



# RPS News

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## Honorary Captain



Barlow Mountain Elementary fourth-grader, Conner Curran was honorary captain of the Ridgefield High School boys lacrosse team in its game against Greenwich. The team raised funds for Conner's family's foundation, [Kindness Over Muscular Dystrophy](#) or (KOMD), which funds medical research to help find a cure for Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy as well as assist families with the expenses of handicap accessible vans, chair lifts, or medical equipment. [More photos and information here.](#)

Photo Credit: Gregory Vasil, Iconic Sports Imagery

## RPS Teacher of the Year!

At a Monday Teacher Appreciation Breakfast, Ridgefield Public Schools announced that East Ridge Middle School's Hilary Brown is the 2021 Teacher of the Year. Like so many RPS teachers, Ms. Brown has gone above and beyond this year. Brown spent countless hours at home sewing homemade masks for her students so that they could play their instruments and stay safe when instrumental PPE was backordered. Thoughtful, creative, inspiring, and hardworking are all descriptions that fit this extraordinary educator who is always on the lookout to encourage, support, and inspire her students.

Congratulations to all the RPS Teacher of the Year Winners! We are so grateful!

RHS - Margaret Meriwether, Health Teacher 🍏 SRMS - Andrew Clavi, Music Teacher 🍏 BMES - Valerie Nezvesky, Kindergarten Teacher 🍏 BES - Laurie Bellagamba, 3rd Grade Teacher 🍏 FES - Deanna Schappert, 1st Grade Teacher 🍏 RES - Sally Murray, Special Education Teacher 🍏 SES - James Tornatore, Music Teacher 🍏 VPES - Michele Flynn, 4th Grade Teacher 🍏



## Calendar

**May 10 and 24**

BOE Meetings

[Live Stream and Archive](#)

**May 24**

Early Dismissal/Asynch PM

[RPS Calendar](#)

**May 31**

No School/Memorial Day

**May 11**

Town Budget Referendum

**June 14**

Early Dismissal/Last Day

🍏 Thank You, Teachers ! 🍏

## RES Builds Reading Stamina



The photo above shows Ridgebury Elementary fourth-graders in Erica Ippoliti's class working on their reading stamina *and* enjoying a beautiful day.

## Latin Medals



Ridgefield High School Latin III students pictured in the above photo left to right - Brooke A., Madeleine G. Griffin B., Katie R., and Lily D. all placed in the National Latin Exam. Congratulations to the following RHS Latin students on their success!

### Latin IV

Jack H.—Silver

### Latin III

Katie R., Griffin B., and Brooke A.—Gold

Lily D. and Caroline V.—Silver

Madeleine G.—Magna Cum Laude

### Latin II

Brooke F. —Gold

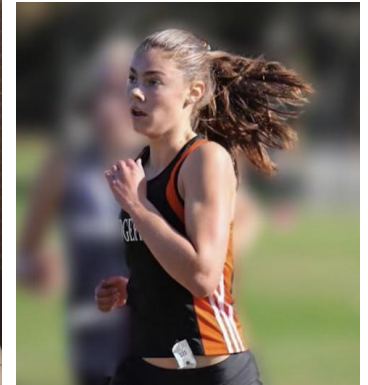
Oliver H. —Silver

Maya C., Rebecca L., Claire P.—Magna Cum Laude

### Latin I

Donnelly R. and Casey O.—Silver

## CIAC Scholar Athletes



Congratulations to Ridgefield High School seniors Liam Keppler (Football, Wrestling, Rugby) and Rory McGrath (Running) Ridgefield's CIAC Scholar-Athletes. The Scholar-Athlete Program recognizes two high school seniors from each member high school "whose academic and athletic careers have been exemplary; whose personal standards and achievements are a model to others; who possess high levels of integrity, self-discipline, and courage." Liam will attend Schreyer Honors College at Penn State in the fall studying Biology/Pre-Med. Rory plans to study Biopsychology/Pre-Med and continue running at Tufts University.

## Math Placement Videos

The District's recommendations for math placement for sixth, seventh, and eighth graders are now available to parents. The math curriculum team recorded informational sessions for parents. Please watch this [video to learn about placement for rising fifth graders](#). Watch this [video for information about seventh and eighth-grade math](#). The team also describes high school math pathways.

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