



# RPS News

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## RES Unearths 1977 Time Capsule; Plan to Bury 2021 Version

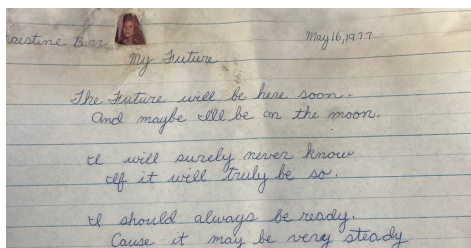
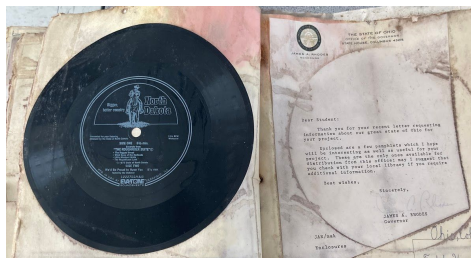
Ever since Ridgebury Elementary principal Jamie Palladino arrived at the school ten years ago, he heard rumors of a time capsule buried near the RES flagpole. However, when they dug around the flagpole with alumni, they never found the historical treasure and there was no map.

This summer, the grounds crew was digging on another side of the school and hit a mysterious red, white, and blue plastic container. When they unearthed the vessel, it was the 1977 time capsule--proof that memories of where we think we put things are not always accurate.

Principal Palladino opened the capsule last week and will display the contents this week for students and staff to commemorate the 100th day of school and the culmination of RES spirit week.

In 1977, students and staff included a project from every class, photos of everyday items, and a *Ridgefield Press*. Particularly striking are letters from governors across the country and the 1977 students' cursive, which might not even be legible to today's students. While there was water damage making some documents brittle, much is well maintained.

Palladino says that RES plans to do their own time capsule this spring, which will be fascinating during this historic pandemic year. After sharing the contents with the public, RES will re-bury the 1977 time capsule with their own from 2021 for future Ridgefield residents. This time they will make sure that they leave a map.



## Calendar

**February 8**

BOE Public Hearing/Meeting

[Proposed Budget](#)

[NEW: Budget Questions](#)

[Live Stream Here](#)

**February 12-16**

No School; February Recess

Offices Open 2/16

**February 22**

BOE Meeting

**June 14**

Tentative Last Day of School

[Emergency Closing Calendar](#)

[Full RPS Calendar](#)

## RHS Plays!



Ridgefield High School theater students had to shift gears and learn new methods of performing this year. The students have been hard at work producing several shows for online viewing. First up are the winter productions of “Nothing Good Happens After Midnight”, a short comedy by Laurie Allen, and “Monologues Unmasked”, a series of pandemic-inspired monologues written and performed by RHS theater students. The productions will stream together on February 5 at 8 p.m. and February 6 at 7 p.m. Additional productions, including the comedies “Ancre de Sea” and “The RHS Company Radio Show - Biff Timely’s Time Travel Trivia,” will stream in late February. Please find more information and streaming links [here](#).

## Podcast on the Preschool



In the photo above, RPS preschool teachers Ms. Mackey, Ms. Stumpf, and their afternoon class sing the goodbye song. Listen to this [Tiger Talk Podcast](#) to learn more about the Ridgefield Public Schools’ preschool program.

## FES Kids Care



Farmingville Elementary students in Kids Care (FES service club) spread love by decorating Valentine’s Day bags for Meals on Wheels. The photo above shows first grader Margot K.

## RHS Trial Team



Ridgefield High School Mock Trial captains Sabrina P., Ellie C., Aaron C., and Hersha C., (clockwise from top left) led their teams during four zoom trials. The A team defeated Hamden and tied with Connard; the B team beat Fairfield Warde and lost to Lyme. Ellie C., Lauren K., Emma C., and Keel M. garnered best attorney awards. Sabrina P., Tarah S., Katrina L., Jackson R., Noah R., and Shelly O. notched best witness commendations. The team will compete again on February 26 with hopes to advance to the state championship round. Go Tigers!

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