



RPS NEWS

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SRMS Principal Tim Salem Recognized by CSCA and Staff



The Connecticut School Counselor Association (CSCA) selected Scotts Ridge Middle School Principal Tim Salem as Administrator of the Year. The SRMS guidance staff nominated Mr. Salem with this [letter of support](#), which highlights his connection to students and staff.

SRMS seventh-grade Guidance Counselor Stephanie Tavares recently wrote, "As a department, we feel extremely lucky to be under the leadership of someone like Tim. He understands our roles and truly makes us feel valued as staff members. He has only showcased his exemplary leadership during this crisis. He has been bending over backward to ensure that every student, family, and staff member is doing well and staying healthy. This is something no one could have prepared us for, and he is handling it with grace, helping us adjust, and doing all he can to make this transition to online learning as smooth as possible."

Earth Day Art

Wednesday was Earth Day so this week was a perfect time for all RPS third graders to receive a lesson on and make art inspired by British sculptor Andy Goldsworthy. The work to the far right is by Farmingville Elementary student Erin M.

Tune in to "[Kids News](#)" to see FES siblings (photo near right) Ally (Grade 1) and Leo (Grade 4) V.'s Earth Day video. Ally interviews Leo in his home gallery about his artwork made from recycled materials including Pringle's and candy wrappers. Leo, who is also an inventor, says he wishes every day were Earth Day.



Calendar

April 27*
BOE Meeting

May 11*
BOE Meeting

May BOF Public Hearing
Date TBD

May 25
No School
Memorial Day

May 26*
BOE Meeting

[Full RPS Calendar](#)

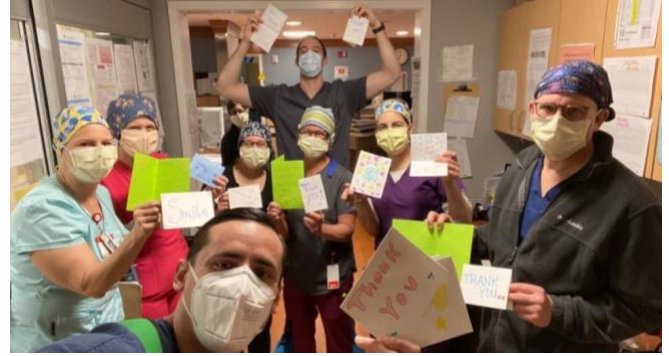
*Check [website](#) for information.

ERMS Strong



East Ridge Middle School Principal Patricia Raneri announced the launch of an ERMS YouTube Channel with a [heartwarming video greeting](#) from teachers and staff, including a math lesson with Mrs. Kay as seen in the photo above.

Keep the Letters Coming!



Veterans Park parent Mira Jensen shared the photo above of Danbury Hospital health workers receiving RPS students' letters and cards. The community can drop notes for those on the frontlines in the box in front of Recess Works, 66 Danbury Road. The photo on the right shows VP first grader Nora mailing her note.



Scotland Historians

Scotland Elementary School fourth graders submitted essays to the Ridgefield Playhouse for an Ellis Island field trip. Elizabeth Gmelin, shown in the photo right at Mystic Seaport, wrote about her family's immigration from Germany.



Tie an Orange Ribbon

Ridgefield High School Sophomore Kaylie P. ties an orange ribbon around a Main Street tree as part of the Compassionate Ridgefield project. Orange ribbons signify support for healthcare workers and all essential employees keeping our communities running.



Orange ribbon kits (one per family) are available for free on the front porch of Lounsbury House.

Broadway Story Tellers

Ridgefield's theater company ACT of CT has partnered with Books on the Common to create a new online storytime. Every week, ACT invites a Broadway actor who has starred in one of their productions to read a book chosen by the local bookstore. STORYTIME! episodes can be found on the ACT of CT [Livestream](#) website page or on ACT of CT's [Facebook page](#).

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