



RIDGEFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear RPS Community,

End-of-year activities are in full swing, and we are enjoying every last minute of it. The last month of school marks the final stretch for both our teachers and students; the last opportunity of the academic year for students to show all they have learned and accomplished over the course of the year. We begin a month of many, many “congratulations”!

With all the many celebrations happening at this time of the year, we reminded students of the responsibility they have to themselves, their families, and their community in making smart, courageous decisions. Some of our seniors joined Ridgefield government officials to raise the Government of Ridgefield Against Drunk Driving (GRADD) flag in front of Town Hall yesterday morning. A wonderful way to start the day.

Warmly,

Susie

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Friday BITS

Principal Searches

We are conducting two principal searches: VPES and RES. Ms. Ellen Tuckner will be retiring at the end of this school year, and Mr. Jamie Palladino will be joining the curriculum team as the Districts' new elementary math coach. We know they will both be missed terribly by the faculty, students and staff. Lucky for us, Mr. Palladino won't be going too far! Focus groups with parents, faculty and students are a part of our comprehensive process.

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Board of Education Meeting

At our Board of Education meeting, we were joined by a very talented group of singers from SRMS. Click [here](#) to view the first song *Riptide* and [here](#) to view the second song *Paper Rings*. Our next Board of Education meeting on June 13 will also start off with a song (or two)!

[Ridgefield Tiger Talk](#)

On this week's episode of *Tiger Talk* we welcome Ridgefield High School's Teacher of the Year, Mike Murphy and his two students, Alex Yates and Logan Tole. They tell us about a new innovative course that is becoming very popular called Product Design. It's a course where

students get to learn all of the ins and outs of engineering, developing, and budgeting a viable product. 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.

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.

Parent Workshop on How to Support Summer Learning

On Tuesday, May 24 at 9:30 a.m. the Curriculum Department presented suggestions for how to keep learning active during the summer months. The suggestions are across content areas and grade levels. Click [here](#) to view the presentation.

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Quote of the Week

“Be really friendly, give a good first impression, and don’t leave problems lying around.” VP 5th grade students “advice” to a new principal