



# RPS NEWS

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## Memorial Day at Veterans Park *An RPS Tradition with Townwide Reach*

For almost fifty years, Veterans Park School has celebrated Memorial Day with a community-wide event that recognizes the sacrifice of American soldiers. Kicked off by fifth-grader Carly S. (shown in the photo to the right with fellow student council presenters Aayush K. and James W.) and VP Principal Ellen Tuckner, last Friday's Memorial Day celebration was another example of our wonderful RPS Community.



Under perfect weather, students Juliette A., Niamh M., Madelyn F., and Katie P. sang "The Star-Spangled Banner." Then, each grade sang a patriotic song, including "Fifty Nifty United States" by Ray Charles, "America the Beautiful" with sign language, and "You're a Grand Ole Flag." Student Council members Caden A., Grady M., and Audrey D. also presented.



Doctors Claire and Edmond Ganal, who served in the Navy and are parents of RPS students, Sofia, Brendan (born while Edmond was serving in Afghanistan), and Christopher, asked the audience to raise their hands if they ever thanked a teacher, held a door open, or helped around the house. They showed how being our best selves is serving our country. They are shown in the photo above flanked by Assistant Superintendent Craig Creller and Principal Tuckner. Audrey Terry, U.S. Army veteran and VP parent, also spoke eloquently at the event.



First Selectman Rudy Marconi gave a civics lesson about democracy. The photo to the right shows Mr. Marconi with RHS interns who collaborated on his speech. The event closed with "Taps" played by fifth-grader Steijn R. and former music teacher Sue Gross on the trumpet.



## CALENDAR

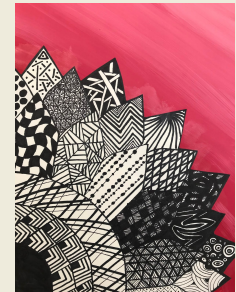
### May 31

Senior Prom

### May 31

Elementary Art  
Walk Continues

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### June 4

BOE Lunch  
Bunch 12pm

### 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](http://ridgefield.org/Calendar)  
for full calendar.

## ERMS 8th Grade Studies Coastal Organisms

East Ridge eighth graders went on a field trip to Sound Waters Educational Center on Cove Island in Stamford. In the photo to the right, students hold nets for a seining activity to study populations of organisms living on our coast. The students participated in four different activities that also included plankton studies and water quality testing. Their studies will continue in the classroom.



## CONGRATULATIONS

FCIAC Champions—Girls Track 4x400 Relay, 4x800 Relay  
FCIAC Champions—Emma L. 300m hurdles, Tess P. 3200m  
FCIAC Champions—Liam B. discus, Evan W. 110H  
Boys Rugby—CT Division II Finalists

## RHS Interns of the Week

This year, for the first time, Ridgefield High School’s Guidance Office is choosing two senior interns to highlight each week. Congrats to Ashley W. and Madison D. this week’s interns!



*Ashley W. (left) returns to her elementary school, shown here with VP fourth-graders.*



*Madison D. (right) gets on the job experience at WHIP Salon.*

## Board of Education Lunch Bunch

The BOE Outreach Subcommittee invites the public to the Town Annex at 66 Prospect Street on June 4 at 12 pm for an informal community discussion.

## ART GALLERY



[View East Ridge Art Gallery.](#)

## TALK RECOMMENDATION

East Ridge Principal Patricia Ranieri invited ERMS, Branchville, VP, and Farmingville parents to hear a fascinating presentation by Dr. Donna Volpitta, founder of *The Center for Resilient Leadership*. Volpitta shared the most current brain research, using an easy to understand framework that parents might use to help children make more mindfully resilient choices.

