



RPS News

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Happy Holidays, RPS! Best Wishes for Healthy, Joyful 2022!

Ugly Sweater Day at Scotts Ridge, a Yankee Swap at Central Office, a Movie (and surprise hot chocolate) for Veterans Park students in person and in quarantine, White Out and a quartet at Ridgefield High School...the list of ways Ridgefield Public Schools are celebrating the holidays is long! One of the most special is the sound of music (some examples are on page two of RPS News). But, the rising cases of COVID remind us that we are not out of the woods yet. RPS is grateful to our educators, nurses, staff, and families, and to be in a community where disagreements can be had without losing sight of what brings us together. It's been a good fall. For the

most part, students were in person and moving forward. Our first RPS service initiative, a collaboration with Ruby's Pantries, brought food and other necessities to the elderly in Danbury and Ridgefielders in need. Thank you to every student, staff member, and volunteer for your role in our success! We have exciting plans for 2022. On page two of this week's RPS News, we share the story of one good day for East Ridge student Logan Hale. Logan's story is a reminder of the power of community to lift each other up even when we can't immediately fix what has set us back. Please keep inspiring us with your thoughtfulness and generosity. Enjoy the holidays. See you in 2022! ♫



Calendar

December 22
Early Dismissal

Dec. 23-Jan. 3
No School
Winter Break

January 6
Early Dismissal for Students

January 10 and 24
BOE Meetings
[Link to Live/Recorded](#)

January 17
No School/MLK Day

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Carolers Spread Cheer

🎵 Veterans Park fifth graders sang their hearts out in front of the Town Hall on Monday afternoon. "We've been wanting to carol on Main Street for a long time," said VPES



Principal Ellen Tuckner, who was joined by First Selectman Rudy Marconi, parents, and Main Street holiday shoppers. The students, under the direction of Music Teacher Ryan Dunne, led the audience in old favorites like "Walking in a Winter Wonderland" and "Frosty

the Snowman" as well as previews from the VPES Winter concert, which will be held on January 5, 2022.

🎵 Monday night, Scotland School staff surprised SES Principal Jill Katcoccin and her family by showing up at her house in a school bus with cookies and cocoa to sing carols. "It was unlike anything I've ever experienced," wrote Katcoccin. "It was just incredible."



Fight Like Hale!



East Ridge Middle School seventh-grader Logan Hale received the devastating news last week that he had relapsed in his almost two-year fight against leukemia. While Logan has a very difficult battle in front of him, on Sunday, the Ridgefield community got together to celebrate him on his twelfth birthday. The Ridgefield High School Football team and his youth coaches gave him a special helmet and shirt with his number, 52. "My son smiled from ear to ear," writes his mom Kristina Hale. "Today at the hospital he was still talking about it. On such a tough day, he was distracted by the love and support from our town." Ridgefield Public Schools extends its very best wishes to Logan and his family in his battle against cancer.

Logan's [GoFundMe](#) page. #fightlikehale



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