



RPS NEWS

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All-Elementary District Music Festival

Concert on Saturday, April 27

The All-Elementary District Music Festival is on Saturday, April 27th at 3 pm. This is an exciting musical opportunity for band, chorus, and orchestra students, and for the Ridgefield community to enjoy a showcase of RPS talent—free!

Students audition and then practice together regularly in preparation for the concert. Three RPS teachers run the festival. Ridgebury Music Teacher Phil Banette directs the band; Barlow, Scotland, and Ridgebury Orchestra Director Alexandra McGowan conducts the orchestra; and Scotland Music Teacher Jim Tornatore leads the chorus.

McGowan loves the experience, writing that, “the intended outcome of the festival is to give outstanding young musicians a chance to perform alongside their peers from all six Ridgefield Elementary Public Schools.”

[Please enjoy a video about All-Elementary Music Festival here.](#) Concert at East Ridge Middle School, Saturday, April 27th at 3 pm.



CALENDAR

April 12

PD (Teachers)
Early Dismissal (Students)

April 15-19

Spring Break

April 22**

BOE Meeting

April 24

[Project Resilience Talk](#) 7:00 pm at Library



**Please check [BOE Meeting Calendar](#) for changes.

Visit ridgefield.org/Calendar for full calendar.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the RHS Reading Department, David Griffith, Adam Rapczynski, and Judy Silver on the acceptance of their proposal *Remedial Reading Reimagined: A Collaborative Journey of Spirited Inquiry* at three prestigious education conferences. The photo to the right is at CTCTE Conference. They will present at CT Teacher of the Year Conference in May and the National Council of Teachers of English in November.



ART GALLERY



[View More Art including RES Paintings, RHS Monograms, and ERMS Silhouettes](#)

VP 4th-Graders Patriots vs. Loyalists



In fitting with Ridgefield's rich revolutionary past, fourth-graders at Veterans Park squared off in a debate that pitted the Loyalists vs. the Patriots. In the photo to the left, students in Mrs. Flynn's class wear three-cornered hats to indicate they are Patriots and brimmed bonnets for Loyalists.

MIDDLE SCHOOL MATH

RPS announced this month that Geometry would be returning to the Middle School math curricula in grade 8. Incoming 6th-graders will receive their math placement for next year this week. Assistant Superintendent Craig Creller presented at SRMS and ERMS 6th-grade orientations to outline the new math changes and placement criteria. In addition, all middle school math teachers will meet on Friday, April 12 to work on rewriting the 6th-grade math program to be more aligned to standards rather than a textbook; the team will pull from a wide variety of sources to increase rigor and provide the best possible transition.

Please Vote Here!

What teacher touched your child's life this year? [Please use this link to submit a nomination for RPS Teacher of the Year.](#) Deadline is April 21, 2019. Jen DeJulio, 2018 Teacher of the Year, on the right, with Superintendent Dr. Collins.

