



RIDGEFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear RPS Community,

While there is a lot of school left, the next seven weeks will fly by! This week, our educators were recognized during "Teacher Appreciation Week." There is no doubt that our teachers are what makes our community special...we are filled with gratitude. We also had the privilege of surprising RPS' new Teacher of the Year,

Ms. Jessica Margiotta at ERMS. It was such an honor to surprise Jessica (noisemakers and all!)

On Monday evening, we presented our 2022-23 budget at the Annual Town Meeting. Next stop: referendum on Tuesday, May 10. Yesterday, we learned that the FY 23 Budget will be negatively impacted by most recent legislative bills passed on Wednesday evening. I will communicate the impact on our budget this coming Monday evening.

Happy Mother's Day!

Warmly,

Susie

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Friday BITS

Board of Education Meeting

We will have a Board of Education meeting on Monday, May 9. Please be reminded that while you may view the meeting from home (link [here](#)), all public comments must be made in person (you can comment at the beginning and end of the meeting.) You can find the agenda [here](#). It will be a special evening where we recognize our CABE and WCSA student award winners.

RPS NEWS FOUND [here](#)!

[Ridgefield Tiger Talk](#)

In this week's Tiger Talk we welcome two East Ridge Middle School Counselors- Amy Jonsson and Caitlin DeMello. They tell us about some really cool things going on at ERMS. We cover their "Speak Up" presentation, the role of a MS School Counselor, and exciting summer opportunities for our middle school students. 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.

Curriculum Committee Meetings for the Board of Education

In the last few weeks there have been two BOE Curriculum Committee meetings. Click [here](#) for the meeting on April 19, and click [here](#) for the meeting on May 3. They are full of updates on K-12 Curriculum and Instruction.

Health and Safety

Ridgefield is currently experiencing an uptick in case rates of 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.

Procrastination, no, not me!

Linked [here is](#) an article from Edutopia, an online educational resource: *Addressing the Roots of Procrastination*, worth the read.

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Quote of the Week

“Keep your face to the sunshine and you can never see the shadow.” - Helen Keller