



# RPS News

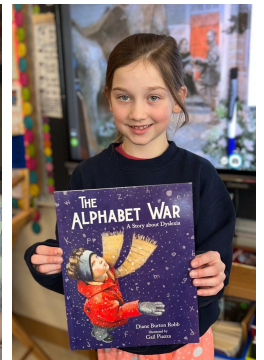
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## BMES and SES Celebrate Individuality, Tolerance, and Compassion

Under the guidance of RPS Elementary Supervisor, Sarah Weirsman, Barlow and Scotland Elementary communities spent a week exploring different cultures, engaging in discussions that bring new perspectives, and celebrating the presence of people of all identities and experiences. While BMES calls their week “Awareness Week” and SES labels it “Diversity Days,” both communities focused on tolerance, compassion, and kindness. Weirsman writes, “We were thrilled to provide students with this opportunity; and to partner, again, with local community businesses.”

The activities were varied and age-appropriate. Whole school art projects, staff and student presentations, and family videos highlighted students’ diversity and individuality while providing messages in support of Children Learning to Understand Everyone (CLUE). The Prospector Theater held a podcast with Student Council members to learn about their Sparkle! Parent volunteers in Grades K - 5 read *Marisol McDonald Doesn’t Match*, by Monica Brown. Pre-K volunteers read *You Are Enough: A Book About Inclusion*, by Margaret O’Hair.

Weirsman expressed gratitude for both schools’ commitment to these important lessons. She writes, “I’d like to thank the building administration, the PTAs, the Prospector Theater, the Ridgefield Public Library, students, staff, and families for their valuable contributions and dedication to these important diversity-equity-inclusionary and social-emotional-learning practices. It was a great week at each school.”



## Calendar

**March 23**

[A Budget Conversation](#)  
Rescheduled from 3/8

Ridgefield Library at 10:30 a.m.

**March 28**

Board of Finance  
Public Hearing at ERMS 7 p.m.

**March 29, April 4 and 25**

BOE Meetings

[Link to Live/Recorded](#)

**April 8**

**\*\*NOTE CHANGE\*\***

Full Day of School for Students

**April 11-14**

No School/Spring Recess

**June 24**

Tentative Last Day of School

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## Dance Team Regional Champs!



The Ridgefield High School Dance Team took first place in the Hip Hop Division at the New England Dance Championships. Enjoy their electrifying performance [here!](#)

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## All-American Relay Teams



The RHS boys *and* girls track teams cleaned up at Nationals last weekend with both long-distance relay teams coming in fifth place. These two outstanding results crowned eight RHS All-Americans. Congratulations to Ben M., Ethan W., Ryan D., Steven H., Lainey M., Katie R., Georgia K., and Grace H.

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## SRMS and Rogers Park Talk

Read *RPS News* next week for news and photos about a collaboration between Scotts Ridge and Rogers Park Middle in Danbury!

## RHS National Merit Finalists



RHS Seniors Justine Corsilia and Ellis Zusel are National Merit Scholarship Finalists. This national scholarship contest rewards academic excellence, leadership roles, activities, and PSAT scores. Justine has played varsity soccer since her sophomore year and will be competing in outdoor track and field in her senior year. She is currently the president of RPS Friends and is a member of the National Honor Society. Ellis's hobbies include playing guitar and hiking. He loves to travel and plans to study entrepreneurship and computer science in college.

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## VPES Inventors Shine



Veterans Park Elementary School's Invention Convention finished with three winners heading to the State Competition. Best of luck to McKenna F., Andrew D., and Ethan G. Congratulations to all VPES inventors!

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