RPS NEWS

Adapt, Advance, Achieve: RPS Plans for September 29

At Monday's Board of Education meeting, Superintendent Dr. Da Silva and Assistant Superintendent of Special Services Dr. Hannaway shared the District's plan for reopening elementary and middle schools for full in-person learning on September 29.

Da Silva also shared the challenges RPS is facing especially at the Middle School level. Every hallway, classroom, and space in every school needs to be reconsidered to maximize social distancing. Every minute of the school day will be analyzed to find time for mask breaks, hand-washing, lunch, staggered dismissal, and learning to give our schools the best chance to stay open and our community the best chance to stay healthy.
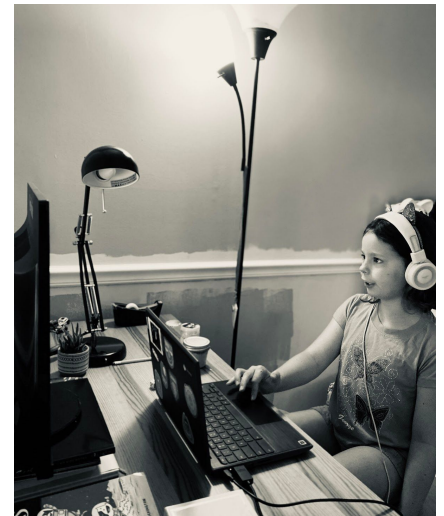
Da Silva commended staff and teachers for all of their hard work. She also recognized the strain on educators teaching a classroom of both in person and remote cohorts and the difficulties of remote learning for RPS' youngest learners

RPS surveyed elementary and middle school parents to find out their plans for their children. Please help by filling out the survey as thoughtfully as possible so that RPS can continue to put forward a comprehensive plan that takes into account all families. Thank you!!!

RPS in Black and White

"Just wanted to give a shout out to RPS and all the teachers," wrote Veterans Park Elementary parent Mira Jensen. "My daughters (photos right) at VP are engaged and learning at home. While they prefer the in-person days, they feel connected to their teachers and peers. I'm beyond impressed and grateful for all the hard work our schools and teachers have put into making school a positive experience in this challenging time."

Calendar

September 28
No School; Yom Kippur

September 29
BOE Meeting
BOE website for information

Full RPS Calendar

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RPS Nurse Clarifies Protocols

Coordinator of Nursing Services Aaron Crook addresses what we all need to do to keep our community safe and healthy in this episode of Tiger Talk podcast. Moderator K-12 STEM Supervisor Dr. Wes DeSantis asks Crook some of the questions parents might have about where RPS gets information, how rules are enforced, and much more. The podcast is highly recommended but also please refer to the State of Connecticut's guidance for help understanding RPS COVID-19 protocols.

You Can't Hide Smiling Eyes

Farmingville Elementary fifth grader, Marietta T. models the mask lanyards donated by the FES PTA. Love the smiling eyes, Marietta!

Bus/Remote Changes

RPS asks parents and guardians to contact their schools directly to change bus or remote learning options. Please send an email to the principal or call the office.

RHS Teacher to Battle

Mark your calendar and get your tickets for the virtual Battle of the Books on Friday, October 2. Sponsored by the Ridgefield Library, last year's Battle of the Books featured RHS Reading Teacher David Griffith (shown in the photo above with disguised RHS teachers and friends) taking second place with his advocacy for *The Fault in Our Stars*. This year, Griffith's department colleague Judy Silver (wearing the "Okay" t-shirt in the photo above) will try to bring home the gold. What book will Silver go to battle for? Visit the Ridgefield Library website to get tickets and more information.

Help Needed

We need you! Please check Powerschool (Demographic Info) to make sure each student has up-to-date local emergency contacts with current phone numbers. Most importantly, please keep children home if they are sick or experiencing COVID-19 symptoms. If your child is home sick or symptomatic, let the school nurse know. Staff too! With your help, we will keep schools open. Here's a list of the State of CT's guidance for easy reference.

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We would love to hear from you, contact us with questions and feedback.