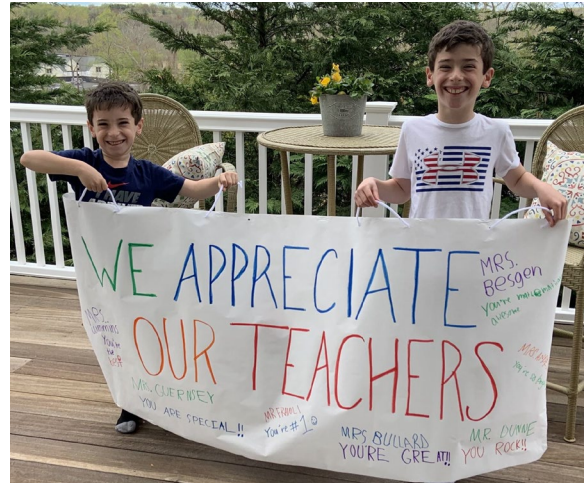
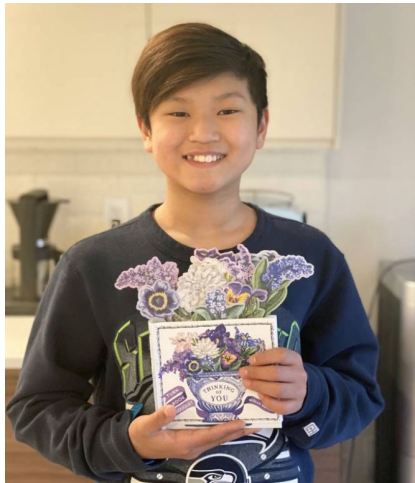
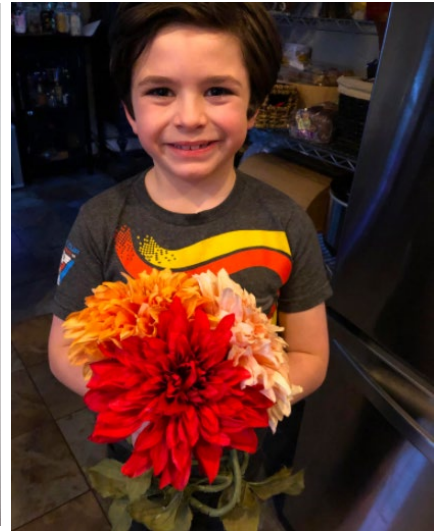
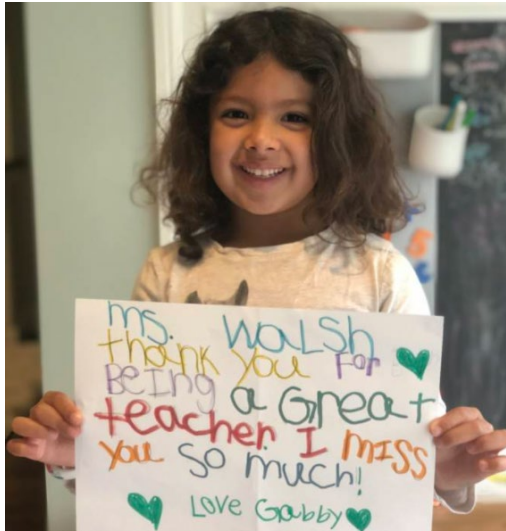




# RPS NEWS

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## We Love Our Teachers!



Students, staff, and parents across the district found creative ways to salute the awesome RPS teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week. [Watch the video](#). Thank you, PTAs! Thank you, teachers!

## Calendar

**May 11\***  
BOE Meeting (7 pm)

**May 18\***  
BOF Public Hearing on  
BOE Budget (7 pm)

**May 19 and 20**  
BOF Budget Discussions  
(Time TBD)

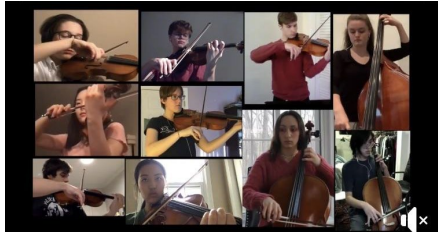
**May 25**  
No School  
Memorial Day

**May 26\***  
BOE Meeting (7 pm)

\*Check [website](#) for information

[Full 2019-20 RPS Calendar](#)

## Ridgefield Streams



Members of the RHS Symphonic Orchestra came together to perform a movement of Dvorak's New World Symphony arranged by RHS Orchestra Director Michael McNamara. [Listen to their beautiful performance.](#)

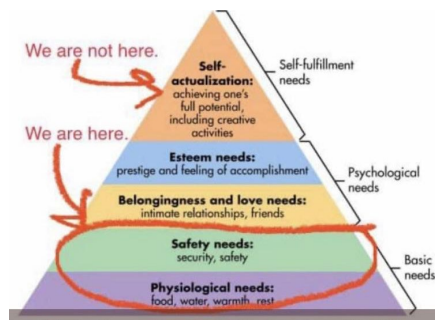
## Put Your Heart Out

Hearts Across Ridgefield, a collaborative initiative by the art teachers from all six elementary schools, is going strong. Students and staff are putting hearts in their windows to spread love, hope, unity, and kindness across our community! Please join the fun and click the links to see and feel the love. [BMES](#), [BES](#), [FES](#), [RES](#), [SES](#), [VPES](#).



## Mental Health Check

RHS Guidance Counsellor Lori Bran shared the diagram right with the tweet: "Ever feel like you should be more productive with all of this 'free' time? Don't! Here's why."



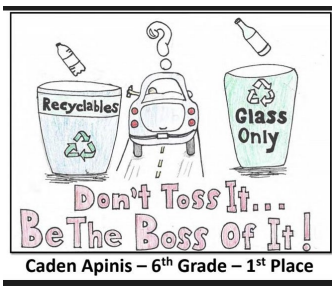
## New RPS Podcast

Ridgefield launched a new podcast hosted by STEM Supervisor Dr. Wes DeSantis. Tune into [Tiger Talk](#) to hear Superintendent Dr. Da Silva (photo) reflect on her inaugural month at RPS and how her first students, bilingual kindergarteners, still inspire her. In the second episode, RHS Reading Department teachers David Griffith and Judy Silver share how one small class grew to a big department, test scores have risen, and how some of their favorite students are the ones who start the class saying, "I hate reading."



## Poster Winners

Local agency [HRRRA](#) hosted a poster contest to help them spread the word that glass should be recycled separately from other materials. RPS had a total of eight winners. Congrats to Caden A., Sienna B., Lexi B. and Zoe D., Eleni K., Michelle S., Sophie S., and Elizabeth W.



[Winning Ridgefield HRRRA](#)

[Posters in Recycling Billboard Contest](#)

## Congratulations

Two of the eight representatives from the state of Connecticut at the [Junior Science and Humanities Symposium](#) were from RHS! Congratulations to student Kenneth C. and teacher Patrick Hughes.

Keep up with Ridgefield Public Schools News on our website [news page](#) and [calendar](#). We would love to hear from you, [contact us](#) with questions and feedback.

