



# RIDGEFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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*Susie Da Silva, Ed.D.  
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Dear RPS Community,

As we continue to process the horrific event that took place at Robb Elementary School In Texas, I ask that all of us stay alert to our environment, people and community. If there is anything (big or small) that seems out of the ordinary-reach out. After each of these incomprehensible events, we hear stories of the signs, gestures, actions that maybe, just maybe, could have prevented this unthinkable tragedy.

Our extended weekend in honor of Memorial Day reminds us of those who have fallen to protect our country. We are forever grateful, and recognize the sacrifices that have been made to protect our country and values.

I wish you a peaceful weekend.

Warmly,

*Susie*

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## **Friday BITS**

### **Resources for Families and Faculty**

Below you will find resources provided by the CSDE to support families and faculty in response to the tragedy in Uvalde, Texas.

[Restore Well-Being](#)

[NASP](#)

[Resources addressing trauma...](#)

[Talking to children about..](#)

### **Board of Education Meeting**

Our next Board of Education meeting will be on June 13, 2022. A most important agenda item (my opinion) is our opportunity to honor our RPS retirees!

At our Board of Education meeting Monday night, 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.

**RPS NEWS FOUND [here!](#)**

### **[Ridgefield Tiger Talk](#)**

Ridgefield Tiger Talk will return next week with a brand-new episode! Which means this is a perfect time to catch up on our 60+ episode catalog. We hope everyone has a safe and relaxing Memorial Day weekend. 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.

### **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 presentation.

### **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**

"Do your little bit of good where you are; it's those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world." —Desmond Tutu

