



# RPS News

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## RPS Salutes Veterans with Ceremony, Song, and Gratitude

“You signed a blank check to the United States of America,” said East Ridge Middle School Social Studies teacher Mike Settani, during Wednesday’s Veterans Day assembly. “That’s why this is the most important day in our school year.” Settani’s gratitude to veterans was echoed at schools across the District as students and staff turned out to celebrate veterans. Photos clockwise from top: ERMS eighth-grader Casey Fischer with her grandfather Captain John E. Fischer, a West Point graduate who is a Vietnam veteran, Green Beret, and Airborne-Ranger. Scotts Ridge Middle principal Tim Salem with his former student, guest speaker, Lieutenant Colonel, Ed Kennedy. U.S. Coast Guard Rescue Diver William Goins with his family at Scotland Elementary. Branchville Elementary Principal Keith Margolus with his father, Louis Margolus, who served in the Navy. BES and ERMS students. Assistant Superintendent Cory Gillette, Technology Director Wes DeSantis, Settani, and Superintendent Susie DaSilva.



## Calendar

**November 15**  
 Parenting Workshop  
 Moving Through Grief and Loss  
[Register for In-Person Workshop/Get Link for Live Virtual](#)

**November 22**  
 BOE Meeting  
[Link to Live/Recorded](#)  
[RPS Calendar](#)

**November 24**  
 Early Dismissal  
 Thanksgiving Break

**November 25-26**  
 No School/Thanksgiving

**RHS Play Opens Tonight: Ticket Info on Page 2**

## Elementary Art Gallery



Shape! Texture! Lines! Printmaking! Pop-art! All fall, Ridgefield Public Schools elementary students have been exploring art techniques, learning about new artists, and stretching their creativity. Please see [the gallery here](#) to enjoy seasonal art since September and the array of talented RPS artists including, third-grader Ian K. (left) and fifth-grader Kevin Y. (right).

## RPS Makes Music

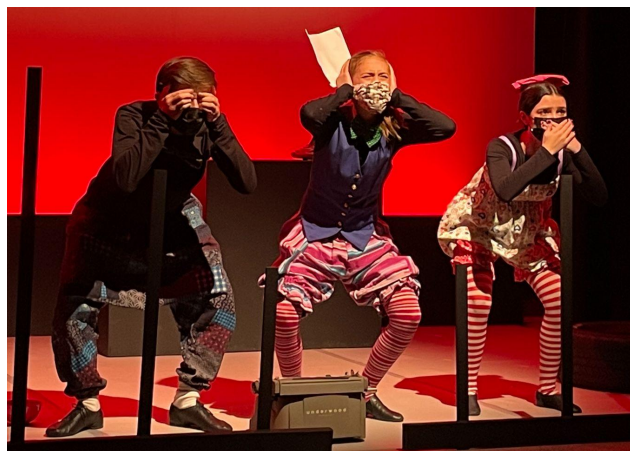
Members of the RPS music faculty wowed Monday's Board of Education meeting with a [presentation](#) of its ambitious program that makes music an essential component of the RPS experience. An example of the depth of RPS music is the RHS music department's workshop with the Ridgefield Symphony Orchestra described in this [Hamlet Hub article](#).

## We Are The Champions!



Ridgefield High School Boys Cross Country won the State Championship. Congratulations, runners!

## It's All in the Timing



The Ridgefield High School Theater Department's production of *All in the Timing* by David Ives opens tonight! Mature audiences will love these six hysterical one-act comedies. Performances in the RHS Black Box Theatre are November 12-13 and 19-20 at 7:30 p.m. **Tickets must be purchased online in advance at [RHS Performing Arts](#).** Photo left to right Nate Cohen, Frankie Belden, and Andie River Kieran.

## Ornaments for Ann's Place

RHS ceramics classes created mini pop-art food ornaments for a tree to donate to Ann's Place for its Festival of Trees taking place November 19-21 at the Summit in Danbury. More information about Ann's Place, an organization that helps those living with cancer and their families, as well as the Festival of Trees, can be found [here](#).



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