



Ridgefield Public Schools

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Dear Ridgefield Public Schools Community,

Today marks the final school day of September and I wanted to send home a brief letter of appreciation to the entire community. I began my tenure in Ridgefield over the summer, but it wasn't until after Labor Day that I felt the true spirit of our community. The warmth of our families matched with the kindness of our students, I believe, is what makes Ridgefield such a wonderful place to raise children. Our staff members have been busy all month teaching authentic lessons supplemented with real-world experiences. Here are some updates from our district:

- Shaler Academy has purchased seven new Promethean boards to help our educators teach and our students learn. The Shaler pre-school team recently completed two days of intense training for *The Creative Curriculum*, which is being implemented this year in our classrooms.
- Bergen Boulevard School also brought in new Promethean boards this year. In addition, a new outdoor seating area was constructed for our students and a Class III Officer was hired to assist with school security.
- At Slocum Skewes School, students planted American flags in front of the building or adjacent to the Mr. Asciak Tree, honoring those who lost their lives on September 11th. In addition, the Ridgefield Borough Anti-Bullying Committee funded and set up a *Kindness Matters* sign on the blacktop fence.
- Ridgefield Memorial High School is in the process of creating a web page that will be available online and via a touchscreen as you enter RMHS. The page will highlight academic, musical, co-curricular, and athletic accomplishments of our students. Also, congratulations to our Varsity Girls Tennis Team for winning the Bergen-Hudson Invitational Tournament.
- Buildings and Grounds: Our Energy Savings Improvement Plan (ESIP) is ongoing and promises to make our district more energy efficient and save our taxpayers money. Our efforts to install solar panels on our school rooftops continue unabated. Once installed, we will realize significantly lower energy bills; this project will continue into 2024.

Best wishes for a happy October and beyond,

Alex Anemone, Ed.D.

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