



RPS News

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We Have Been Busy—Bridging, Bonding, and Building

We hope our Ridgefield Public School families, students, and staff are enjoying a summer of rejuvenation, relaxation, reconnection, and fun. RPS has been busy for the past six weeks. Our Summer Bridge Program wrapped up last week with over 1000 students enjoying a wide variety of experiential learning options. High School Readiness and Course Recovery classes continue.

RPS hired two new exemplary leaders—veteran Ridgefield High School leader [Jennifer Phostole](#) will take the reins at East Ridge Middle School and [Dr. Annie Tucci](#) will be Grade 6-12 Humanities Supervisor.

Work has begun on replacing the turf and track at Tiger Hollow Stadium and the turf at Scotts Ridge Middle School. This much-needed upgrade should be complete by mid-September at SRMS and mid-October at Tiger Hollow.

Solar panels will be installed at five schools—Barlow Mountain, Ridgebury, Scotland, and Veterans Park Elementary Schools (Farmingville already has panels), and Scotts Ridge Middle School—read more in this [Ridgefield Press article](#).

Much of our planning is behind the scenes and includes making decisions about literacy programs, special services, and technology. In June, we received preliminary directives from the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health, which informed our reopening plan. We will continue to be flexible as new information and guidance emerge. Almost all our educators have elected to be vaccinated against COVID-19 and many of our 12-19-year-old students are also vaccinated. Class assignments will be available on the portal in the first few weeks of August.



Calendar

August 9 and 23
September 13 and 27
BOE Meetings
[Link to Live/Recorded](#)

August 30
First Day of School (Gr. K-9)
August 31
First Day of School (Gr. 10-12)

September 6
No School/Labor Day

September 7
No School/Rosh Hashanah

[Full RPS Calendar](#)

September 16
No School/Yom Kippur

September 23
Early Dismissal for Students
Professional Development



Reading Recommendations



Sometimes all it takes to get kids reading is the right book. Here are some recommendations from town librarians for great summer reads:

Elementary Schools: [Ridgefield Public Library Summer 2021 Reading Program](#); [Ridgefield Public Library Find a Good Book](#)

Middle Schools: The Scotts Ridge Librarians and Counseling Department put together this [great resource for Middle School/Young Adults](#).

Ridgefield High School: Click on the book titles in each section to access our eBook and audiobook copies through our Sora app. [RHS LLC Summer Reads](#) on the [LLC website](#).

Bonding Outside of Boston



The Ridgefield Field Hockey Booster Club submitted this colorful photo of many field hockey players bonding at a summer camp outside of Boston.

RHS Alum Medals in Tokyo!



Kieran Smith, Ridgefield High School Class of 2018, earned a bronze medal in the Tokyo Olympics. This outstanding swimmer earned a spot in both the 400 and 200-meter freestyle finals, coming in third in the 400-meter in an exciting race against the best swimmers in the world. Way to go, Kieran!

Reminder: Health Forms



Please remember to give your doctor plenty of time to get students' health forms prepared and signed. Early planning is particularly important for Ridgefield High School students who plan to play a fall sport. RHS athletes must have up-to-date physicals and forms before starting pre-season activities; [more information and registration here](#).

Keep up with Ridgefield Public Schools News on our website [news page](#) and [calendar](#). We would love to hear from you, [contact us](#) with questions and feedback.

