



RPS News

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Hope at RHS Midterms...Brady, Grady, Elsa, Emmy, Demi, Quinn...

Ridgefield High School midterms took place this week marking the first time juniors and seniors have taken an end-of-term assessment since midterms 2020 and the first time sophomores and first years have sat for exams. The RHS Administration and Student Life



Office worked doggedly to reduce the stress of these tests and prepare students. They staggered testing and scheduled a review day before the first two exam days, and then another review day before the next two exam days. They built morning and afternoon study sessions into the midterm week, which allows for a later student arrival time and additional time that could be dedicated to in-person or virtual review depending on the teacher. Staff and students planned midterm stress relief activities, including making your own slime, coloring, open gym, a primal scream, and breathing. RHS partnered with [ROAR](#) to have therapy dogs—Brady, Ellie, Elsa, and Hope—for fur-based therapy; RHS also welcomed Scotts Ridge Middle School dogs—Emmy, her son Quinn, Grady, Onyx, and Demi. RHS installed safeguards to ensure that a bad result on an exam won't have catastrophic consequences on a student's GPA and that students have opportunities to show skill and mastery. Some electives got in on the fun and stress relief. For an example, see *RPS News* page two for Mid-Term Cupcake Wars in RHS Baking Classes.



Calendar

February 5*

BOE Public Hearing
East Ridge Middle School
In Person at 10 am

February 7

Parent Workshop
[Link to Flyer](#)

February 14*

BOE Meeting/Budget Vote
[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

RPS Mourns Loss of Logan Hale



Ridgefield Public Schools is deeply saddened by the loss of East Ridge Middle School student, Logan Hale. Logan had relapsed in his battle against leukemia and passed in late December. He is gravely missed and will be remembered for his warm heart, determination, and many talents. Read his obituary in the *Hamlet Hub* [here](#).

SRMS Responds to Novel



Scotts Ridge sixth graders received a mission. A fictional book publisher “contracted” them to create a companion book to the novel *Chinese Cinderella* by Adeline Mah. Their assignment? Create a non-fiction resource about a key concept in the novel. Using their "Google Like A Pro" lessons in the LLC, they generated research questions, used and cited credible sources to find the answers, and then applied the information to create their digital non-fiction books in Book Creator. The students printed out their covers along with QR codes to access them. They explored the book across eight categories to learn about the topics their classmates studied.

Midterm Cupcake Wars at RHS



During Ridgefield High School exams, students in Martha Kelly's baking classes participated in a Cupcake Wars-styled competition. This performance-based assessment showcased the skills baking students mastered this semester. Kelly, who might have the most enviable grading responsibilities in the District, reports, “They all did a fantastic job!” Photo top left shows Kelly flanked by Section One winners Alyssa B. and Mackenzie B. Section Two Winners were Mia M. & Juliana B. Section 4 Winners were Madilyn M., Charlotte H., & Zoe D.

RPS at Carnegie Hall



Congratulations to East Ridge sixth-grader Justin Kim! Justin won first place in the Crescendo International Music Competition and the opportunity to perform this month at Carnegie Hall.

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