



RPS News

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Flu Clinic Date Correction

The date for the Veterans Park flu clinic in last week's *RPS News* was incorrect. Enclosed please find a [flyer](#) prepared by our partners at RVNAhealth for the walk-in flu clinics for staff and families.

When Is a Game More than a Game?

Last Friday, the Ridgefield High School football team faced off at home for the first time since 2019. While the athletic department joins the Tiger Community in eager anticipation of the completion of the Tiger Hollow Stadium turf, the atmosphere at Tiger Hollow 2 was electric. Just as RHS quarterback Justin K. led his team to a 28-7 victory against 8th-ranked Xavier High School, so RHS seniors Justin D., Chris H., and Joe M. led the Tigers Lair, the student fan section, to fan section of the week (arguably the decade). Students embraced the "black-out" theme and created an imposing presence on the hill behind the west end zone. The contributions and talents of our students went beyond football and fandom. Our Ridgefield High School pep band led by George Beratis got the crowd rocking. Mr. Beratis wrote, "The game felt like opening a long-anticipated gift on a holiday morning. The energy was so raw and beautiful. It was the first moment of real togetherness since March 2020. I have to give credit to our drum majors, Sarah P., Diana K., and Jaden M., who did a great job organizing music, running rehearsals, and effectively communicating band expectations." The Cheer and Dance Teams were incredible as shown in this [video of the Dance Team's half-time show](#). Sophomore Grace M. said, "it was great to see so much school spirit." She added a special shout-out to the Cheer Team flyer, Brooklyn S. "She killed it." The team is set for three consecutive home games on 10/8, 10/15, and 10/22. Let's go, Tigers!



Calendar

October 4

[Project Resilience Talk](#)

[Full RPS Calendar](#)

October 11

No School/Columbus Day

October 12 and 25

BOE Meetings

[Link to Live/Recorded](#)

October 21

Early Dismissal for Students
Professional Development
([Other PD Days](#))

Thumbs up, RES



Ridgebury Elementary kindergartners enjoyed a math program with Greg Tang. Tang offered RES' youngest students a dynamic online lesson on shapes that had students smiling, learning, and giving the thumbs up...or down:)

RPS at RIFF Film Festival

The [Ridgefield Independent Film Festival: Films of Resilience](#) (October 7-10) features films by several former RPS students. Joanna James's film about the underrepresentation of female chefs will open the Festival at Keeler Tavern. Ellie Gravitte (photo left), whose twin Sam featured in last week's [RPS News](#), has a short film screening on Saturday. Josh Carone, a current student at Emerson College who attended Veterans Park Elementary and East Ridge Middle, will present his short on Sunday.



Mooncakes in Mandarin



On Tuesday, September 21, people all across Asia celebrated the Chinese traditional Mid-Autumn Festival (Zhōngqiū jié). Students in Mandarin classes at Ridgefield High School took part in this cultural holiday last week. They learned about the myth of Cháng'é, molded moon cakes (Yuèbǐng) into fun and traditional shapes, and sampled pre-made mooncakes.

Team "Building" at SES



Third graders at Scotland Elementary used Magna-Tiles to reinforce STEM skills and relationships in this team-building exercise.

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