RPS News

Little Spots of Kindness Across RPS

Every day at Ridgefield Public Schools there are big and small acts of kindness that unite us. The all-school collaborative mural at Ridgebury Elementary organized by art teacher Rachael Penney embodies the kindness that runs across the District. RES students K-5 read the book *A Little Spot of Kindness* by Diane Alber. Inspired by the book, students created their own "little spot of kindness" using a variety of art materials and techniques. With help from building substitute, Rebecca Filiault, Penney organized the spots into a colorful daily reminder to the RES community. Penney reports that she will work with fellow art teacher Megan Kounnas to do a similar collaboration at Farmingville Elementary. (See more RPS art from every grade on Instagram).

Last Friday, families turned out to celebrate RPS bus drivers. The Landy family and their neighbors took a collection for their bus driver Lauren Sheridan Scavo (photo right with Gavin Landy). RES first-grader Sydney and her mom Keri Rossi, shown below with their dog Spencer, made the "We Love Our Bus Drivers" banner for an early morning display of appreciation. Schools made signs; PTAs gave out cookies; families shared their appreciation for our valued bus drivers.

This Sunday, many Ridgefield High School athletic teams partnered with the Ruden Report and FCIAC in the Fairfield County Walk to End Alzheimer's. Forgoing birthday presents, RHS student Bella Stewart asked for donations to the Women's Center of Greater Danbury; read about her generosity and how you can give back in this recent *Ridgefield Press* article.

Please continue to share spots of kindness you see across the District and stay tuned to *RPS News* and Communications (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter) for ways to get involved with the upcoming RPS Holiday Food Drive partnership with Ruby's Pantries. We are still in this together, RPS!

Calendar

October 21	**Oct 25, Nov 8 and 22**	**November 2**
Early Dismissal for Students	BOE Meetings	No School Students
Professional Development	Link to Live/Recorded	Professional Development
(Other PD Days)		(Other PD Days)

SRMS Grade 7 Scavengers
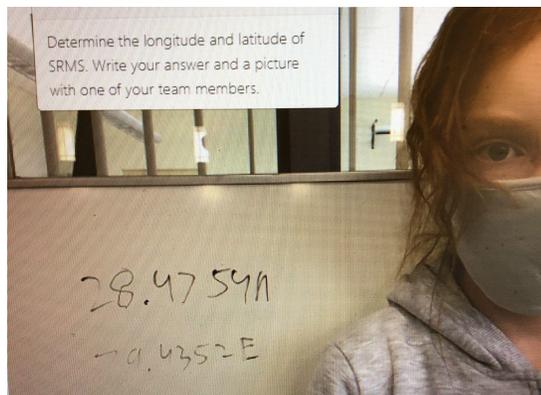
What influence did the Ancient Greeks have on the modern world? Jessica Burns' seventh-grade social studies students recently went on a GooseChase—a digital scavenger hunt—in the Scotts Ridge LLC as a way to review and reinforce their understanding of this ancient civilization. GooseChase requires teamwork, communication, and a little healthy competition. Classes were divided into teams to tackle a list of project-based learning activities within a set time. Students complete these missions by submitting real-time videos or photos and score points for each one successfully completed. The app has a live leaderboard so the students can see how their team is doing. By completing missions the students practice problem-solving, learn about Ancient Greece, and enjoy a collaborative, hands-on learning experience.

RHS GSoc Tops Darien

Ridgefield High School Girls Varsity Soccer out-hustles Darien for 3 to 2 victory. See the go-ahead goal here.

Science of Beautifying ERMS

Jennifer Roth's East Ridge sixth graders planted bulbs for the spring. Roth writes, "in science, my students were focusing on 'developing and using models,' which is one of the SEP's (Science Engineering Practices) outlined by Next Generation Science Standards. Students modeled a bulb in their science journals and then had fun planting them in front of the school. Asking questions about the process and nature as we move through the lesson is part of the NGSS approach. We can't wait to see the bulbs come up in the spring."

Signs of the Time at RHS

RHS's American Sign Language Club leaders Ella B. (left) and Gretchen B. (right) signed "The Star-Spangled Banner" at the football game on Friday night. Go, Tigers!!

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