

**RPS NEWS** 

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## **SRMS Believes in Brooke!**





More information about Babysitting for Brooke.



Scotts Ridge Middle School staff hosted Babysitting for Brooke to raise funds for Brooke Blake, an SRMS sixth-grader battling a rare form of brain cancer called DIPG. Over 90 RPS students enjoyed this fun night complete with a DJ, games, pizza, and more. Brooke arrived with her customary positive attitude and wearing a cheerful t-shirt that read "I Am Brooke." They raised over \$5000 thanks to additional contributions.

**February 14-17** No School; February Break

February 18 No School for Students Professional Day for Staff

> February 24\* BOE Meeting

# Calendar

February 27 Project Resilience Workshop

> March 9\* BOE Meeting

March 12 Early Dismissal for Students Professional Day for Staff

#### Full RPS Calendar

March 13-15, 20-21 RHS Musical Legally Blonde

> March 23\* BOF Public Hearing BOE Meeting

\*Board Conference Room Town Annex 7:00 pm Please Check <u>RPS Calendar</u> for BOE Snow Date

## Poetry Out Loud at RHS



RHS Senior Jessica Hay (photo above left, center) took first place in RHS Poetry Out Loud, a national poetry recitation contest, and will represent RHS in the state competition. Grace Goldberg (left) and Makena Klinkowize (right) tied for second. Organized by RHS English teachers Ms. Henderson and Mr. Higgins, Poetry Out Loud preliminary rounds took place in approximately 40 RHS English classes. The photo on the right shows the 10 RHS semi-finalists, selected out of the students who won their in-class competitions. Congratulations to all the participants. Good Luck, Jessica!

### SES and FES Teach Kindness



Scotland Elementary School students participated in **C.L.U.E.** (Children Learning to Understand Everyone). Sponsored and organized by the SES PTA, C.L.U.E. helps students develop an understanding of differences and how those differences

can enhance relationships and learning. Inclass activities teach students how to be kind when kindness isn't easy. Students learn empathy, compassion, and to value all members of their community. Farmingville Elementary offered C.L.U.E. in the fall (photo above).

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Visit the RPS art gallery.

### **BMES Ribbon-Cutting**

In an Integrated Studies Unit called "My Place in the World and Community", Barlow Mountain Elementary second graders designed a new building for the town of Ridgefield.



Students completed proposals, received building permits and Certificates of Occupancy. The photo right shows Interim Principal Martin Fiedler at the ribbon-cutting celebration.



Happy Lunar New Year!

RHS Mandarin students celebrating the Lunar New Year.



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