



Lambs, Kids, and Other RHS Internships!

Seniors Take Steps on Post-RHS Paths

This week, many Ridgefield High School seniors started internships in lieu of attending class at RHS. Other seniors will join them the day after taking their last AP exams.

RHS Guidance Counsellor, Lori Bran explains that the goal of the internship program “is to provide real-world experiences and the chance to learn about subjects not normally covered in the High School’s curriculum.” Bran notes that last year, 400 students participated in internships at 263 internship sites in Ridgefield, Danbury, Wilton, and other towns.

The Hickories Farm takes interns from RHS and surrounding towns, teaching environmental and food awareness. On a recent rainy day, the students to the right, Sara F., Hannah C., and Jessica B., were all smiles as they helped clean up from Mother’s Day Brunch amidst the baby lambs shown snuggled in top picture to right.

Many seniors go back to help at their elementary or middle schools, finding their old desks have gotten remarkably small. Scotts Ridge alum Avery B. and Shannon W., shown in the photo right, are enjoying working with SRMS students and staff.

Nicholas Y. helps a busy Ridgefield Thrift Shop manage inventory in the photo below. Other popular internships include First Selectman Rudy Marconi’s office, *Hamlet Hub*, and local businesses such as Pilates Barre and Moran Towing in New Canaan.

This year, RHS will choose two interns a week to feature. Please stay tuned to *RPS News* to learn more about these students and their internships.



CALENDAR

May 27

No School
(Memorial Day)

May 28**

BOE Meeting

June 10**

BOE Meeting

June 19

Last Day of
School

June 21

RHS Graduation

June 24**

BOE Meeting

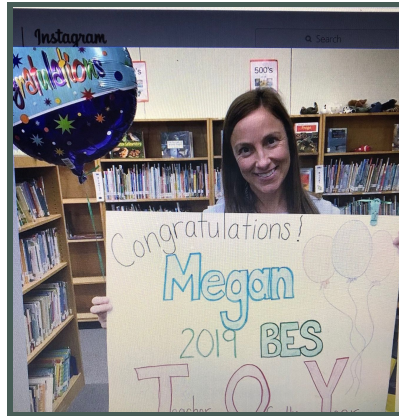
**Please check [BOE Meeting Calendar](#) for changes.

Visit
ridgefield.org/Calendar
for full calendar.

*“Confidence
is contagious.
So is lack of
confidence.”
Vince Lombardi*

BES Teacher of the Year

Branchville's Teacher of the Year is Megan LiVolsi. Ms. LiVolsi writes, "Branchville School is my second home! I love my colleagues, the students, the parents, the feeling you get when you walk through the doors each morning." She also loves the restaurant 850 Degrees and their famous S'mores pizza. [Read more about this inspiring teacher.](#)



ART GALLERY



[View onomonatopoeia art and other projects from Scotland here.](#)

New Principal for Scotland

Ridgefield Public Schools announced Jill Katkocin would be the new principal at SES. Currently an Assistant Principal in Norwalk, Ms. Katkocin (shown right) will begin in July. Parents have commented on her honesty and transparency as well as her strong listening and communication skills. We look forward to having Ms. Katkocin join our RPS community! [Please read the attached press release for more information.](#)

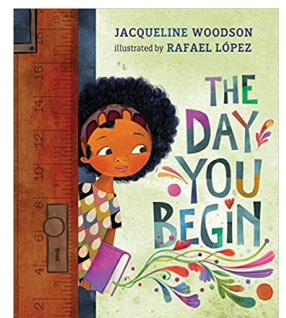


BOOK RECOMMENDATION

The Day You Begin

By Jacqueline Woodson

Barlow Mountain Elementary School Librarian Martha Cerrato recommends *The Day You Begin* by Jacqueline Woodson with illustrations by Rafael Lopez. Cerrato writes, "this is a lovely picture book about overcoming feelings of being new or different and the bravery it takes to reach out and connect with others." ★★★★★



ERMS Student Gives Teacher HERO Award

East Ridge student Nicole G. presented teacher Dawn Kowalicz with a Ridgefield Education Foundation (REF) HERO Award, as shown in the photo to the right, along with REF representative Pam Banks, center. HERO stands for Honor Exceptional Ridgefield Outstanding Educators. [Read more about REF Hero Awards here.](#)

