

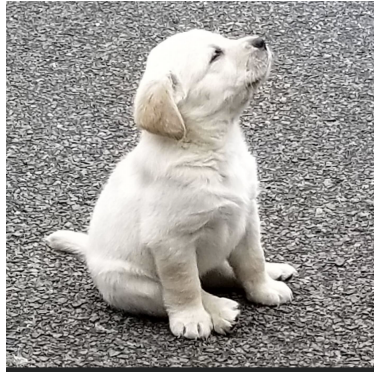


RPS News

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Grade 12-PreK; Register for Summer Bridge by May 3

May 3 is the final day of the elementary registration for the new RPS Summer Bridge Program. Summer Bridge is designed for all RPS students, PreK to Grade 12. The high school offerings will be led by some of the most popular teachers at RHS, emphasize collaboration, and engage students in ways that traditional high school classes might not—think puppies and creative thinking over term papers and due dates. There are community service opportunities for both middle and high school students. Please visit [Bridge Summer Program website](#) to learn more and register for these no-cost programs.



The Winner of the Middle School Battle of the Books Is...

This spring, March Book Madness gave way to April Absurdity at the RPS middle school libraries. With over 250 students voting in the final round, East Ridge Middle School's Book Challenge winner, *The Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins, beat out Scotts Ridge's Book Challenge winner, *Ban This Book* by Alan Gratz, in the inaugural RPS middle school Battle of the Books. Both schools started with brackets of sixteen books in this healthy popularity contest for the championship title:) Runner-up Alan Gratz graciously responded to the SRMS tweet about the epic battle.



Calendar

May 3

Summer Bridge Registration
[RPS Website](#)

May 10 and 24

BOE Meetings
[Live Stream and Archive](#)

May 24

Early Dismissal/Asynch PM

May 3-7

Teacher Appreciation Week
We LOVE RPS Teachers!!!

May 11

Town Budget Referendum

May 31

No School/Memorial Day

June 14

Early Dismissal/Last Day

Teacher Appreciation Week, May 3-7!

Earth Day Poster Contest



The photo left shows Ridgebury Elementary student, Tommy C. holding a prize-winning Earth Day poster he made for the Mamasco Lake Improvement Fund poster contest. Students of all ages were encouraged to submit a poster reflecting the importance of lakes in their community. Sienna S. from Scotts Ridge Middle and Camryn L. from Ridgefield High School also received a \$100 prize, as well as a \$100 donation to the PTA of their school. Winning posters will be on display at Sedona Art (450 Main Street) until the end of April.

Checkmate at ERMS



At East Ridge Middle School, Math Specialist and Department Leader MaryAnn Goldstein and Library Media Specialist Tanya Anderson collaborated on a project where students use mathematics and engineering practices to design their own chess pieces using computer-aided design software. Students calculated the volume of cylinders, cones, prisms, spheres, and other 3D shapes that they combined to create unique chess pieces. Students then watched their designs come to life on the ERMS 3D printer.

The Notorious Kenneth C.

Particularly avid *RPS News* readers might recognize the name Kenneth C., an RHS senior who has appeared in many recent issues because of his success in math, chemistry, and other academic endeavors. Kenneth's quantum computing research project placed 2nd in the Physical Sciences Poster category at the National Junior Science and Humanities Symposium! Here's the [link to the poster presentation](#) he made for the competition. Kenneth plans to attend MIT in the fall. Please see the article below to learn about his leadership on the RHS Science Olympiad team.



Science Olympiad Medals!



The Ridgefield High School Science Olympiad team won third place at the recent Connecticut competition, which is the highest the team has placed since its formation. Please read [a full report](#) about the team's hard work, adaptations during COVID, events in Science Olympiad competitions, individual successes, and reflections for the future in this article written by the co-captains Kenneth C. and Molly C.

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