



# RIDGEFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Faculty and Families,

Happy Friday- enjoy the beautiful weather, and the long weekend. We hope the independent time for students this afternoon was useful. Our faculty maximized their professional time to plan, learn and prepare. Thank you to everyone for understanding.

Warmly,

*Susie*

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## **A Few Bits**

### **Reopening Update**

This upcoming Tuesday, we will provide another brief update on the reopening of school to the Board of Education. Dr. Greenwood, Principal of RHS will report out the work that has been happening at our high school. Since my last communication, our elementary students have fully returned and we are thrilled to have them back.

### **Health and Safety Protocol Updates**

On October 6, Mr. Aaron Crook, Nursing Supervisor and COVID-19 Liaison sent an update to families on our communications related to COVID-19. We hope you found these protocols and communication expectations helpful. We continue to monitor and adjust based on meaningful feedback with all stakeholders. You can find the communication [here](#).

### **RPS Highlights**

Enjoy the RPS [News](#) here!

[Ridgefield Tiger Talk](#): In this show, we welcome Ellen Tuckner, Principal of Veterans Park Elementary and Keith Margolus, Principal of Branchville Elementary. We talk about how the elementary schools started out in a hybrid model and are now transitioning to full in person, how

the school staff is meeting the needs of our youngest learners, and the excitement plus positivity of having students back in the building. Thanks for listening!

Don't forget to follow *fun* and important news on social media at: **Twitter: @RPS\_DaSilva**  
**Instagram: rpssuper**

### **Resources from CSDE**

“Join us for the KC 2020 Virtual Kids Convention. On October 17 and 18, we will join Stepping Stones Museum for Children and partners, Literacy How and Norwalk Public Schools, for the inaugural KC 2020 Virtual Kids Convention. KC 2020 will give children, families and classrooms across the U.S. a global platform to talk about their place in the world and dreams for the future. Empower your children and students with the information and inspiration they need to make a positive difference by registering for KC 2020 today! Register at <http://www.stepsstonesmuseum.org/kc2020> and use the promo code VOICE at the final checkout screen. All students and families who enter the VOICE promo code will receive free access to the entire two-day virtual convention. For more information, contact Brooke Miron at [brooke@stepsstonesmuseum.org](mailto:brooke@stepsstonesmuseum.org).

### **Interesting Resource**

I fell upon this resource, Harvard's "[Making Caring Common](#)" project- useful links for families and faculty. Enjoy.

### **Quote of the Week**

“Consider teaching in a post-COVID world the most massive project-in-Beta ever. It's going to be messy, but that's how humans learn and grow and adapt. Continue to experiment, fall apart on the days when it's your turn (because everyone seems to need a turn every now and then), ask students and parents for feedback, observe other teachers when you can, and most importantly, keep giving yourself and your students grace. We're getting through this.” Cult of Pedagogy, Jennifer Gonzalez, September 29, 2020.