



RPS News

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Give Back With RPS; Holiday Food Drive Starts Next Week

12-year-old Ruby Weiner might look small between Scotts Ridge Middle School Teacher Emily Shiller and Superintendent Susie Da Silva in the photo on the right but her idea for Little Pantries around town has inspired RPS big time! We are partnering with Ruby on a District-wide Holiday Food and Funds Drive to help keep her Little Pantries stocked and aid local families in need. Find Ruby's Little Pantries' locations, her suggestions for pantry favorites, and how RPS families can help with donations [here](#). Please look for a donation bin at our new Central Office location at 90 East Ridge Road. RPS will continue to offer ways to give back through the holiday season and into the New Year, so stay tuned to RPS Communications and tell us how you're giving back by emailing apratt@ridgefieldps.net or using the #ourRPS on social media posts.



Tiger Hollow Reopens! Please Come Enjoy Your Stadium

Spirits at Ridgefield High School have been soaring all week leading up to Homecoming weekend. A friendly competition between classes for who has the most spirit has turned the RHS hallways into a colorful smorgasbord of costumes and creativity. Today, students will dress in Tiger Pride for an all-school pep rally. The football team will face off against Trumbull on the new Tiger Hollow Stadium turf at 7 pm. Tiger Hollow Stadium is a community resource. Please come to a game or walk the track. Hint: The half-time show by the RHS Dance and Cheer might thrill even the most reluctant sports fan. GO, TIGERS!



Calendar

Nov 8 and 22
BOE Meetings

[Link to Live/Recorded](#)

November 11
No School
Veterans Day

November 15

Parenting Workshop
Moving Through Grief and Loss

[Register for In-Person
Workshop/Get Link for Live
Virtual](#)

[RPS Calendar](#)

November 24

Early Dismissal
Thanksgiving Break

November 25-26

No School
Happy Thanksgiving

Farmingville Gets the Story



Farmingville Elementary fifth graders have become journalists over the last two weeks. Melissa Avanzato, an FES parent, kicked off the unit sharing her writing process and work as a journalist. The students spent time observing and interviewing to find the scoop at FES. Their first article, which was about the activities going on in the FES Garden, is in this week's [Farmingville Files](#) newsletter. Then, they observed kindergartens at lunch, food workers (photo above left), first-graders at recess, the custodian and security guard at work (photo above right), and more. They've been typing as fast as possible to create each news article.

Rector Is State Champion



Ridgefield High School senior, Katie Rector, won the Connecticut State Cross Country Class LL Title and finished first in FCIAC as well. Katie will continue running at Washington University in St. Louis next year. Way to run, Katie!

Art Moves at ERMS Gallery



The [Nick Barberi Gallery](#) at East Ridge opened with an exhibition of 8th-grade Motion in 2D Art that would rival an NYC gallery show. Hillary Lewis's students answered the question, "How do you show motion in 2D still materials?" See their "moving" responses in this [slideshow](#) or in person at conferences or during school hours.

RHS Candidate Forum



The Ridgefield High School Social Studies Department organized their annual Candidates Assembly. In late October, six of the seven Board of Education candidates answered students' questions in a lively debate. Then, students cast their vote in a mock election, using voting ballots and an electronic tabulator used during real elections. Read the full story from the League of Women Voters [here](#). Thank you to all BOE volunteers and candidates for their time and dedication!

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