



RPS NEWS

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RPS Inside and Out

Thank you to students, teachers, parents, staff, and bus drivers for all you did to ensure a safe and productive start to the 2020-21 Ridgefield Public School year! There is no question that this year is a challenge for everybody—especially perhaps for RPS’s youngest and oldest students and their parents.

However, with planning, unity, flexibility, and technology, schools have reopened and that is something to celebrate. Cohorting has allowed social distancing in classrooms and hallways (photos right). Mostly favorable weather conditions have allowed teachers to bring learning outside when possible. Ridgefield High School installed tents enabling more students to eat lunch al fresco. Students and parents have endured many inconveniences to follow guidelines to keep our community safe.



RPS will continue to try to meet the challenges together. Stay well, everyone!

National Merit Semi-Finalists

Congratulations to the eight Ridgefield High School [National Merit](#) Semi-Finalists: Evelyn Carr, Ellie Carter (photo right), Kenneth Choi, Aidan Flaherty, Lucas Kaye, Charles King, Emmett O’Malley, and Dmitri Volkov.



Calendar

September 14
BOE Meeting

September 28
No School; Yom Kippur

September 29
BOE Meeting

[Full RPS Calendar](#)

[BOE website for information](#)

Amazing Online Resources

Please visit Ridgefield Public Schools' website to access a wide array of academic resources and social/emotional support. In particular, [Resources by Grade Level](#) provides free enrichment for every grade and interest. Some of the resources available include online audiobooks, interactive math games, coding and typing lessons, middle school libraries, as well as a link to the State of Connecticut's broad range of online academic offerings and support.



K-5 Resources

6-8 Resources

9-12 Resources

Rainbow Over RHS



English Teacher Emily Kilbourn took this striking image of a rainbow over a glowing Ridgefield High School. Maybe RHS students and staff are the metaphoric pot of gold at the end.

Elementary Math Kits



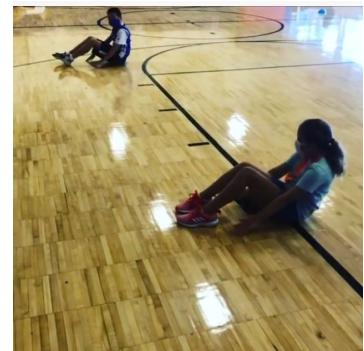
Dr. Wes DeSantis, the RPS K-12 STEM Supervisor, reports that elementary students will receive math kits. The photo above shows Scotland Elementary teachers, Meaghan Goebel and Alaina Kakos, assembling the kits, which will provide hands-on learning to each student.

Support Your PTA

Perhaps now, more than ever, RPS PTAs provide a bridge between parents and the schools. Please visit the [PTA Council's website](#) to find out more information about membership, meetings, and remote volunteer opportunities at your schools.

VPES Gets Moving!

Veterans Park Elementary Physical Education teacher Mike Fraioli understands the importance of engaging students in physical fitness whether they are remote or in person. Follow him on Instagram [@vpes_pe](#) for ideas and inspiration.



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