



RPS NEWS

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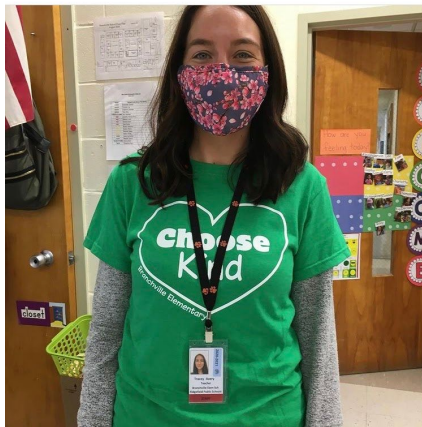
Gratitude and Grace

A t-shirt reads, “I miss precedent times,” a one-line slogan that captures the collective longing for pre-pandemic life. RPS shares this yearning. The District also shares the community’s gratitude for our extraordinary teachers. With the challenges of teaching in-person *and* remote learners, quarantine requirements, and daily uncertainty, teachers have gone above and beyond to educate our students. They are essential workers, and theirs is hard and important work.

Nurse Aaron Crook, Re-opening Committee Chairs Karen Dewing and Dr. Elizabeth Hannaway, and building leaders have also worked tirelessly to prioritize health, keep schools open, give families options, mitigate risk, and communicate health news while adhering to community members’ privacy. In fact, from custodians to food workers, counselors to the technology help desk, RPS staff deserves an appreciation parade.

Students have also risen to the challenge of our times. Even our youngest learners are following masking and social distancing guidance. Much has been lost but some perspective has undoubtedly been gained. Parents probably hear children saying, “I want to go to school” more than ever before. A

deep appreciation for the “precedent times” is one of the blessings of the pandemic. Happy Thanksgiving, RPS! We are grateful for all the families in our district. Thank you.



Calendar

November 25

Early Dismissal

November 26-27

Thanksgiving Recess

December 1

[Parenting Workshop](#)

December 14

BOE Meeting

[BOE website for information](#)

December 23

Early Dismissal

December 24-January 1

Winter Recess

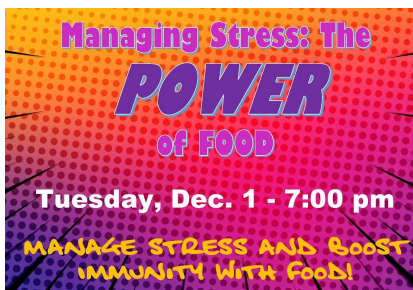
[Full RPS Calendar](#)

FCIAC Titles and Honors



Ridgefield High School Girls Soccer and Girls Swimming joined the Field Hockey, Boys and Girls Cross-Country teams in bringing FCIAC Central titles home. Read the [Ruden Report](#) about girls soccer's stunning semi-final win when Faith Arnold (photo above; credit Matt Dewkett) jumped in as goalie for the shootout. FCIAC honors for individual athletes can be found [here](#). Congratulations to [Fall 2020 FCIAC Scholar-Athletes](#) Santiago Briones Lopez and Rory McGrath.

Parent Workshop



RPS is pleased to partner with Project Resilience to offer a free parenting workshop on Zoom, Managing Stress: The Power of Food, on December 1 at 7 p.m. Registered dietitian and nutrition educator, Meg Whitbeck will discuss how to fuel a resilient mind and body. Please register at ridgefieldlibrary.org or call 203.431.2282.

Yearbook Time



Mushu, Scotts Ridge Middle School

Please check your email for opportunities to order school yearbooks. Mushu (photo above), Scotts Ridge Middle School's Bearded Dragon, smiled for his yearbook photo this year.

Employment Opportunities

Ridgefield Public Schools is hiring. More than ever, substitute teachers are playing a vital role for RPS students. Please visit [the RPS website](#) to find district openings.

FES Cares

Farmingville Elementary Kids Care Club completed their first community service project for the school year. They collected new and gently-used coats, snow pants, and boots for donation to Family & Children's Aid.

This annual event has collected over 100 items each year. Kids Care is a school club teaching the children to work as a team to raise awareness and help those in need in our nearby communities. The students participating in Kids Care are ambassadors and communicate to the FES community what is needed and why!



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