



RPS News

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Elementary Art Gallery Highlights Students' Year of Creativity

All year, RPS elementary students have been weaving, painting, drawing, collaging, molding, folding, gluing, looking, thinking, and creating. Art is an essential part of the curriculum and the student experience. Art teachers from the six elementary schools provided examples of art from every grade and medium for the engaging gallery shown [here](#). We hope these cheerful and beautiful images provide some comfort from the terrible news rocking the school communities this week.

Captions clockwise from top left: Eli K. (Gr. K), Robert B. (Gr. 5), Deric W. (Gr. 4), Parker L. (Gr. 2), Samantha L. (Gr. 1), Aarna M. (Grade 3), Finn F. (Grade 5), Ryan S. (Grade 5).



Calendar

June 13 and 27
BOE Meetings

In Person and Streaming
90 East Ridge Road
[Link to Live/Recorded](#)

May 30
No School/Memorial Day

June 4
PRIDE in the Park
[PRIDE Month Activities](#)

June 24
Tentative Last Day of School
Early Dismissal for Students

[RPS Calendar](#)

RPS Honors Those Who Lost Their Lives Protecting Our Freedoms

Block Island Hunt Inspires Essay

Have you been lucky enough to find a glass float on Block Island? Branchville Elementary third-grader Nora Matsen has. The essay that she wrote for Kaitlin Cyr's BES class about this fun hunt for hand-blown globes will be featured in June on the Glass Float Project [website](#). Nora's mother reports that the Project has had "a positive impact on Nora and our whole family. Not only has it been exciting to find the floats hidden on trails/beaches, but it has created an exciting way to get daily exercise and explore. Nora is counting down the days until globe hunting this summer after her first find last year!" To watch a CBS Sunday morning program (with commercials) about this intriguing project, please click [here](#). Read Nora's essay [here](#).



RHS Junior Book Awards Recognize Excellence



Ridgefield High School gave out the Junior Book Awards this week to reward distinguished academics, service, and leadership. A committee of teachers, counselors, and administrators select the winners of the Junior Book Prize based on criteria identified by a college or university. Please click [here](#) to see the 32 students and subjects recognized by some of the most selective universities in the U.S.

Track Teams Sprint to the Finish & Go the Distance

The Ridgefield High School girls track team was the runner-up at FCIACs. The girls relay team of Grace T., Maya R., Lainey M., and Grace H. (photo right) won the 4x400 relay. Grace H. also captured the 4x800 relay championship with teammates Elizabeth B., Regan M., and Georgia K. teammates. Sophomore Lainey M. also won the 300M Hurdles. Senior Katie R. ran a sub-five-minute 1500M to claim second. Read further about RHS's success in this *Hamlet Hub* [article](#). Congratulations to Steven H. for taking first in the 800M and to Liam N. for his second place in the shotput.



Swift and Joy at BOE

Sixth graders from the Scotts Ridge Middle School chorus, led by Michael LaBarre, delighted the Board of Education meeting with their version of "Riptide" by Vance Joy followed by "Paper Rings" by Taylor Swift in a smaller group. Audrey E. played the guitar and sang with Aiden A., Ava A., Quinn A., Katelyn H., Eleanor I., Sophie J., Autumn M., and Caitlyn S. Beautiful! A recording of the BOE meeting can be watched [here](#).

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