



RIDGEFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear RPS Community,

It looks like the weather will warm up a bit next week, just in time for spring break! Whether you are stepping away next week or staying home, we hope the time will bring the opportunity for rest and rejuvenation.

Throughout this past week, we recognized our para educators for all their hard work and commitment to our students and families- we truly could not do our work without them. Their ability to be flexible, dynamic, and learn new content daily is amazing.

Our next update will be on Friday, April 22.

Warmly,

Susie

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Friday BITS

RPS NEWS FOUND [here!](#)

[Ridgefield Tiger Talk](#)

Tiger Talk will return later this month with brand new shows! For now, be sure to catch up on our 60-episode catalog. We cover many exciting topics ranging from preschool all the way up to college and beyond. Tiger Talk is one of the best ways to stay up-to-date on all the exciting happenings here at RPS. Thanks and have a fun and safe spring break!

Board of Finance/Board of Education Special Meeting

On Tuesday, April 4, the Board of Finance reduced the BOE Budget from 4.79% to 4.24%. The BOE had a special meeting this morning via zoom, where budget reduction recommendations totalling \$558, 832 were made to the BOE adopted budget. You can watch the meeting [here](#). Town referendum will take place in May.

Board of Education Meeting

The Board of Education will have a regular meeting on April 25. This meeting will be held in person. While you may also watch the meeting from home [here](#), public comment must be made in person.

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.

Parent Workshop on the Teaching of Reading

The Journey of Reading: K-8 parent workshop was held this week to provide an overview for families about how students learn to read and read to learn in RPS. Watch the recording on our RPS Curriculum Team YouTube Channel. View it [here](#)!

K-12 Tutoring

The middle schools continue to offer virtual evening tutoring sessions. This program has had great success and will now continue through April! Click [here](#) to learn more about it. Elementary schools have reached out to families to offer before or after-school tutoring sessions for small groups of students in areas of need. The high school is working on a similar model in which select students will be offered additional support before or after school, based on need.

RPS Summer Bridge Extension '22

The [RPS Summer Bridge Extension website](#) is open and linked to the front page of the RPS website. Registration will be on a first come basis. However, we will keep a running waiting list. We kindly ask families to inform us as soon as possible if there are any changes to family plans which result in students not being able to attend.

Health and Safety

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. Families and staff may obtain home test kits from their school nurse.

Important note: we STILL have plenty of test kits at each of our schools. You may pick them up at your school or request that a kit be sent home in your child's backpack.

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Quote of the Week

“...it is true, we care so much and advocate so deeply, because we see it everyday.” (an RPS educator)