



RPS NEWS

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RPS Distributes Laptops for Distance Learning

Assistant Superintendent Craig Creller reports that the RPS Technology Department distributed Chromebooks over the past month to support distance learning. The photo on the right shows the laptops cleaned and ready to go to RPS families.

In a letter to parents last week, Superintendent Dr. Susie Da Silva acknowledged, “that a digital device or resource does not replace our talented educators,” and that RPS will continually assess and make adjustments to its distance learning program. Parents of students in Grade 6-12 received a survey this week to solicit feedback on their access to technology.

RPS Teacher of the Year, Suzanne Meyer, who teaches first grade at Barlow Mountain Elementary School, contributed [some on-line recommendations](#) for students, parents, and guardians. Many other resources are available on the [RPS eLearning Site](#).



VPES PTA Needs You!

The Veterans Park Elementary PTA invites Ridgefield students to write thank you letters and cards to Danbury Hospital health workers. The photo left shows VP second grader Matilda Zychowicz mailing her letter at the dropbox. The “mailbox” for health workers reminds students to “stay home; stay safe.”

The mailbox can be found outside of Recess Playworks, 66 Danbury Road. Letters will be collected on Fridays.



Calendar

April 16

Early Dismissal for Students
Professional Day for Staff

April 27*

BOE Meeting

May 11*

BOE Meeting

May 25

No School
Memorial Day

May 26*

BOE Meeting

[Full RPS Calendar](#)

*Check [website](#) for information.

We'll Get Through Together



Throughout Ridgefield, signs big and small remind us of the strength of our collective spirit and give us hope. In the photo above, RPS elementary students Ilia (Grade 4) and Holden (Grade 2) Peck stand in front of their fence, painted with kids' tempera paint mixed with soap.

Keep Your Head Up

Farmingville Elementary staff and teachers put together a [video](#) to show students how much they are missed. Set to Andy Grammer's song, "Keep Your Head Up," the video features cameos by FES pets and a local police officer.



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BES Gets Creative

In the photo right, Branchville Elementary students Justin (Grade 4) and Jayden (Grade 1) Kim hold their drawings of the BES mascot Bob the Beaver and the school.



RHS College Bound Athletes

The Ridgefield High School Athletic Department held two ceremonies this year to recognize RHS athletes committed to continue their athletic careers in college.

COVID-19 cannot diminish the achievement of RHS students pursuing sports at some of the most selective universities in the country.



[Division I, Division II, and Division III RHS College Bound Athletes Who Took Part in November 2019 or February 2020 Signing Ceremonies](#)

History Fair Winner



Congratulations to Scotts Ridge Middle School eighth grader Sophie Shen for winning first place at the Connecticut History Day contest. [Shen's website on Dolly the Sheep](#) tells the story of the first successfully cloned mammal from adult cells. Her website addresses the process of cloning, the ethics, and the experiment's legacy. Way to go, Sophie!

Watermelon Takes First!

Veterans Park Elementary PE teacher Mike Fraioli reports that watermelon beat out strawberry as the favorite in his fruit/vegetable Instagram @vpes_pe showdown.

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