



RIDGEFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear RPS Community,

...and just like that, the school year has come to an end. Our theme this year was “Rebound” and we did just that. It wasn’t always easy, but as we know, “nothing good comes without hard work.” As we finalize our preparations for this fall, we are “imagining” all the possibilities. (*hint hint*)

On behalf of all of us here at Central Office we would like to express our sincere gratitude- we are grateful for our active and engaged students and families, and for our exceptional faculty and staff. A school community is about relationships and we recognize how important these relationships are in the success of our students. We never take that for granted.

This will be my last Friday Update of the school year. You can expect my next communication late summer. In the meantime, if there is anything that you should need, don’t hesitate to reach out.

Wishing you all a wonderful summer, filled with sunshine, health, family and friends. We look forward to hearing about all the memories you created.

Warmly,

Susie

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Friday BITS

VPES and RES Principals

The search process continues for both of our schools-we will update families and faculty as we move along.

RPS NEWS FOUND [here!](#)

Board of Education Meeting

We will have a Board of Education meeting on Monday, June 27. 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](#).

RPS VPA Virtual Art Festival

Today we launched the RPS Virtual Arts Festival on the main page of our website. Click [here](#) to preview. This festival shares the work of students in grades K-12 in the visual arts and music. We have so much to celebrate this year!

End-of-Year Communication from the Curriculum Department

Families will receive [this](#) communication from the Curriculum Department. It outlines the professional learning that teachers engaged in this year and previews our plans for the 2022-23 school year. In addition, this letter includes links to all of the work of the department throughout the school year, including parent workshops and links to BOE Curriculum Committee meetings.

[Ridgefield Tiger Talk](#)

Tiger Talk is done for the 2021-22 school year! But don't worry we will return at the beginning of the school year in the fall! Be sure to catch up on our over 60 episodes. Thanks for listening, we here at Ridgefield Tiger Talk are wishing everyone a happy, restful, and safe summer!

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.

From the Connecticut State Department of Education: The 2022 Commissioner's Summer Math Challenge

Commissioner Charlene Russell-Tucker [today launched](#) the 2022 Commissioner's Summer Math Challenge: "Mathematics: Building the Foundation for Success," offering multiple ways for students to participate. All information and printable materials for the Commissioner's Summer Math Challenge can be found here: <https://portal.ct.gov/SDE/Math/Summer-Math-Challenge> . Please contact Jennifer Michalek at 860-713-6557 or Jennifer.michalek@ct.gov if you have any questions.

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Quote of the Week

"I know that I can make a difference in this community, and I know that I will." Final statement from a new RPS teacher during an interview with the Superintendent.