



RIDGEFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Faculty and Families,

I hope the week was a positive one. We are well on our way with the opening of school events. RHS kicked off 'Open House' season last night.... and I know school pictures outside on the campuses will prove to be beautiful, and certainly memorable.

For our faculty and families that observe, Happy Rosh Hashanah.

I am attaching a few brief updates.

Enjoy your weekend.

Warmly,

Susie

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A Few Bits

Reopening of School

We updated the Board of Education on 9/14/2020 on the reopening of school as well as the next phase of our plan. We have also sent out an additional survey to families in grades K-5 and 6-8. If you have not completed this survey, we ask that you do this no later than Monday on 9/21/2020 at 5:00 p.m. The surveys are linked here: [K-5 Survey](#) and [6-8 Survey](#).

We will have an additional meeting on Monday evening, 9/21/2020 to update the Board of Education once again on our plans for K-8, in addition to an update on athletics.

RPS Highlights

Enjoy the [RPS News](#) here!

[Ridgefield Tiger Talk Podcast](#): In this show we talk to Dr. Elizabeth Hannaway, the Assistant Superintendent of Special Services and Karen Dewing, the Director of Personnel. Both are serving as the co-chairs of the RPS Reopening Committee. We cover how the reopening was

planned, why we reopened the way we did, and how we are currently collecting data on how to move forward. Thanks for listening!

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

Resources on Topics of Diversity, Equity and Racism

From the Marshall Memo: *In School Library Journal*, Anne Bensfield and Pamela Rogers recommend seven Kidcasts podcasts that bring U.S. history and civics to life. For links to these and a larger collection (free, preceded by ads), click [here](#).

School Lunch Program

[Linked here](#) is an update on the school lunch program and no cost meals until December.

Quote of the Week

"The spring of 2020 will forever be known as the season when tens of millions of American families took a crash course in homeschooling." Michael Petrilli

"If the Corona doesn't get outrageous, my friends in the other cohort are coming to school."
RPS 1st grader