

April 14, 2020

Dear Ridgefield Families,

In some ways it feels like just yesterday, and in other ways it feels like a year ago...so much has happened and so much has changed, but one significant thing remains constant, the resiliency of Ridgefield. I firmly believe that our resilience will enable us to become more connected as a community when we return. #RidgefieldResilient indeed!

This Friday, April 17, the District will honor our RHS Seniors by participating in the “Be the Light” campaign. We will be turning on both the stadium and RORC lights at 8:20 pm (20:20 in 24-hour time) for 20 minutes and twenty seconds. We invite you to join us in recognizing the Class of 2020 by turning on your porch lights at 8:20 pm. We also ask all senior families to drive by the stadium and/or RORC and honk your horns, bang pots and pans, etc. to celebrate the accomplishments of our graduating senior class. Please know, the District still intends to hold a graduation ceremony. More information to come.

The District continues to provide both breakfast and lunch to the children of Ridgefield. Last week alone, there were over 3800 meals provided. The District will continue to provide meals through June 19, the last day of remote learning. Follow the link for pick up times and locations. [Meals](#)

Last week we launched our first Thought Exchange, seeking examples of #RidgefieldResilient. Nearly 500 individuals participated in this first Thought, sharing 167 unique examples and casting 3032 ratings. Attached, please find a word cloud that highlights the most frequently shared thoughts. We will release another Thought for discussion tomorrow (Wednesday, April 15).

We *officially* began our Continuity of Learning Plan today to support students through remote learning. Should you need paper materials, please email your request to your child’s teacher. Once the print materials are available, your teacher will notify you that they are ready and can be picked up at the RACC.

As of today, the District has distributed over 650 Chromebooks to students in the community. This is far greater than we originally anticipated the need to be. The District is down to a limited supply of Chromebooks. Therefore, we will now only be providing one (1) per household, as the Chromebooks are intended for homes without any other device to use during this time of remote learning. The next distribution day will be this Friday from 9:00-11:00 and 1:00-3:00 at the RACC, 510 Pioneer Street.

As always, thank you for your continued support. Stay well and remain #RidgefieldResilient.

Sincerely,



Dr. Nathan McCann  
Superintendent

## Thought Exchange Word Cloud

Week 1

4.14.20

