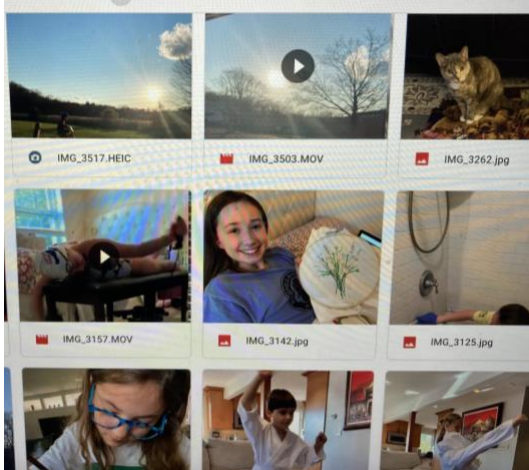




# RPS NEWS

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## Live from Her Living Room...

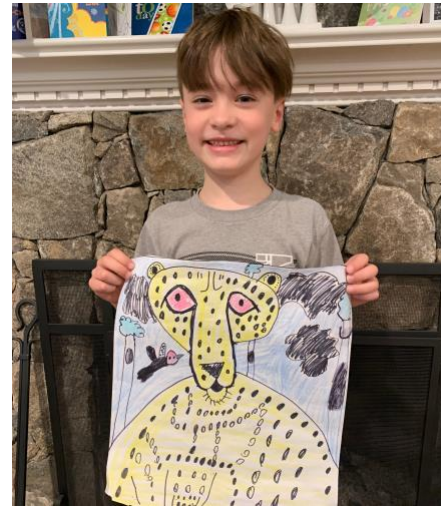


It's your math teacher! This week Ridgefield High School, East Ridge, and Scotts Ridge Middle Schools started structured live teaching initiatives. Students received schedules and were able to log in through Google classroom to see their teachers and classmates. This approach offers some independence and flexibility while also providing live instruction and peer interactions.

RPS recognizes that COVID 19 affects every family in its own way. This can be a very stressful time with many opportunities for distraction and losses to grieve. Please put your family's well-being and health first. You are not alone. Reach out to guidance counselors and teachers for particular concerns.

## Tingatinga Cheetahs

RPS Elementary Art Teachers have been collaborating to offer lessons across the District. One fun example was the [Tingatinga Cheetah lesson](#) that taught a style of painting from Tanzania as well as information about cheetahs. The photo near right shows Barlow Mountain Elementary student Connor L.'s graphic cheetah. Branchville Elementary student Graeme P. holds his cheetah in photo far right. View more cheetah art, East Ridge texture drawings, RHS portraits, third-grade nature art, and other creative quarantine endeavors at [April's RPS Art Gallery](#).



## Calendar

### May 6

BOS Meeting to Vote on Non-binding BOE 2020-21 Budget Recommendation  
(Time TBD)

### May 11\*

BOE Meeting (7 pm)

### May 18\*

BOF Public Hearing on BOE Budget (7 pm)

### May 19, 20, and 21

BOF Budget Discussions  
(Time TBD)

### May 25

No School  
Memorial Day

### May 26\*

BOE Meeting (7 pm)

\*Check [website](#) for information.

## Jambo!



RHS Junior Natalie E. started an initiative that includes a story hour and teaching kids Swahili on the [Watoto Poa Facebook](#) page. The non-profit Watoto Poa strives to keep children connected with their African heritage. Natalie lived in Nairobi, Kenya for seven years and wanted to share her love for her culture virtually.

## Hearts Across Ridgefield



RPS elementary schools are participating in Hearts Across Ridgefield as a way to show kindness, peace, and unity. Families display hearts they make out of paper, nature, wood, etc in windows, on trees, driveways, mailboxes, or anywhere the hearts might be seen. The photo left shows

Branchville Elementary kindergartener Maddie B. holding up her heart. Great to see the love, Maddie.

## Ridgefield Library

The Ridgefield Library has a wide array of online resources, including classes, webinars, streaming of arts events, and eBooks. [Get a library card and see all the Ridgefield Library has to offer.](#)

## Art Gallery



Natalia R. Grade 10. Visit the [RPS Art Gallery](#)

## Congrats and Good Luck

Seven Ridgefield High School students qualify for the [FBLA](#) National Leadership Council competition, including Tommy K. shown in photo right.

RHS students Teddy H., Christopher L., Mike Z., Connor B., Luke D., and Shane G. also qualified for the national competition, which will take place online later this month. Go Tigers!



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