Ridgefield Public School Starts the Year Right

*Welcome and Thank You!*

A new year brings a fresh start to the district: a new principal at Scotland; a gym floor at Ridgefield High School; a playground at Branchville; new backpacks and sneakers; new students and teachers. Under perfect weather conditions, students in kindergarten through Grade 9 started on Thursday. Grades 10 through 12 rode buses, carpooled, or perhaps drove themselves to school for the first time on Friday. We hope you enjoy these photos of our first days from across the district and visit ridgefield.org frequently throughout the year for calendars, photos, and news. Thank you for all you do to support our district as we strive for excellence in academics, arts, athletics, leadership, and community. With your help, it will be a great year.

*Clockwise from top left: New Scotland Principal Jill Katcocin with students at the all-school meeting. RHS Principal Stacey Gross greeting Grade 9 on shiny new gym floors. Branchville students enjoy their recently completed playground. Scotts Ridge security guard Clarence Buie high fives students.*

**Calendar**

- **September 9**
  - BOE Meeting

- **September 12**
  - Early Dismissal
  - Professional Learning for Staff

- **September 23**
  - BOE Meeting

- **September 30**
  - No School
  - Rosh Hashanah

Visit [ridgefield.org/Calendar](http://ridgefield.org/Calendar) for the full calendar.
Clockwise from top right: “Welcome Back!” lawn sign. Farmingville students arrive off the bus. Fifth-grade cheerleaders don pom-poms to lead an all-school song at Scotland. East Ridge guidance counselors with returning Grade 7 and 8 volunteers at new student orientation. Ridgefield Teacher of the Year Suzanne Meyers with Barlow Mountain students. RHS senior leaders ready for a great year. Veterans Park Principal Ellen Tuckner with students. Ridgebury second-graders.
Clockwise from top right: The RHS Tiger greets students on the first day. Farmingville students walking to their classrooms. Scotts Ridge students opening their lockers with sign in the background that reads, “Today is the start of something GREAT.” Barlow Mountain kindergarteners form a circle on the lawn in front of the school. Ridgebury class wearing “My First Day of Kindergarten” hats. Branchville community with Board of Education Chair Margaret Stamatis and First Selectman Rudy Marconi. East Ridge Grade 8 boys on the first day. Veterans Park friends.