



# RPS News

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## RHS Girls Ski Team Races to State Championship

The Ridgefield High School Girls Ski Team clinched a state championship by beating Fairfield by one second! Julia B. and Jillian P. tie for third in the State. The other top Tiger finishers were Isabel R. (7), Hadley D. (10), Riley P. (13), and Echo N. (25).

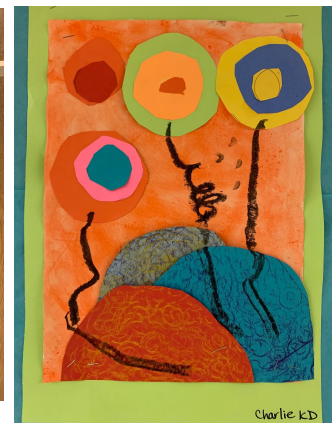
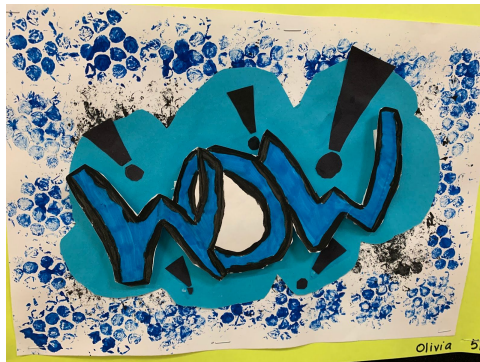


## Landscapes, Wall Hangings, and Pop Art Gallery

Visit this [virtual art gallery](#) to be wowed!

Kindergarten landscapes, first-grade wall hangings, and onomatopoeic pop art from fifth-grade students are sure to warm up the coldest hearts and hands.

Jennifer Zeyer, Branchville and Veterans Park Elementary art teacher, provides slides with information about the techniques and media the students used as well as the artists who inspire the lessons.



## Calendar

**March 22, April 5, and 26**  
BOE Meetings  
[Live Stream and Archive](#)

**March 25**  
Parent Talk at Library  
[Registration and More Info](#)

**April 2**  
No School/Good Friday

**April 12-16**  
No School/Spring Break

[Full RPS Calendar](#)

**April 26**  
Early Dismissal  
Asynchronous PM  
Professional Development  
[Other Asynchronous Days](#)

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## Science Symposium Success



Ridgefield High School student Kenneth C. (photo above) won third place in the Connecticut Junior Science and Humanities Symposium for the second year in a row. He gave an oral presentation and submitted a written report of his quantum computing research. The award comes with a \$1,000 scholarship and the opportunity to present his research to the Connecticut Academy of Science and Engineering (CASE) later this year. In April, Kenneth will also compete at the National Junior Science and Humanities Symposium virtually. Congratulations, Kenneth!

## French Stories, Ooh La La

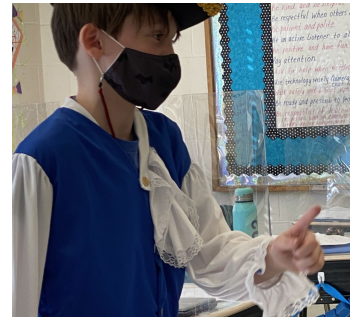


East Ridge Middle School eighth-graders created and illustrated short story ebooks in French using a variety of technologies. Then, through Google Meet, they read their stories to Branchville and Veterans Park Elementary

School students. The middle school students loved sharing their books with a real audience and answering the elementary students' questions.

## Patriots Win!

Will D. from Megan Dougan's fourth grade Scotland Elementary class dressed in patriot colors to take the position that the colonists should gain independence from Great Britain during the Staging of the Second Continental Congress Debate. The students researched, constructed, and presented arguments on whether the colonists should remain loyal to the king or become an independent country. In the end, the patriots defeated the loyalists!



## Choose Love

Scarlett Lewis (right) founded the Choose Love Movement after her son, Jesse, was murdered during the Sandy Hook tragedy in December 2012. Her book, *Nurturing Healing Love*, relates her journey to turn personal tragedy into compassionate action that can positively impact the world. Join this special zoom presentation on March 25 to hear about her transformative program. Register at the [Ridgefield Library](#) website.



## RHS Symphonic Video

The RHS Symphonic Orchestra played together for the first time since November. [Here](#) they are rehearsing Beethoven's 7th Symphony for a spring concert at Ballard Park!

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