



# RIDGEFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear RPS Community,

We had a great weather week- and it is certainly beginning to feel like spring! Our Board of Education meeting this week highlighted a number of our student programs- robotics, mock trial, and our VPA (don't forget to get your tickets to see The Putnam County Spelling Bee!). We are so proud of our students and faculty! We also made changes to our District's calendars (April 8 2022 and a slight adjustment for February break 2023), please check the district's website for further information.

Separately, "BRIDGE" is back....well, "BRIDGE Extension" that is... Be on the lookout-registration will begin on March 28th and we will alert families of the process. We are excited to offer this program to RPS once again.

Enjoy your weekend.

Warmly,

*Susie*

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## **Friday BITS**

### **A Budget Conversation**

Due to last week's weather event, "A Budget Conversation" has been rescheduled for March 23 at 10:30 a.m.

at the Ridgefield Library. Join Ms. Gillette, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction and Dr. Hannaway, Assistant Superintendent for Special Services as they provide context to the 2022-23 years budget.

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**STUFF THE BUS- for our Boys and Girls Club!**

What a huge success! Thank you to our teachers and all who contributed to making this event so successful!



### **Ridgefield Tiger Talk**

In this week's podcast we invite Scotts Ridge Middle School History teacher Thomas Broderick to the show. He brings with him five amazing 8th grade students to talk about their entries into the National History Day competition. In this competition students pick a historical subject then they must create informative displays, documentaries, websites, or other mediums that cover their theme. These impressive students have found creative ways to make historical topics come to life. Thanks for listening!

### **RPS Kindergarten Registration**

Kindergarten registration is open! Families will now have the opportunity to register using our brand new online system. Click [here](#) to take a look!

### **K-12 Tutoring**

This week the middle schools offered virtual evening tutoring sessions. Click [here](#) to learn more about it. The rollout is also occurring at the elementary levels. Elementary schools will be reaching out to families to offer before or after-school tutoring sessions for small groups of students in areas of need. The high school is working on a similar model as the elementary schools in which select students will be offered additional support before or after school, based on need.

### **Health and Safety**

As a reminder for families, students, and staff with any symptom of COVID-19, you must stay home from school and contact your school nurse. When returning to school, please remember to provide either a note from your physician stating a diagnosis other than COVID-19, or a negative COVID-19 test result. For home test results, please take a photo of the test with name and date taken, then send it to your school nurse. Families and staff may obtain home test kits from their school nurse.

*Important Note:* we have plenty of test kits at each of our schools. You may pick them up at your school, or request that a kit be sent home in your child's backpack.

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**Quote of the Week**

“A leprechaun made my toilet water green, not blue, that’s how I know it wasn’t my dad...” a cute Farmingville student, grade unknown.