

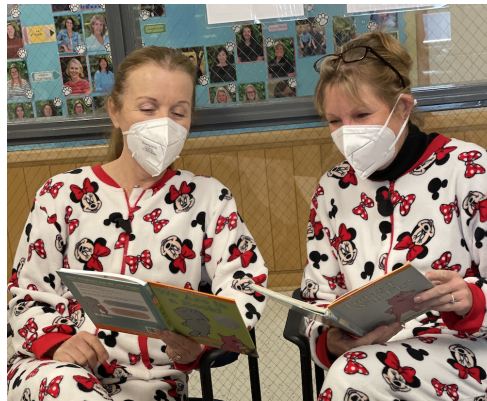
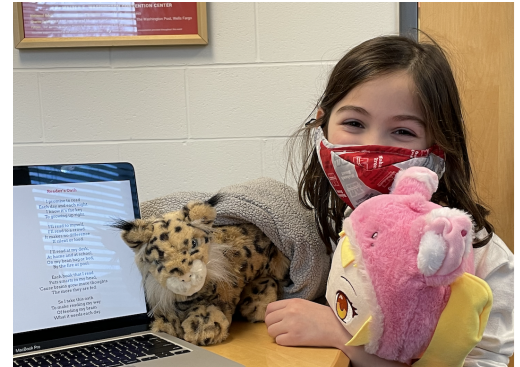


# RPS News

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## BMES Resolves to Read; Offers RPS Book Recommendations

Barlow Mountain Elementary started out 2022 with the resolution to read! The BMES PTA co-presidents Jen Turner and Jon Zibel spearheaded the “Resolve to Read ” Readathon, which encouraged reading and raised funds for the PTA. Turner and Zibel set a high goal for the BMES community—30,000 minutes of reading logged January 6-19. The BMES Principal Becky Laus and staff provided further motivation by promising a school-wide surprise if the Bobcats achieved their goal. Minutes are still being tallied but it looks like students crushed the lofty goal, and eagerly await the surprise. Awards will be given for full-class participation and individual reading accomplishments. A surprising number of students qualified for the raffle of an Amazon Fire Tablet by reading 1,000 minutes and quite a few will vie for the raffles for Ridgefield Fire Department and Police Escorts by reading a whopping 1200 minutes. Many will win a chance to spin the wheel and other fun gifts. Pajama and Dress as Your Favorite Character Days brought in-school spirit to this “blah-busting” initiative. Please see some of the BMES students’ recommendations and photos [here](#).



## Calendar

**January 22\***

Special BOE Meeting  
All-Day Budget Workshop  
[Link to Live/Recorded](#)

**January 24\***

BOE Public Meeting  
[Link to Live/Recorded](#)

**February 5\***

BOE Public Hearing  
East Ridge Middle School

**February 7**

Parent Workshop  
Executive Functions  
[Link to Flyer](#)

**February 14\***

BOE Budget Vote Meeting  
[Link to Live/Recorded](#)

**February 17**

Early Dismissal Students  
Professional Development

**February 18-25**

No School February Break

**June 22\***

Tentative Last Day of School

\*Please check [Website](#) for weather-related changes and other Town Budget Meetings

[RPS Calendar](#)

**Please Remember the Budget Workshop Tomorrow!**

## RHS Dance Team Wins Gold



The Ridgefield High School Dance Team clinched gold with its First-Place finish and Grand Champion honors at the Woodland Regional Dance Competition. Coached by RHS alum, Taylor Bobay, the RHS Dance Team has become a force on the competition circuit. Read the full story in the [Hamlet Hub](#).

## RPS Podcasts and Workshops,

More than ever, Ridgefield Public Schools recognizes the need to connect to families. That is why we are proud to continue our partnership with Project Resilience to offer a series of workshops, *Parenting the Selfie Generation*. On February 7, experts will present “Executive Function Skills: The Building Blocks for Success in Life.” For more information and registration, click [here](#). The RPS Curriculum Department also continues to offer workshops and has covered Technology and World Language. Watch these live-streamed or recorded [here](#). Please tune in to [Ridgefield Tiger Talk](#) podcasts for engaging, in-depth interviews on important District initiatives.

## Betty White Challenge Day



On the Betty White Challenge Day, East Ridge Middle sixth-grader Julia Holbert dropped off \$650 at [ROAR](#), far-surpassing the recommended \$5 donation to an animal rescue shelter in honor of the star’s 100th Birthday. Julia raised the funds selling stationery decorated with her adorable drawings. Julia says that she and her grandmother came up with the idea to make the cards. She decided to give the profits to ROAR because that is where her mom volunteers and “the best part of our family came from ROAR.” The Holbert Family adopted their dog, Elsa, from ROAR almost five years ago. Elsa (photo below with Julia and sister Kate) is a ROAR-trained therapy dog.



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