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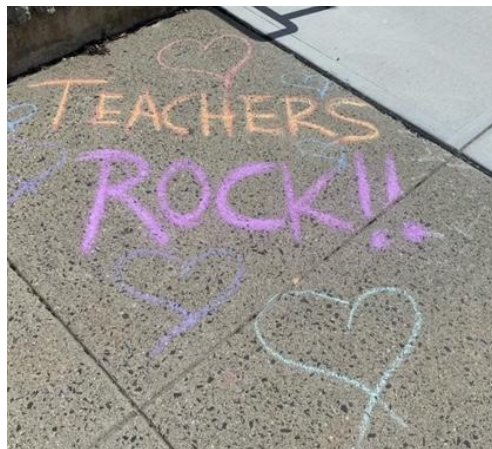
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RPS Loves Our Teachers!

Jessica Margiotta Is Teacher of the Year

All week, Ridgefield Public Schools celebrated teachers. PTAs, students, and staff showered teachers with hand-written notes, gift cards, flowers, chalk drawings, and, of course, food! The creativity of ideas to express appreciation was unmatched. Thank you to all our teachers for your dedication, inspiration, and partnership. We appreciate you!

On Tuesday, the District surprised East Ridge Middle School ELA teacher, Jessica Margiotta, to announce that she is RPS Teacher of the Year. Please read the press release about this exceptional educator [here](#). Congratulations to her and all the RPS Teachers of the Year (on the next page of *RPS News*).



Calendar

May 9 and 23

BOE Meetings

In Person and Streaming

90 East Ridge Road

[Link to Live/Recorded](#)

[RPS Calendar](#)

May 10

Town Budget Referendum

Yanicy Gym

60 Prospect Street

May 14

[SES Walk to Water Fundraiser](#)

May 19

Little Doctors Blood Drive

Boys and Girls Club

4-8:30 pm

May 30

No School/Memorial Day

Happy Mothers Day!

Congratulations to RPS Teachers of the Year



Julia Kolakowski
Barlow Mountain Elementary



Jennifer Phippen
Branchville Elementary



Jessica Margiotta
East Ridge Middle School



Thomas DiMarzo
Scotland Elementary



Anna Harkins
Farmingville Elementary



Kathy Beall
Scotts Ridge Middle School



Deirdre Rolfes
Ridgebury Elementary



Mike Faloon
Veterans Park Elementary



Michael Murphy
Ridgefield High School

Little Doctors Blood Drive More Important Than Ever



The Nation's blood bank supply is alarmingly low due to low rates of donations during the pandemic. Yet, one in three people will need a transfusion in their lifetime. That's why Scotland Elementary is so eager to get the news out about its forthcoming Blood Drive at the Ridgefield Boys and Girls Club on **Thursday, May 19** from **4:00-8:30 p.m.** This is the eighth year that SES has participated in the Little Doctors™ program, sponsored by the New York Blood Drive. The program educates students about the importance of donating blood and how to approach their friends, family, and neighbors. Two former SES students Lauren C. and Kiera H. (now eighth graders at Scotts Ridge Middle School) worked with SRMS eighth grader Charlotte O. to make this [promotional video](#) for the May 19 Drive, which talks about who can donate, what to expect, and more. Please consider joining RPS in this life-saving effort. No registration required.

Shrek JR. Delights BES!



Branchville fifth graders performed *Shrek Jr.* this past weekend. The annual BES PTA-sponsored musical is a highlight for many, and the BES community was thrilled to welcome this live tradition back again this year! The talented students and hard-working backstage crew, under the direction of music teacher Betsy Anderson, brought the story and characters to life and wowed audiences with their singing, acting, and dancing! Bravo! Please see the Playbill of all the participants and songs, including the catchy finale, "I'm a Believer," [here](#).

Letters About Literature

Ridgefield High School ninth graders crushed the 2022 Letters About Literature Contest with 14 RHS students earning Semi-Finalist recognition and 11 Honorable Mentions. Students wrote letters to authors living or dead about how the author's text affected them. Please see the full list of award-winning letter writers and the books they read [here](#).

Senior Combats Eating Disorders

RHS Senior Caroline McGrath wanted to help stem the dramatic rise in eating disorders for her Girl Scout Gold Award. The result was an informative [pamphlet](#) that RHS uses in health classes. Caroline credits health teacher Maggie Meriwether for playing a major role in putting her project into action. Meriwether calls Caroline's project, "an excellent resource." Read more about Caroline's potentially life-saving project in the [Hamlet Hub](#).



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