



RPS NEWS

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We Need to Be Better



RPS shares the nationwide despondency over racial injustice. For decades, Ridgefield Public Schools have worked to address and combat racism through sharing stories, building empathy, studying history, and rejecting hate. However, that is not enough, and we know that our families of color experience racism that is heartbreaking and unacceptable. We will continue to look for ways to actively fight against discrimination and engage all students and families in hope of fundamental change and a better future. Please read [Dr. Da Silva's letter](#) to the community. The photo left shows last year's Barlow Mountain Elementary first-graders performing "Kindness Is a Muscle."

We miss hearing our students' voices and seeing their faces!

RHS Profiles in Courage

Nine Ridgefield High School students placed in the top 10% of the annual [Profiles in Courage](#) national essay contest. RHS students: Kenneth C., Claire G., Bridget G. (photo right), Emma D., Lucas K., Grace M., Emmett O., Philip P., and Carter S. all advanced to the second round. In the letter of commendation, a contest representative wrote to English Department Chair, Patricia Boutilier, that RHS is among a select few high schools to have multiple students advance to the second round. The representative cited this achievement as a testimony to RHS's guidance and students' excellent research and writing skills.



Calendar

June 8, June 22

BOE Meetings (7 pm)

[BOE website for information](#)

June 17

Early Dismissal

Last Day of School

June is LGBTQ Pride Month

Students who are LGBTQ and their parents and allies can access support and information about LGBTQ pride events, including a virtual LGBTQ prom by sending an email to:

supportgroup@ridgefieldctpride.com



[Full RPS Calendar](#)

Visit Virtual Elementary School Art Shows On Page Two!

You've Got to See This!



Barlow Mountain Elementary students have been cooking up creativity. In the photo left, kindergartener Luke H. shows off his salt dough macaroon. Tour BMES virtual galleries to see students' inspiring, artistic endeavors.

[BMES Art Grades K-2](#)
[BMES Art Grades 3-5](#)

Free Donuts, Anyone?



This jumbo donut by Ridgebury Elementary third-grader Courtney S. looks good enough to eat. See this donut and other masterpieces at the Ridgebury virtual art show.

[RES Art Grades K-2](#); [RES Art Grades 3-5](#)

Consider Yourself Invited

The Branchville Elementary gallery shows how students kept their creative juices flowing in quarantine. Stroll the virtual gallery to see amazing works including this collage, titled "Outdoor Fun" by BES first-grader Alice C.

[BES Art Grades K-5](#)



Priceless Art

What student wouldn't want a dream room like the one Scotland Elementary Grade 4 student Olivia H. drew? Witness how students strengthened and flexed their creative muscles this year at the SES art show.

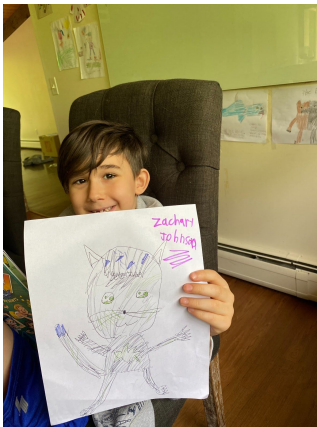
[SES Art Grades K-2](#); [SES Art Grades 3-5](#)



Private Tour for Collectors

RPS is happy to invite you on a private tour of the Farmingville Elementary art galleries. Discover emerging artists, including Zachary J. (Grade 2) shown in the photo left with his work, "Portrait as a Cat."

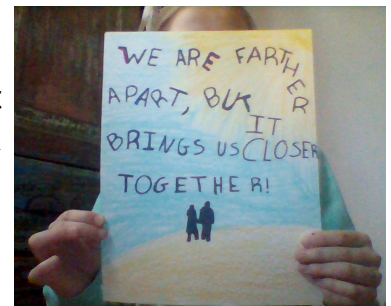
[FES Art Grade K-1](#)
[FES Art Grades 2-3](#)
[FES Art Grades 4-5](#)



Get Inspired and Feel Better

Art has the power to inspire and heal. That's why you can't miss the Veterans Park art galleries featuring work to lift the spirits, including the kindness poster right by Mairead L. (Grade 5).

[VPES Art Grades K-2](#); [VPES Art Grades 3-5](#)



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