



# RIDGEFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear RPS Community,

Just like that, April has passed us by. We began this week with a packed Board of Education meeting. We encourage you to view meetings on our RPS YouTube page if you were unable to attend them in person. It was nice to see students partnering with their schools and providing their point of view and advocacy—student voice is a valued and integral part of RPS!

Monday evening, May 2, I will present the Board of Education 2022-23 operating budget at the Annual Town Meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the Ridgefield Playhouse. Click [here](#) to view their announcement.

As you have heard, there is an uptick in COVID-19 cases across Connecticut and RPS. Please see note below from Aaron Crook on the availability of test kits.

Enjoy the weekend- and the kickoff of the Battle of Ridgefield!

Warmly,

*Susie*

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## **Friday BITS**

The Scotland Elementary School fifth-graders have been working on a service project to raise money for a non-profit organization, *Water for South Sudan*. In an effort to raise awareness, the Scotland 5th grade Student Council will be hosting a community-wide walk on May 14, a symbolic event to raise money for the organization to build a well. Registration is required. Please find the links below for the event website, informational flyer, and a video below to learn.

[Event Website](#)

[Informational Flyer](#)

[Promotional video](#)

**RPS NEWS FOUND [here!](#)**

[Ridgefield Tiger Talk](#)

We're Back! In this week's episode Dane Street, the Athletics Director for RHS, returns to give us a sports update. We cover the really amazing winter postseason, the current spring season accomplishments, student highlights, and some really cool charity work that our athletes are doing. Be sure to listen!

**RPS Kindergarten Registration**

Kindergarten registration is open! Families now have the opportunity to register using our brand new online system. Click [here](#) to take a look! Please tell your friends to register as soon as possible. Registration status impacts our ability to maintain and/or hire teachers.

### **RPS Summer Bridge Extension '22**

The [RPS Summer Bridge Extension website](#) is open and linked to the front page of the RPS website. Registration for K-8 is complete. Parents can expect to hear from the K-8 Directors about confirmed registration by May 6. Registration is still open for current 8th through 11th graders for **High School Intensives**, as is **High School Readiness** for rising 9th graders. **High School Readiness** is a tried and true program that supports rising 9th graders as they transition into high school. Students connect with new peers; get to know teachers and the buildings; have fun and practice some skills that will support the transition.

### **Health and Safety**

Ridgefield is experiencing an uptick in COVID-19 cases. RPS has several thousand rapid antigen test kits in stock. We encourage all families to request test kits from your school nurse. Any time there are three or more cases of COVID-19 in a classroom in a one week period, a test kit will be sent home and all families will be encouraged to test. We would also like to remind families that you may choose to have your child wear a mask at school at any time if this is an option your family is comfortable with.

Beginning on May 2, RPS will no longer be sending daily COVID-19 case notices via email. Cases will continue to be updated at the [RPS COVID-19 tracker](#). Families will be alerted by their building principal when there has been a COVID-19 exposure in their child's classroom.

As a reminder for families, students, and staff- **anyone experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 must stay home from school** and contact your school nurse. When returning to school, please remember to provide either a negative COVID-19 test result or a note from your physician stating a diagnosis other than COVID-19. For home test results, please take a photo of the test with name and date taken, then send it to your school nurse.

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### **Quote of the Week**

“Learning is a process that mediates meaning, motivation, and context through thinking and practice.”  
James Lamar Foster, Lawrence Louis, and Elizabeth Winston