



RPS NEWS

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Thank You, Veterans!



Across the district, Ridgefield recognized the service and sacrifice of veterans. Sean Fitzgerald, a quadruplet who graduated from RHS in 2009 and attended Farmingville Elementary and East Ridge Middle School sent this [heartfelt video to Branchville Elementary](#), where his mother Ms. Fitzgerald works as the school nurse. In the video sent from Afghanistan, Mr.



Fitzgerald talks about his military service and thanks all veterans as did many RPS students, staff, teachers, and parents with celebrations large and small.



Ridgebury Elementary paid tribute to almost thirty veterans as shown in the photo to the right. East Ridge and Scotts Ridge Middle Schools both hosted assemblies with songs and speeches that recognized the service of women and men in the armed forces.



RPS students and staff proudly introduced veteran family members, wrote letters, and made signs during these district-wide tributes of gratitude. PTAs provided refreshments and organizational support. Veterans shared their stories. Thank you to them and to all who serve.



Calendar

November 14, 15, 16, 22, 23
RHS Play: The Odd Couple
[Odd Couple Tickets](#)

Conferences at Elementary and Middle Schools
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November 25
BOE Meeting*

November 27
Early Dismissal

November 28-29
No School
Thanksgiving

*Board Conference Room
Town Annex 7:00 pm

RHS Play Opens Today

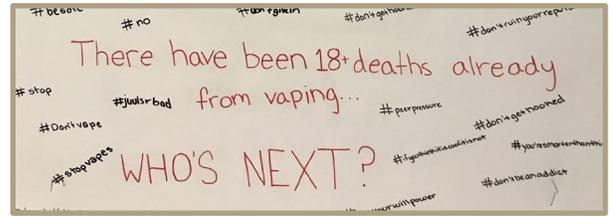


Don't miss Ridgefield High School's fall play, *The Odd Couple* by Neil Simon. Unger and Madison are at it again! Florence Unger and Olive Madison, that is, in this hilarious play, made popular

on both television and in film, but with a gender-swapped cast that puts a different (and delightful) spin on this classic comedy.

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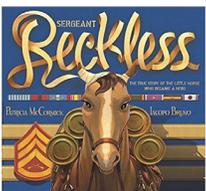
[Odd Couple Tickets](#)



RPS Takes On Vaping

RPS is working to prevent our students from starting to vape and to encourage all students who do vape to quit. This week, we co-sponsored Project Resilience's anti-vaping workshop for parents. During a health unit, Scotts Ridge Middle School eighth-graders created effective anti-vaping messages as shown in the poster above.

Book Recommendation



Veterans Park Principal Ellen Tuckner recommends *Sergeant Reckless* by Patricia McCormick. Ms. Tuckner read the true story of the mare that served American marines in the

Korean War to the Veterans Park community during a recent Veterans Day celebration and sing-a-long.

Branchville Gets Inspired

Branchville Elementary welcomed visiting artist, Rosie Jon. Born without arms, Ms. Jon overcame challenges to become a talented artist, inspirational speaker, and writer. Shown with BES students in the photo to the bottom left, Ms. Jon is passionate about sharing her creative



journey that encourages others to be extraordinary. Her inspirational life reminds us of what we might be able to overcome if we focus on what we have instead of what we lack.

BOE Heroes!

RPS would like to recognize departing Board of Education members: Sharon D'Orso, James Keidel, Tracey O'Connor, and Frances Walton for their hard work and countless hours of service to our students and school district. Thank you for your tireless dedication!



Congratulations

Tess Pisanelli--All New England Cross Country

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