

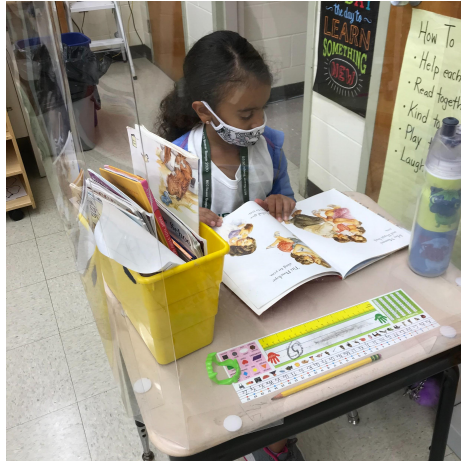


RPS NEWS

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Full-Time Elementary and Two COVID-19 Cases at RHS

Elementary students are just finishing their first full week of Grade K-5 in-person learning. While so much has changed in terms of protocols this year, what hasn't changed is the spirit, resourcefulness, and resiliency of RPS teachers, staff, and students. If anything, the experience of being out of school this spring made school communities and teachers even more appreciated and in-school moments more precious.



[Please see photos from the elementary schools here.](#)

Last Friday morning, Ridgefield High School learned that one of its members had tested positive for COVID-19. Cohort B students in the building stayed in the classrooms while the administration finalized dismissal plans, and then those students went home. RHS students in all cohorts were back to remote learning that afternoon. The RHS administration team immediately began contact tracing, and more than three dozen students and faculty were told that afternoon to quarantine for 14 days. Friday's football contest and other after-school activities were canceled and the school was deep cleaned. The PSAT was held the next day and sports teams played games. Cleaning continued through the weekend, and Cohort A resumed school on Monday. This Wednesday, another member of our community, who attended the PSAT, tested positive. Contact tracing led to nine people being told to quarantine.

These situations afford Ridgefield Public Schools an opportunity to reflect on protocols in anticipation of an uptick in cases during winter months. Please continue to keep your children with COVID symptoms home from school. [Information on COVID-19 symptoms, State Guidance, and RPS protocols can be found here.](#) To report a positive test **during** school hours, call the school office. To report a positive COVID test **after** school hours, please send an email to [Superintendent Da Silva](#), [Nurse Aaron Crook](#), your school nurse, **and** your school principal with the subject line, Positive COVID-19 Result.

Thank you for your support and cooperation to help mitigate risk and keep our schools open.

Calendar

October 26

BOE Meeting

[BOE website for information](#)

October 26-30

RHS Spirit Week

[Full RPS Calendar](#)

October 29

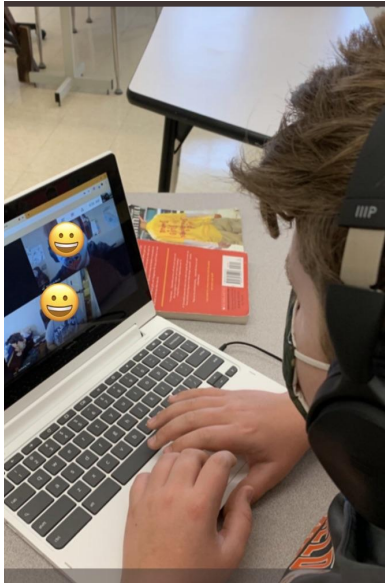
Early Dismissal Students

Professional Development

Spirit Week in Next Week's RPS News

New Technologies

RPS Technology Integration Teacher Kim Moran posted the photo left of Scotts Ridge Middle School sixth graders in Ms. Haines' classroom meeting in small groups—one student in-person and two remote. The students used newly purchased technology that allows students to collaborate in breakout groups whatever cohort they are in.



RHS Zentangles

Ridgefield High School Art Teacher Jane Grassi shared these Zentangles, created by her Art Foundation students. Zentangles are doodlings with structured patterns, which are meant to be relaxing and meditative.



Liz D.



Ashley B.



Maddie B.

RES Parent Network

A Ridgebury Elementary parent posted a callout on the RES parents' Facebook page: "In an effort to network and support each other, please post your talents below." Bakers, bankers, tutors, IT experts, outdoor educators, insurance brokers, and artists all posted their expertise and passions in a lively exchange of community solidarity.

Tiger Talk Podcast

Dr. Wes DeSantis's [Tiger Talk Podcasts](#) are highly recommended for weekly in-depth and entertaining conversations about current Ridgefield Public Schools issues. #yourRPS



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