



# RPS News

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## RHS National Merit Finalists

Eight Ridgefield High School seniors placed in the top 15,000 of the more than 3.5 million students who took the PSAT last fall. Congratulations to Evelyn Carr, Ellie Carter, Kenneth Choi, Aidan Flaherty, Lucas Kaye, Charlie King, Emmett O'Malley, and Dmitri Volkov for being National Merit Finalists.



## RPS Gets Reading

A mouse in a hat, a not-so-baby shark, Thing 1, and Thing 2—RPS elementary students this week dressed up and got down to reading! The photos here show Read Across America Week, RPS style. Clockwise from right: Veterans Park kindergartners took books outside; Branchville fifth graders recorded video books to share with kindergartners; a Farmingville student created a creature to use in the story he is writing; Ridgebury kindergartners tackled nonfiction and fiction books (Thing 2). Barlow Mountain (shark) and Scotland (mouse) had a full spirit week of different activities. If you are on [Instagram](#), please see more photos from Scotland's Hat Day.

Read on, Ridgefield!



## Calendar

**March 8 and 22**

BOE Meetings

[Live Stream and Archive](#)

**March 15**

Full Day Asynchronous ES\*\*  
Early Dismissal/Asynch for MS  
Early Dismissal/Asynch for HS  
[Other Asynchronous Days](#)

**March 15**

BOF Public Hearing

[Full RPS Calendar](#)

\*\*Change from Earlier Calendar

**School Year 2021-22 Kindergarten [Registration](#)**

## Let Them Enjoy Cake! Slime?



Ridgebury Elementary second-grader Emma P. made the beautiful multilayer cake left out of collage and mixed media.

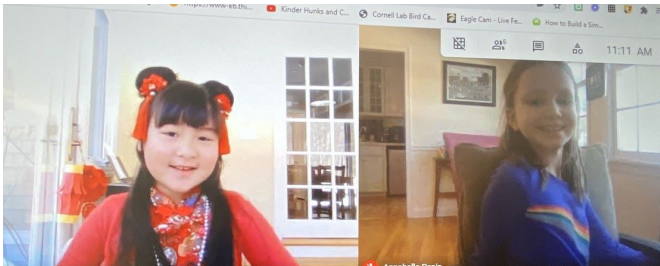


RES fourth-grader Christopher P. created the dripping "Slime" graphic. RPS does not endorse slime and is not liable for any damage to furniture, walls, or clothing:)

## Get Curious, Not Furious

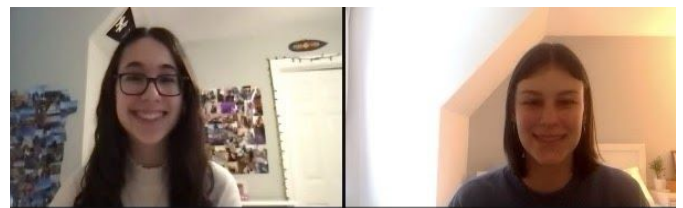
On March 9, please join experts from [Be Curious, Not Furious Parenting](#) for a virtual talk filled with practical tips for applying effective strategies from the book, *How to Talk So Kids Will Listen and Listen So Kids Will Talk*. Susan Bauerfeld, Ph.D., and Chris Parrot, CPsychol, will discuss how to communicate in ways that convey respect and empathy while fostering discussion. They are also launching a six-week workshop after the presentation. Register for the [free workshop](#) at the [Ridgefield Library Website](#).

## Year of the Ox



Students in Brooke Brennan's second-grade class at Scotland Elementary celebrated Chinese New Year. Fiona L. (left) played the piano and sang a song in Chinese, shared a book, and taught classmates about the history of the celebration.

## Mock Trial All-Stars



The Ridgefield High School Mock Trial team finished its outstanding zoom season last week. Co-captain Ellie C. (left) won an award as an outstanding attorney and Katrina L. (right) was recognized as an outstanding witness. Congratulations to the two RHS teams for maintaining their fighting spirit during the pandemic!

## Grade 5 Listens to Grade 3



Barlow Mountain Elementary fifth graders listened to third-graders' very first essays and gave feedback in virtual breakout sessions.

## ERMS March Book Madness



It's March Madness in the East Ridge Middle School LLC. Students can vote for their favorite or find book recommendations [here](#).

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