



# RPS NEWS

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## Nothing About This Is Normal: Live Webinar for Parents



On June 4 at 7 pm, RPS will host ***Nothing About This Is Normal: Helping Your Child Cope with Social Distancing and Online Learning***, a live webinar for parents. The webinar will address the issues affecting families across the District including combating isolation, coping with disappointment, and prioritizing needs. Led by RPS school psychologists, Dr. Elizabeth Hannaway, and Dr. Anthony Showah, the webinar will include a panel of pre-K through 12th grade experts on social and emotional issues. All RPS parents are welcome and encouraged to join. RSVP to Patty McCarthy, pmccarthy@ridgefieldps.net. [Webinar flyer with Zoom login information.](#)

## RPS Announces Graduation Plan for RHS 2020

Plans to celebrate the Ridgefield High School Class of 2020 are set. In a [letter to RHS seniors and their parents](#), RHS Principal Dr. Stacey Gross announced that there will be a series of three events over the course of a few days. The main event will be a drive-in graduation on June 18. Dr. Gross's letter outlines the thought the committee put into celebrating this important milestone and the myriad considerations taken to ensure the safety of students and guests. Dr. Gross's letter cites the cooperation of the town authorities, students, and parents on creating this plan. Congratulations to seniors Caitlin A. (photo left), Eleanor A. (photo right), and the amazing Class of 2020!



### Calendar

**June 4**

Parent Webinar

**June 12**

Diploma Pick-Up

**June 18**

Drive-In Graduation

**June 8, June 22\***

BOE Meetings (7 pm)

**June 17**

Last Day of School

\*Check the website for information.

[Full RPS Calendar](#)

## Math for Middle Schoolers

Assistant Superintendent Craig Creller announced that middle schoolers could access an additional live math class each week.

[Mr. Creller's letter to parents.](#)

## Chromebooks/Student Items

The District will allow students to keep their Chromebooks during the summer months while we assess needs and plan for fall. District days for drop-off of school materials and pick-up of student items will take place according to the following schedule:

1. [RHS Senior Drop off](#): May 27
2. RHS Grades 9-11: Details in August
3. Middle Schools: June 10-12
4. Elementary Schools: June 10-15

Each school principal will reach out to families about specific details and safety procedures.

## Invention Convention

Four RPS students qualified for the national [Invention Convention](#), including Veterans Park fifth-grader Lizzy B. shown in the photo below

with her invention, *Hair-Up Hat*. The three other RPS qualifiers include Georgia A. (SES, Grade 5), *Sudz for the Sea*; Hazel C. (SES, Grade 4), *The Buddy Blanket*; and Marin A. (BES, Grade 4), *No Waste Bird Feeder*.

[Photos of all inventors.](#)

Congratulations and good luck at Nationals, Georgia, Hazel, Lizzy, and Marin!



## RHS Remembers



RHS musicians under the direction of George Beratis offered [this Memorial Day musical tribute](#). RPS thanks all who serve and sacrifice for our country.

## Dream Jungle

The photo right shows SES kindergartner, Camilla P., working on her dream jungle. In this lesson, students learned about artist Henri Rousseau and drew tigers in the jungle.



## Intro to Integrated Studies



Fifth-grade integrated studies teachers put together [this video](#) to introduce themselves as well as share their passion for their subjects and their strategies for getting through quarantine. The photo above is Scotland Elementary Integrated Studies teacher Amanda Pasquarella.

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