out more.”

## College Fair at RHS

The Ridgefield High School Counseling Department is hosting its first College Fair in recent memory on April 7 from 6-8 p.m. Sophomores and juniors are encouraged to attend to meet over 110 admission representatives. Listen to this [Ridgefield Tiger Talk podcast](#) or click [here](#) for more information.

## Librarians Celebrate Mr. Salem!



Congratulations to Scotts Ridge Middle School Principal Tim Salem! The American Association of School Librarians (AASL) selected Salem as the recipient of the 2022 Distinguished School Administrator Award. SRMS librarian Janine Johnson nominated Salem for this prize because of his unwavering support and advocacy for reading, innovation, and the school library.

## King Kermit and Other Art



Please see a [slideshow](#) of East Ridge Middle School art, including this collage by ERMS sixth-grader Marco G., seventh-grade still-lives, eighth-grade drawings, and more.

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