



# RIDGEFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Memorial Day is known as the 'unofficial' start to summer. More importantly, Memorial Day is a day to memorialize all of those who have fallen while fighting for the freedoms that we benefit from each day-- we are so grateful....thank you.

Have a great weekend, and see you on Tuesday.

Warmly,

*Susie*

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## **A Few Bits**

### **Curriculum Update**

On Monday night, the Curriculum Department presented an update to the Board of Education on the elementary Collaborative Action Team that is studying phonics programs with the goal of selecting a resource to be used by all primary teachers in the six schools. You can find that presentation [here](#).

### **ERMS Principal**

Focus groups with families, students, and educators have begun and we look forward to keeping you informed throughout the hiring process.

### **RPS Summer Bridge Program**

Elementary and Middle School Bridge Programs have both closed registration. We are anticipating that over 1,000 RPS students will get to experience the Bridge program this

summer. If you have **not** received a confirmation email about your registration, or a notification of wait list, please email the corresponding directors. We are doing our best to match all students to a session.

## **Health And Safety**

New cases of COVID-19 in Connecticut and Fairfield County have continued to go down.

Tick season is here. One of the best ways to prevent Lyme disease is frequent tick checks. We encourage parents to check their children for ticks each night.

This week we received guidance from the CT State Department of Education regarding changes to the law on childhood immunizations and religious exemptions. The guidance document can be found [here](#).

## **Food Service**

Next week with the holiday, there will be no meal pick up at our East Ridge Middle School on Monday May 31. Additional meals will be available this Friday May 28 between 3:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. Afternoon meal pick up will continue next Wednesday, June 2 and Friday, June 4 between 3:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. In addition, both Scotland and Barlow Mtn. Elementary Schools will be providing weekend meals.

## **RPS Highlights**

Enjoy RPS News [here!](#)

**[Ridgefield Tiger Talk](#)**: In today's podcast we'll talk about a really cool event happening Friday, June 4th that has both visual art and music. Joining us is Teresa Ringkamp, Shane Peters, and Andrew Clavi. They tell us about the Scotts Ridge Visual and Performing Arts Festival. In the show we talk about the types of concert performances guests will see, visual art that will be displayed, and even food trucks! It's definitely something you don't want to miss. Also podcast music for this week's episode was performed by students from East Ridge Middle School.

## **AND**

Hello there Ridgefield! Us here at the podcast "Ridgefield Tiger Talk" want to end the school year with a bang. For our final episode of the season, we would like to reach out to you the listeners for questions to ask the Superintendent. They can range from "what's your favorite pizza topping" to something more education focused. We will be accepting written submissions and audio recordings of students asking the questions that will be played on the show. All submissions should go to the following email: [TigerTalk@Ridgefieldps.net](mailto:TigerTalk@Ridgefieldps.net) . Audio submissions

should have the student say their first name and what school they're from. Window for submitting entries ends June 1st. Depending on the amount of responses not all questions may be answered.

Don't forget to sign onto social media.

***Twitter:*** @RPS\_DaSilva

***Instagram:*** rpssuper

Both are **ridiculously** light and funny- kids can tune in also!

### **Quote of the Week**

“Let us, by showing grace, make the memory of this stormy school year just a bit more peaceful.”  
Matthew Kay