



RIDGEFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Faculty and Families,

I hope everyone enjoyed the Snow Day yesterday and that today's remote learning experience was meaningful and productive.

I will be sending an additional brief communication on December 23, until then, be well.

Warmly,

Susie

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A Few Bits

Board of Education Meeting

Our Board of Education meeting was held on Monday, December 14 - you can watch it [here](#).

School Snow Day/Calendar Correction

The last day of school is now scheduled for June 11. If there are any additional traditional 'snow days' they will be listed on the [2020-21 Emergency Closing Calendar Plan](#) and posted to the RPS website.

School Status

Reminder: we will be "live" remote learning for all students in grades PK-12 on:

- Monday, December 21
- Tuesday, December 22
- Wednesday, December 23 (Early Dismissal Day for Students)

Health and Safety

There have been ten cases of COVID-19 in the Farmingville Elementary School building in a short period of time. We have discussed the situation with Town of Ridgefield Health Director Ed Briggs and RPS Medical Advisor Dr. James Ahern. Several of these cases are potentially due to exposures at school. We are closing the FES building to staff and recommending that anybody who was in the FES building since Monday, December 7 closely monitor their symptoms and **be tested for COVID-19**.

Before returning to school on January 4, there will be a review of mitigation practices, and communication will be sent to the RPS community with updated guidance and a reminder to stay home from school with even the slightest symptom of COVID-19.

Food Service

Did you know that the district's food service costs actually go down this year when you access a no-cost school lunch this year? You can find holiday food service information [here](#). Watch this short video for more information, you can find it [here](#).

Budget Announcement

The Superintendent's 2021-22 Proposed Budget will be presented to the Board of Education on January 11, 2021 at the regularly scheduled Board meeting. As always, we welcome your input and support as we progress through the budget process. Please tune in to our full-day virtual budget workshop on Saturday, January 23, 2021, as each of the cost centers explain their budget requests to the Board of Education.

RPS Highlights

Enjoy the RPS News [here](#)!

Classic Holiday Books to Snuggle Up and Read

Nostalgic Story: The Very Hungry Caterpillar's 8 Nights of Chanukah by Eric Carle

The Spirit of Giving and Love: The Giving Tree by Shel Silverstein

Brilliant Illustrations: The Polar Express by Chris Van Allsburg

Celebrating All Around the World: L'il Rabbit's Kwanzaa by Donna Washington and Shane Evans