



RIDGEFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear RPS Community,

The days are flying by, and it is amazing to see the excitement across our schools- art shows, concerts, DARE graduations are a few highlights of the week. We celebrated early this morning with our AHS graduates, and look forward to seeing all 2022 graduates at commencement on Friday,

June 17, held at WCSU.

Our hearts remain heavy with the community of Uvalde and while we continue to work together to ensure our schools are safe, joyous places, we are reminding community members that all campuses are closed during the school day. We continue to welcome families to our schools for planned events, while at the same time we ask that families limit unplanned visits. Thank everyone in advance for understanding.

Warmly,

Susie

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Friday BITS

RPS NEWS FOUND [here!](#)

Board of Education Meeting

We will have a Board of Education meeting on Monday, June 13. We are very much looking forward to honoring our RPS retirees who have contributed so much to our school community- can't wait!

Please be reminded that while you may watch the meeting from home (link [here](#)), all public comments must be made in person (you can comment at the beginning or end of the meeting.) You can find the agenda [here](#).

Want to know more about Pupil Services? Watch 30 minutes...here:

The show is scheduled to air on Comcast Channel 23 (Danbury, Bethel, Ridgefield) on Tuesday, June 21 at 8:00 p.m. and Wednesday June 22 at 12:30 p.m.

It is available for viewing now on:

Facebook: <https://fb.watch/dzmO8QNsgR/>

Community Media Studios website: <https://www.communitymediastudios.com/30-minutes>

Registration for Before School Care for Late Elementary Schools on 7/1

At a recent Board of Education Meeting, the district announced that the Ridgefield Boys and Girls Club will be offering before-school care from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. for students of the three later-starting elementary schools. Look for more information to come.

Friendly Parking Reminder - Handicap Accessible Spaces

We kindly remind any and all guests to our schools for visits, or pick ups from school and athletic events to be mindful that handicap accessible parking spots are solely for cars with an issued handicap placard. As we near the end of the year and school celebrations will take place, and parking lots will be full, please be sure to respect the handicap parking signage and those individuals who need those spaces due to their special needs.

Ridgefield Tiger Talk

Tiger Talk welcomes back Dane Street, Ridgefield High School's Athletics Director. He tells us about the awesome spring sports achievements our RHS students have made- athletes who are still finishing up their seasons, notable athletes, and some upcoming news/information on the 2022 Fall season. It's a fun show and thanks for listening!

RPS Kindergarten Registration

Help! If you have a friend or neighbor who is planning on joining kindergarten next year, remind them that registration is open! Families now have the opportunity to register using our brand new online system. Click [here](#) to take a look! Registration status impacts our ability to maintain and/or hire teachers.

Curricular Connections

The Humanities department is collaborating with the Ridgefield Historical Society and The Witness Stones Project to embed a project-based learning experience focusing on historical inquiry skills as part of the grade 8 Colonial Era unit beginning next fall. The primary resources of formerly enslaved persons are being curated by the Ridgefield Historical Society and professional development for teachers is being provided by The Witness Stones Project. As part of the project, teachers will engage students in a historical inquiry focusing on the historical skills of sourcing, contextualization, chronological reasoning, and analysis like true museum curators, archivists, and historians! The culminating experience will include a commemoration ceremony at the Ridgefield Historical society.

Financial Assistance Opportunities

Below is information about various tax credits and financial assistance opportunities for families who are interested in participating. We are sharing this information in collaboration with the Town Social Services' Department for any families who are interested in learning more about them.

- CT Child tax rebate, apply through July 31, \$250 per child, up to 3 children - <https://portal.ct.gov/DRS/Credit-Programs/Child-Tax-Rebate/Overview>
- CT State Energy assistance ends June 30, people can now apply on their own https://portal.ct.gov/heatinghelp/applyonline?language=en_US
- ACP is a \$30/mo discount for broadband service, <https://www.fcc.gov/acp> , <https://www.xfinity.com/learn/internet-service/acp> , <https://frontier.com/resources/discountprograms/affordable-connectivity-program>
- SNAP food assistance, <https://www.endhungerct.org/> or <https://portal.ct.gov/DSS/SNAP/Supplemental-Nutrition-Assistance-Program---SNAP/Eligibility>
- Mortgage assistance program was just created by the state, <https://www.chfa.org/myhomect/>

Health and Wellness

COVID-19 cases are updated on the RPS COVID-19 tracker on a daily basis. You can find the tracker at this web address:

[link.https://sites.google.com/ridgefieldps.net/rps-covid-19-data-2021-2022/home](https://sites.google.com/ridgefieldps.net/rps-covid-19-data-2021-2022/home) You will notice that we have been seeing a decrease in cases within our schools.

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

“Whoever is happy will make others happy too.” -Anne Frank