



RPS News

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New Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction

Ridgefield Public Schools Superintendent Susie Da Silva announced that Cory Gillette, MS.Ed. will be the new Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction. Ms. Gillette comes to Ridgefield from the Darien Public Schools, where she has worked since 2013, first as a Literacy Program K-12 Coordinator then K-5 English Language Arts and Social Studies Program Director.

Dr. Da Silva said Gillette’s experience with Darien’s K-12 curriculum alignment was critical to RPS’s programmatic needs. “She has the experience to look at curriculum implementation at the elementary level to inform students’ middle and high school success.” Gillette’s depth of knowledge with the Wilson, Foundations, and Orton-Gillingham approaches to literacy will be particularly important. The District conducted an extensive search and found Gillette’s knowledge of technology, literacy, curriculum, student assessment, and professional development for teachers to be unparalleled. Ms. Gillette will start on February 8. Please read the [full press release](#).



State COVID-19 Protocols for Travel and Quarantine



Ridgefield Public Schools COVID-19 Health and Safety Compliance Liaison and Coordinator of Nursing Services Aaron Crook filmed [this video](#) to outline new Connecticut and RPS protocol mandates. His video explains the new ten-day quarantine, a rapid testing site for staff, and hope for a vaccine for educators. Please watch the video if you haven’t already. The photo right shows Nurse Crook after he received the Pfizer mRNA COVID-19 vaccine. School health depends on you. Please continue to keep students with any COVID symptoms home, wash hands, wear masks properly, and keep socially distanced.

Calendar

January 11 and 25

BOE Meetings

January 23

BOE Special Meeting

Full-day Budget Workshop

[Full RPS Calendar](#)

January 18

No School: MLK Day

January 29

Early Dismissal/Asynchronous
Professional Development

[Asynchronous Days](#)

January 29

February 26

March 15

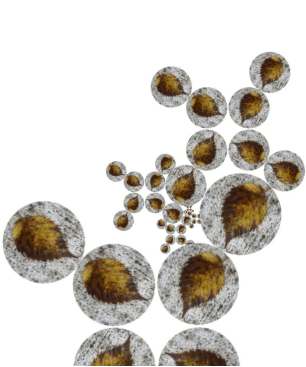
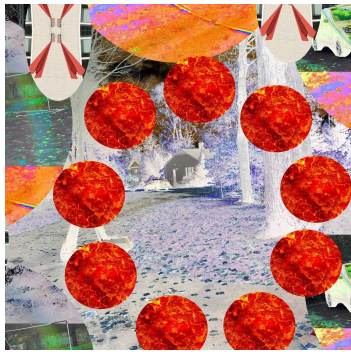
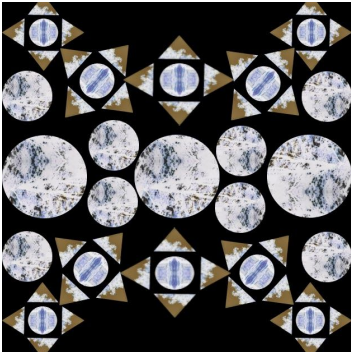
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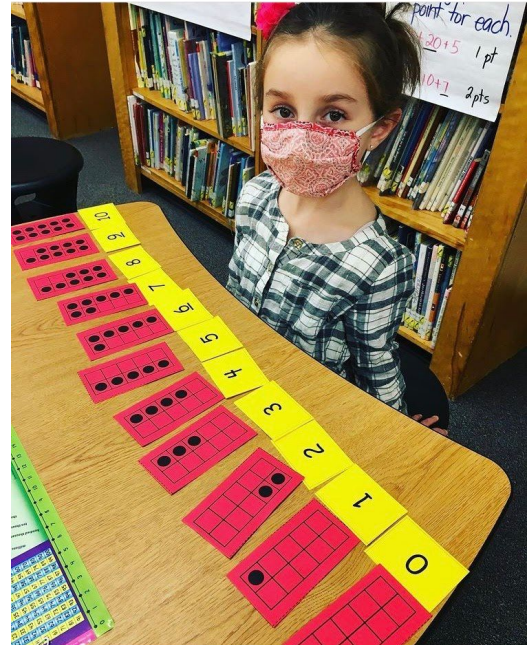
Patterns



Dana Phelan's Ridgefield High School photography students used editing software to select a fragment of an image they had taken. Students altered and repeated the fragment to develop a pattern. Visit [a gallery of student work](#) to learn more about the assignment and see more examples of their creative use of patterns.



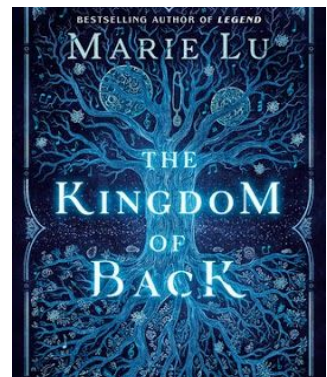
Early Math



This Branchville Elementary student is using simple manipulatives to practice number literacy. To access the RPS Curriculum at every level, please visit our [website](#).

Let's Talk Books

East Ridge Middle School's Library Media Specialist Tanya Anderson has been working with ERMS English teachers to teach students how to be digitally responsible online while contributing to a virtual conversation about books. Ms. Anderson has launched a blog, [Ms Anderson Reads](#), to encourage the entire Ridgefield community to join in the conversation.



Read any good books, RPS?

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