



# RIDGEFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear RPS Community,

The days and evenings are filled up with many year end special events. It has been wonderful to celebrate alongside students and their families. It is so nice to recognize familiar students and families.

We have officially welcomed Jill Browne, our new Director of Finance to the Central Office team. As you can imagine, she has hit the ground running!

With just five weeks of school left, we are well underway with summer programs and projects.

Enjoy the weekend and stay cool.

Warmly,

*Susie*

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## Friday BITS

### Board of Education Meeting

We will have a Board of Education meeting on Monday, May 23. 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](#).

### ART SHOWS



Scotland Elementary School was our first elementary school to celebrate student art this spring. Parents and students strolled through multiple exhibits around the school, while listening to classical music and eating gelato. At the end of the Art Walk families were able to visit the school Book Fair. Below are some examples of the many works on display and art teacher [Megan Kounnas](#) and Principal [Jill Katkocin](#).

RPS NEWS FOUND [here](#)!

[Ridgefield Tiger Talk](#)

In this week's podcast we welcome Lori Bran and Stacy Marchionni; both are school counselors at Ridgefield High School and run the Senior Internship Program. We learn about the 20-plus year history of the program; the many different types of internships that our students can go on; how the community embraces these students; and the incredible skills they pick up for the real world. 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.

### **Parks and Recreation**

Ridgefield Parks and Recreation offers a variety of summer programming to children. They are also looking for summer staff. If you are interested and available, contact: [campcoor@ridgefield.org](mailto:campcoor@ridgefield.org).

### **Parent Workshop on How to Support Summer Learning**

On Tuesday, May 24 at 9:30 a.m., the Curriculum Department will present to families suggestions for how to keep learning active during the summer months. The suggestions will expand across content areas and grade levels. Click [here](#) for more information.

### **Health and Safety**

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)

During this period of increased cases we strongly encourage families to test. We have an ample supply of at-home rapid antigen tests in each school nurse's office. Please reach out to your school building or your school nurse to obtain a test kit. Families may also want to consider opting to have their child wear a high quality mask as an added mitigation measure.

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**

“Go hard at the problem, not the person.” Principal Tim Salem (...adapted from a talk at Compassionate Ridgefield.)