



RIDGEFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Families,

It is hard to believe that we are nearing August-- there is much to do. We will continue to update you as much as possible. I hope your children and families are well. Enjoy your weekend.

Warmly,

Susie

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Updates

Reopening of School

The Steering Committee of the Reopening of Schools presented the District Reopening Plan to the Board of Education on 7/22/2020. Linked here are the [slide deck presentation](#), the full [Reopening Plan](#), and the [Board of Education meeting](#) video from 7/22/2020. The recording of Town Hall meeting from 7/15 can be found [here](#) and the Town Hall FAQs [here](#). You may continue to send your questions to: reopening@ridgefieldps.net

Families electing to 'temporary remote learning' in the low risk model can expect the election form to be available on our website, Tuesday, July 28. We will also communicate with you by email.

Please know that the coming weeks will be focused on school/district-based teams operationalizing the many details required for us to reopen schools. You can find the timelines in our Reopening Plan.

If/when there are updates from the State Department of Education, you can expect additional communications.

Resources from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC)

You can find these updated resources from the CDC here:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/index.htm>
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Racism, Diversity and Equity

Kim Marshall of the Marshall Memo shared *Jennifer Turner and Alan Bailey's list of Culturally Relevant Books for a Boys*. Here's their list:

- All the Right Stuff by Walter Dean Myers
- As Brave As You by Jason Reynolds
- Bad Boys: A Memoir by Walter Dean Myers
- For Every One by Jason Reynolds
- Game by Walter Dean Myers
- Ghost by Jason Reynolds
- Gone Crazy in Alabama by Rita Williams-Garcia
- Hoops by Walter Dean Myers
- Just Mercy by Bryan Stevenson
- Just Write: Here's How by Walter Dean Myers
- Slugg: A Boy's Life in the Ages of Mass Incarceration by Tony Lewis Jr.
- Miles Morales: Spider-Man by Jason Reynolds
- Monster by Walter Dean Myers
- Patina by Jason Reynolds
- Slam by Walter Dean Myers
- The Black Panther by Ta-Nehisi Coates
- The Boy in the Black Suit by Jason Reynolds
- The Brief Wonderous Life of Oscar Wao by Junot Diaz
- The Crossover by Kwame Alexander

- The Hate You Give by Angie Thomas

- The Playbook: 52 Rules to Aim, Shoot, and Score in This Game Called Life by Kwame Alexander

“Beyond ‘Broken Tests’: Supporting Powerful Reading for Urban Boys Through the Brilliant Boys’ Book Club” by Jennifer Turner and Alan Bailey in Language Arts, July 2020 (Vol. 97, #6, pp. 376-383)

Quote of the Week

“Keep it simple. Discard what’s non-essential. Find ways to cultivate joy.” Naomi Martin, channeling Marie Kondo, in “Advice for Fall: Keep In-Person Classes Simple, Fun” in *The Boston Globe*, July 16, 2020