

# NEWS FROM RIDGEDALE

## UpComing Events

- 4/27-28 Bus Safety during gym
- 5/1 - 8th gr. DC Trip final \$ and medical form due
- 5/1-3 – PARCC Math Assessment
- 5/4,5,8 – PARCC ELA Assessment
- 5/4 - Cyberbully Parent Presentation at 7pm in Aud.
- 5/12-13 - RMS Musical *Pajama Game*
- 5/17 -Solar Sprint County competition
- 5/25 - Science Fair, 6-8pm in gym
- 5/31 - 8th grade, NJASK Science
- 6/1 - Incoming 6th grade Orientation, 6pm
- 6/6-7 - 6th grade field trip to Longo Planetarium
- 6/8 - RMS Concert on front lawn
- 6/9 - 8th grade dance

### Spring Musical -Pajama Game

We hope that you will be able to come out to see this year's musical. It is sure to be a hit. The students have been working very hard and they sound great in rehearsals. Tickets are available online by visiting the school website ([www.f-pks.org/rms](http://www.f-pks.org/rms)) for the three shows. The performances are Friday, May 12 at 7pm, Saturday, May 13 at 2pm and 7pm

### Students of the Month April

Lauren Schiffman  
Psalm Yartley  
Anthony Eilers  
Alexandra Anderson  
Sophia Maugeri  
Michael Lagravenis  
Kaitlin Niu  
Daniel Sherman



## Principal's Message

It is really amazing how quickly the school year is passing by. It is hard to believe that April is nearly over. With May just about here and all the activities planned for May and June, I am sure the remainder of the year will be a flurry of activity which will celebrate the wonderful things the students have learned and done.

One of those activities will be the PARCC assessment that is scheduled to be administered the first week of May. Please join us as the teachers are reminding students that is an opportunity to share all they have grown this year and all the hard work they have done in their classes. We are encouraging the students to focus simply on trying their best, and not focus the outcome. There are a few items I would like to share with you about the assessment that will contribute to your child doing their best work:

1. Please have your child get a good nights sleep. Homework will be suspended during testing.
2. Please make sure they get a good breakfast. Fueling their bodies helps them be able to concentrate.
3. Please have your child to school on time.
4. As reminder, there will be no food, drinks, or smart watches allowed in testing rooms.

Our goal is to create a positive environment for our students to show their best efforts. As you may be aware, when these students enter high school, the PARCC is planned to be a graduation requirement.

Speaking of showing best efforts, we have our students currently working on their science fair projects. As we are using the Next Generation Science Standards in our instruction, we have worked to embed them in the requirements of their projects. One thing you'll notice is that the projects need to test something. It is no longer an opportunity to see what students can build, but what kind of experiment can they create to reveals new understandings for themselves or the world around them. I have noted some excellent experiments being designed as students have used parts of the school to serve as their laboratory for performing their experiment. I look forward to what revealed in these experiments and projects. I hope you will join us Thursday, May 25th to see all the projects on display in the gym from 6pm-8pm.

### Reminder about Lunch

We usually end the lunch program as we prepare for the 8th grade dance. There will be no lunch served June 8th and 9th. The lunch program will resume until June 15th, which is a week later than usual. Thank you PTA.

## Are You Aware of This Popular Show?

There is a very popular show that many middle schoolers are watching on Netflix. If you go into your Netflix account, do you see a recently watched series called 13 Reasons Why? This show is based on a very powerful book by the same name. This book is about suicide and the tapes they find about the thirteen reasons for wanting to take her life. The book is meant to give insight into what this girl went through and to shed light on this problem. It is meant to help us notice the individuals that sometimes go unnoticed. The book is well done and does not glorify suicide.

On the other hand, this popular series on Netflix is nothing like the book. The content of this show is quite upsetting to me, as a father and educator, to think that our middle school aged children could be watching a laundry list of behaviors that they are not mature enough to view. In many cases, I am not sure why some of this content needs to be produced. If they are watching this show, they have seen a teen girl get raped at a party and left little to the imagination as to what is happening. They heard about 1000 different uses of the F word. They have seen drug addiction, cutting behaviors, stalking, sexual experimentation, gun violence, and much more.

There is an article that Dr. Lori Fishman, Clinical Psychologist, wrote about this show, referencing what this show covers and her concerns as a psychologist. I encourage you to check your Netflix account and see if this is something your child is watching. It is worth checking. Here is the link to the blog: [https://www.facebook.com/DrLoriFishman/?hc\\_ref=NEWSFEED&fref=nf](https://www.facebook.com/DrLoriFishman/?hc_ref=NEWSFEED&fref=nf)

### Internet Bullying Parent program

#### ADULT DISCUSSION WITH GUEST SPEAKER SGT. THOMAS RICH

On Thursday, May 4th at 7:00 PM the PTA is hosting an Internet Bullying program for parents. It will be held in the RMS auditorium. Presenter Sgt. Thomas Rich will be presenting the topics that he discussed with the children as well as addressing what parents should be aware of when monitoring their kids' phones and computers. He will also be there to answer questions. This is a great opportunity for parents to become knowledgeable of the many new and different websites and apps that kids are becoming exposed to daily. We encourage you to come out and hear about the many different apps your children have on their phones and iPads. Also, learn how you can monitor the apps and other programs.

The more parents are familiar with the apps and lingo, hopefully this can reduce cyber bullying and protect your child from friending strangers.

#### *Topics include:*

- Texting
- Proper cell phone usage -
- Bullying/cyberbullying and how what you say or text affects people in all different ways.
- Stress respecting differences and using your power to make a difference
- Not sharing passwords
- YouTube
- Musicaly
- Protecting your info online
- Instagram
- Roblox

#### **Resources**

[www.alwaysconnected.org](http://www.alwaysconnected.org)

NBC Interview

<http://4.nbcny.com/Y3QGMkn>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kql3pKwF8Ws>

### **Earth Day Grocery Bags**

As students continually learn about the world around them and the need to preserve the resources we have, the RMS students took some time to remind the customers of Kings to preserve, recycle and reuse in the form of student artwork. In the weeks leading up to Earth Day, students could choose to create a piece of artwork on King's paper shopping bags. Our students created 300 shopping bags that were used on Earth Day, Friday, April 21st in the store used to bag the groceries. It was a nice way to remind the community about this important lifestyle choice that will help preserve resources for generations to come.

We will continue this important work as our Peer leaders will be participating in the Dump the Junk competition where they will clean the RMS property of garbage.

### **Science Opportunity**

In the next week an email will be coming home sharing an opportunity for those students that are interested in marine biology and the oceans. RMS will be sending 30 interested students to the Clean Ocean Action Summit for a day of hands on marine and environmental activities as they learn more about how to protect the oceans. It is a day that will require the students doing work and getting messy. The students will go to Sandy Hook for this event. The event is on May 17th and will require leaving school before the start of the school day.

Please keep an eye out for the email on May 1st at 3pm, as seats are limited and will be taken on a first come first serve basis.

### **Congratulations for Musical Awards**

Samantha Howden and Ben Kunze were both recently chosen as Outstanding Piano Student (Samantha) and Outstanding Band Student (Ben) by the MAYO Performing Arts Center in Morristown.

Samantha has been playing the piano since the age of six. She has participated in the New Jersey Federation of Music Clubs music festival every year. She entered the MEA honors recital the last three years. She has performed at Carnegie Hall the last four years after placing Gold in the Golden Keys Music Festival Competition. She will be performing at Carnegie Hall this coming May after placing Silver in the Golden Key Music Festival Competition.

Ben is a three-year band member who is currently our euphonium player. Previously, Ben played trombone in concert band. Ben is still involved as a trombone player in our jazz band, as well as playing tuba for several of our concert band pieces, while still performing at a high level on euphonium. He participates in every aspect of the performing arts department that he possibly can. He is involved in the fall play, the spring musical, the talent show (where he played bass guitar), band, jazz band, pep band, high school pep band, high school marching band, just to name a few. He is a model student who strives to improve himself every day.

# Honor Roll for Third Marking Period

## Grade Six

Nalin Agrawal  
Kayla Ahearn  
Jouri Alshehri  
Kwabi Anokye  
Alesio Barquin  
Abby Bayait  
Ashlyn Brooks  
Julia Casola  
Emily Cifello  
Alyssa Clark  
Molly Cocco  
Dylan Couto  
Casey Cox  
Luke Crimi  
Emma Daly  
Marco DePinto  
Samantha Dolce  
Lailah Driscoll  
Chloe Dunne  
Zamira Dzhatdoyev  
Isabella Firooznia  
Nadin Galal  
Amanda Granata  
Elizabeth Greberis  
Leanne Gregory  
Joshua Hastie  
Anna Bia Hedberg  
Isabel Holmes  
Alexandra Huang  
Mary Korab  
Albert Lee  
Catherine Lee  
Gia Leonardis  
Arthur Longo  
James Macko  
Ava Majdanski  
Stephanie Marelli  
John Massarano  
Sophia Maugeri  
Harrison McCoy  
Matthew Mullen  
Hailey Murphy  
Isabella Navarro  
Lindsey O'Brien  
Anthony O'Day  
Nicholas O'Day  
Alberto Pereira  
Genesis Perez  
Christopher Perillo  
Ryan Rauschenberger  
Bruna Rocha  
Kylie Ruff  
Megan Ruzicka  
Rachael Saccento  
Morgan Shepard  
Christopher Smith  
Toby Smith  
Tyler Sugg  
Peyton Sward  
Alexa Treiber  
Jenna Vitale  
Kaitlyn Vuong  
Michael Vuong  
Abigail Ward  
Natalie Weinstock  
Timothy Winz  
William Wong

## Grade Seven

Jason Alves  
Joseph Bartolomeo  
Alyssa Bassolino  
Brett Behre  
Abigail Bridge  
Carmen Camacho  
Gabiella Carnevale  
Justin Chu  
Emily Ciprich  
Matthew Cisek  
Nicholas Cocozza  
Sara Coll Martinez  
Kerrigan Collins  
Paul Cosentino  
Brian Daniels  
Ava DeLuca  
Leah Dewan  
Matthew Dirlam  
Liam Dunphy  
Michael Filippone  
Stephen Gallo  
Daniel Getts  
Elyse Grzymala  
Greta Haemmerle  
Henry Hena  
Emmy Henning  
Samantha Howden  
Abigail Huang  
Jonathan Iandiorio  
Jamie Iantosca  
Angela Irwin  
Courtney Kahn  
Edward Karpinski  
Sophia Kowal  
Quentin Lane  
Dylan Larsen  
Ella LeSueur  
Ava Lorette  
Meghan Lowinger  
Emma Lynch  
Avery Macko  
Connor Malone  
Ava Marinelli  
Maria Marquez  
Amanda Miano  
Matthew Monte-  
teleone  
Tara Murphy  
Kaitlin Niu  
William Olszewski  
Christian Peterson  
Charlie Petro  
Alyssa Pomante  
James Pulice  
Anna Rack  
William Sacher  
Pooja Harini  
Sangeetha Prabu  
Mackenzie Schubert  
Daniel Sherman  
Paul Silva  
Sydney Stavvaka  
Ethan Steig  
Isabella Tango  
Lauren Tannenbaum  
Sarah TenBroeck  
Owen Winters

## Grade Eight

DeepikaAgrawal  
Bisma Awan  
Kylie Bill  
Carissa Isabella Bolante  
Linda Bruncaj  
Julianna Canzonieri  
Raquel Carbone  
Benjamin Casalinho  
Carina Cooke  
Lily Corbett  
Christina Daniels  
Deena Dewan  
Gabiella DiLauri  
Sofia DiSessa  
Fallon Duffy  
Lauren Duffy  
Medina Dzhatdoyev  
Anthony Eilers  
Angei Fernandez-Salis  
Nicole Ferreira  
Gabriel Ferriero  
Tara Fitzpatrick  
Kevin Foerster  
Mark Foerster  
Gerald Foley  
Carla Freda  
Ava Gallo  
Bryanna Gerben  
Anthony Giorgi  
Cameron Greene  
Andrew Haberman  
Carys Hirawady  
Luke Incardona  
Alex Iossa  
Maya Kang  
Nofar Katzav  
Dani Keselman  
Alex Kleiman  
Zachary Kleiman  
Benjamin Kunze  
Nicholas Lago  
Michael Lagravenis  
Caroline Lee  
Joseph Leonardis  
Jonathan Ling  
Frank Lukasiewicz  
Erin Martin  
William Martynowicz  
Sophie McCarthy  
Grace Mochnal  
Andrew Modrowsky  
John Mullen  
Michael Murphy  
Dylan O'Donnell  
Axel Ognar  
Nicholas Olivieri  
Michael Palladino  
Victoria Perlman  
Jonathan Peterson  
Hailee Posnock  
Jenny Rapa  
Wendy Rivera  
Gabriela Rojas  
Allison Rozek S  
amantha Rozek  
Julia Santos

Smruthi Sathya  
Lauren Schiffman  
Jesse Simmons  
Frank Simpson  
Trevor Smith  
Peter Sodano  
Cooper Takach  
Jennifer Trautman  
Justin Tuli  
Laurie Vuong  
Brian Zhang