



RPS News

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Happy Halloween, RPS!

All week, Ridgefield Public School students have gotten into the Halloween spirit. The photo near right shows a cowgirl having an alien encounter during the Veterans Park kindergarten parade. In the photo far right, Mal from the Descendents meets Elementary Supervisor Sarah Weirsman twinning with her dog Leo at a Barlow Mountain Elementary Trick or Trunk Event. Happy Halloween! Please deliver any unwanted Reese's Peanut Butter Cups to the Central Office's new location at 90 East Ridge Road:)



SRMS Simulations Build Compassion and Awareness

Scott Ridge seventh-grade Spanish classes started the year focusing on Cuba and the refugee experience. The students read *El Escape Cubano* by Mira Canion based on a true story of an 11-year old boy who, along with his family and friends, secretly builds a raft to escape from Havana, Cuba to the USA. Then, SRMS students built "balsas" (rafts) and learned more about the harrowing journey to freedom. They used the SRMS rowing machines to test whether they could go the distance. Read the full story about this cultural lesson and see more photos [here](#).



Calendar

November 2

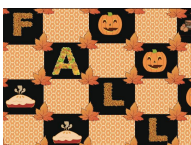
No School Students

[Professional Development](#)

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](#)

November 24

Early Dismissal

Thanksgiving Break

November 25-26

No School

Happy Thanksgiving

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Author Kiely Visits RHS



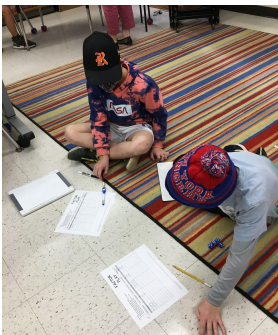
Brendan Kiely, *New York Times* best-selling author of the novel *All American Boys*, visited (virtually) RHS Reading classes to discuss his book. Students in the class "Individual Identity and Social Justice" are reading his novel and were able to ask the author questions about the book. RHS Reading Department

teachers will present with Kiely at the NCTE (National Council for Teachers of English) next month.

Jax Rows to Gold in Boston



RHS Student, Jax Mantione (right), won a gold medal at the Head of the Charles Regatta in Cambridge, MA last weekend. Jax and her partner are the first females in Maritime Rowing Club's history to win a gold medal in a double at this prestigious race. Congratulations!



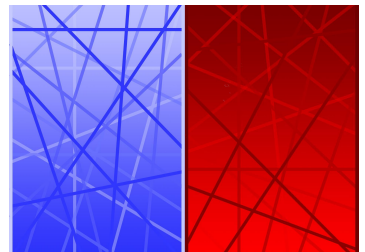
Factoring at BES

Fourth graders at Branchville Elementary rolled dice to practice finding factors. Each team took the sum of the four dice then found all the factors in a fun game that built numeracy and Yahtzee skills:)

3D Jewelry and Computer Art



Ridgefield High School students in 3D Jewelry Design and Computer Art have made the most of full in-person learning with an impressive output of wire-wrapped sea glass, lines, and patterns.



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