



RPS NEWS

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Preparing for Great Beginnings: Kindergarten to High School

RPS looks forward to the 2020-2021 school year to ensure the smoothest transitions for students and their families. Children who reach the age of five on or before January 1, 2021 are eligible to enroll in kindergarten. During February and March, each elementary school hosts a kindergarten registration for parents. [RPS kindergarten registration information with dates.](#)



Orientation for fifth-grade students moving to middle school and their families is scheduled for April 2 at East Ridge and Scotts Ridge Middle Schools. Students currently at Branchville, Farmingville, and Veterans Park Elementary will attend East Ridge. Students at Barlow Mountain, Ridgebury, and Scotland Elementary will attend Scotts Ridge.



Earlier this month, eighth-graders and their parents attended RHS orientation. The orientation included a presentation of the graduation requirements, the enrollment process, and the wide range of course offerings. After the formal presentation, the future freshman went to the cafeteria for a more informal introduction. The photo left shows RHS students displaying their enthusiasm for Italian. Students will be receiving course recommendations next week and meeting with guidance counselors in the next few weeks with final course selections due on February 15.

Branchville Art Exhibition Opens on Main Street

On Friday, February 7 from 4 to 5:30 pm, Branchville Elementary's Art Collaborative will open at Fairfield County Bank Insurance Services on Main Street. BES student artwork inspired by the work of artist Rosie Jon will remain on display all month.



Calendar

February 1

BOE Public Hearing
Scotts Ridge MS 10 am

February 13

Early Dismissal
Professional Day for Staff

February 18

No School for Students
Professional Day for Staff

February 10*

BOE Public Hearing and
BOE Meeting

February 14-17

No School; February Break

*Board Conference Room
Town Annex 7:00 pm
Please Check [RPS Calendar](#)
for BOE Snow Date

[Full RPS Calendar](#)

BES and RES Eco-Advocates



Branchville (photo left) and Ridgebury (photo right) Elementary students want to change the world. They made signs and presentations to encourage people to think twice before using a plastic straw, to recycle the proper way, and to stand up for the environment. The BES and RES principals arranged an online video conference call so that these passionate students could share their strategies and efforts.

Elementary Coding & Robots



K-12 STEM Supervisor Dr. Wes DeSantis commented, "WOW, that looks awesome! I wish I had stuff like this when I was a kid!" when he saw a robotics program at Farmingville Elementary. This

engaging educational program asked FES students to write code to control small scale drivable robots. During Scotland Elementary's Coding and Robotics week, co-sponsored by the SES PTA, students (photo above) enjoyed learning how robotics impacts and influences their lives today and in the future.

Student Art



[Visit the RPS art gallery.](#)

Hat Day and GeoBee at ERMS

East Ridge Middle School's Student Council sponsored Friday Hat Day to raise money for Puerto Rico and Australia. Students donated \$1 or more to wear a hat or hoodie for the day. They raised a whopping \$1600 for disaster relief. Nick Davi (photo right) was the winner of the GeoBee for the second year in a row. Congrats!



Record Number of RHS Musicians in Local Festival



Nineteen Ridgefield High School students participated in CMEA's Western Region Festival. This was the highest number of Ridgefield students selected in a decade. [RHS junior Samantha McLemore's account.](#)

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