



RPS News

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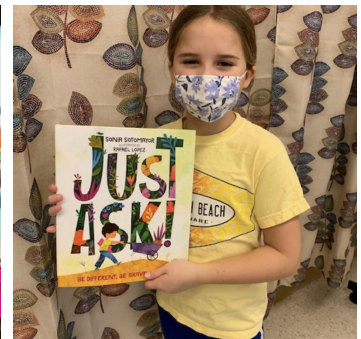
RPS Is Back; Full In-Person Started this Week

For the first time since March 15, 2020, all Ridgefield Public Schools students could access full-time in-person learning. Superintendent of Schools, Susie Da Silva said, "Welcoming back so many students on Monday was fantastic. So much has gone into this full reopening. I'm grateful to the families, administrators, the staff, and the teachers for all they have done to help us reach this milestone. I look forward to working together to keep our schools open, and our students in person."



Diversity Days at Scotland Elementary

Scotland Elementary School recently held their first "Diversity Days" during which all students and staff had opportunities to understand and appreciate diversity, culture, differences, similarities, compassion, kindness, empathy, and tolerance through the use of literature, virtual presentations by the Prospector Theater (near right), parent-led virtual read alouds, the Arts, and other shared experiences. Please find more information and photos about all the Scotland Elementary Diversity Days activities including their "Growing Awareness" collaborative mural [here](#).



Calendar

April 23

Summer Bridge Registration
[RPS Website](#)

April 26 and May 24

Early Dismissal/Asynch PM
[Other Asynchronous Days](#)

May 11

Town Budget Referendum

April 24

Annual Town Meeting
BOE and Town Budget

April 26

BOE Meeting
[Live Stream and Archive](#)

June 14

Early Dismissal/Last Day

Summer Bridge Registration Opens Today! Link on Page 2

Summer Bridge Registration

RPS will launch the [Bridge Summer Program website](#) and initial registration this afternoon. Parents and students will be able to register for no-cost programs for all grades. Registration is not confirmed until families get a confirmation from the program director. This first stage of registration will help us prepare for the level of student demand. Please visit the website to learn all about these fun, device-free opportunities for all Ridgefield Public School students.



"Take Out" Asian Hate

[Overachiever Magazine](#) chose RHS junior Tessa H.'s "Take Out Asian Hate" (right) for the publication's special feature on Asian hate. The powerful digital image reads, "Love our people like you love our food" with the line, "Stop Asian Hate" on the chopsticks.



Debate Champions

Sophie S. and Gabriel U-S. took home first place in the novice division at the annual Osterweis Debate Tournament hosted by Yale University and judged by members of the Yale Debate Team. The other RHS novice team of James C-D. and Jeremy H. also did well at the competition.

WCYO Shares Talent With RPS



Western Connecticut Youth Orchestra Conductor, Sasha Ono, offered Ridgefield Public School fourth and fifth-grade orchestra students a free virtual workshop this week. Students learned to play music by ear, improvise rhythms on string instruments, play with a backing track, and use melodies they already know to develop original music. Thank you to the Ridgefield Arts Council for their support of this program.

Math Team



The RHS Math Team finished fourth in the State after a challenging season. Congratulations to Kenneth C., Jack H., Matthew Z., Alex N., Kevin Y., Andrei Z., Michelle K., Gabriel U-S.! Senior Kenneth C. (photo top left) was honored by the Connecticut State Association of Math Leagues for earning a perfect score in all rounds at the state championship competition.

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