Congratulations, Suzanne Meyer
*Ridgefield’s Teacher of the Year*

Barlow Mountain first-grade teacher Suzanne Meyer is Ridgefield Public School’s Teacher of the Year. At an all-staff convocation, Meyer gave an inspiring speech likening her experience teaching to being on a roller coaster, with great highs and anticipation and thrilling lows. She talked about how a real leader has the ability to create a “circle of safety” rather than simply exert control. One of the most inspiring parts of her speech was when she cited her own mistakes, advising her colleagues to get to know the students and pledging to continue to make mistakes as she tries to achieve excellence in the classroom. [View the video of her speech.](#)

Selected out of Teacher of the Year winners from all nine RPS schools (shown on page 2), Meyer earned recognition for her dedication to her students, her work ethic, and her commitment to local charities, including New Pond Farm and the Women’s Center of Greater Danbury. Last year’s RPS Teacher of the Year, Jennifer DeJulio (shown in the photo on the right with Meyer), made the announcement, opening a sealed envelope. Thank you to Suzanne Meyer, DeJulio, and all the wonderful RPS Teachers who continue to inspire us every day!

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**Calendar**

**Aug 29**
First Day of School, Gr. K-9

**Aug 30**
First Day of School, Gr. 10-12

**Sept 2**
No School
Labor Day

**Sept 9**
BOE Meeting

**Sept 12**
Early Dismissal
Professional Learning for Staff

**Sept 23**
BOE Meeting

**Sept 30**
No School
Rosh Hashanah

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School Teachers of the Year
Congratulations to These RPS Star Teachers!

Suzanne Meyer, Barlow Mountain
Melinda Violante, Scotland
Lauren Dineen, East Ridge
Megan LiVolsi, Branchville
Sandy Clouse, Ridgebury
Joy Craig, Veterans Park
Sarah Kehoe, Farmingville
Jeff Corbishley, Ridgefield High School

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