



RPS NEWS

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Down but Not Broken, RPS Shows Strength and Spirit

The pivot to a hybrid model at the elementary schools and distance learning until November 10 at middle and high schools has been a blow to the RPS community—testing parents, students, and staff’s patience, fortitude, and resiliency. That’s why seeing the joy in the faces of the elementary school students in the photos right might lift us up. New spirit wear and spirit runs (at home in photo top left and in-person in photo bottom), Halloween dress up, Twin Day, Adult Dress Day, and other fun activities started last week and will continue next week.

This is not to underplay the effects of these decisions on everyone. Please know RPS will continue to work together with town public health officials and state guidance to make the soundest health and education determinations possible and communicate with our school community. Please reach out to teachers, guidance counselors, building leaders, and nurses with concerns, shows of support, and follow [health guidelines](#). Nurse Aaron Crook has put [RPS COVID-19 Data](#) on the RPS website to communicate current cases and quarantines.



Calendar

November 3

No School: Offices Open
Election Day

November 9 and 23

BOE Meeting
[BOE website for information](#)

November 25

Early Dismissal
November 26-27
Thanksgiving Recess

Selectman Marconi on Halloween Options and Keeping Safe

SRMS Leaders



Congratulations to Scotts Ridge Middle School Principal Tim Salem and Assistant Principal Lisa Frese, co-winners of the Connecticut Association of School Librarians 2020 Administrator's Award. This award honors administrators who provide support for school library services through encouragement and funding. They will be honored virtually at the CASL annual awards event on November 5th.

Marconi Talks Halloween

On this week's [Tiger Talk Podcast](#), First Selectman Rudy Marconi joins host Dr. Wes DeSantis to discuss how families can celebrate Halloween safely. Marconi shares the Ridgefield Police and Ridgefield Theater Barns' plans for a Spooktacular Drive-Thru Event. He urges parents to make alternative Halloween plans to maintain social distance, stay at home or in your neighborhoods, and keep safe. DeSantis shares his preference for Kit Kats and Reese's Peanut Butter Cups. When reached for comment, Marconi's office said Reese's were also his favorite.

What's your favorite Halloween treat, RPS?
#yourRPS

RHS Volleyball Digs Pink



The RHS girls volleyball team won The Ruden Report Fairfield County Bank Team of the Week for their victories over Staples and Norwalk, but even better was the team's virtual fundraiser, Dig Pink. They raised \$2200 for breast cancer research!

Student Wins Patent

Ben Kiefaber, a Ridgefield High School sophomore, was awarded a patent by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office for his invention "Rear-End Defender™" that he developed in seventh



grade during the CT Invention Convention program at East Ridge Middle School. Ben's invention is a device designed to reduce the occurrence of rear-end car accidents. In June 2018, Ben participated at the [National Invention Convention and Entrepreneurship Expo](#) where he won multiple awards, including the Patent Application Award presented by [WilmerHale](#), which gave Ben the opportunity to work with attorneys from WilmerHale to obtain a U.S. Patent for his invention.

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