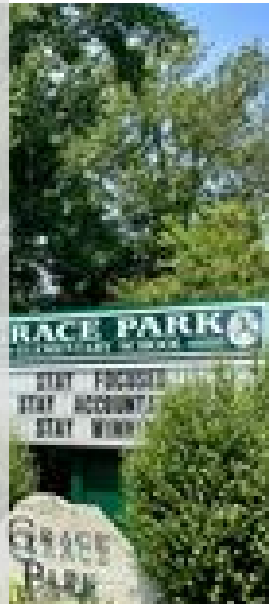


Ridley School District MONTHLY NEWS



It's Our Mission...

To create an environment that gives all students the opportunity to achieve their fullest personal and academic potential in order to become productive and responsible citizens



Life Roles

Self-directed Learner

Responsible Citizen

Collaborative Performer

Effective Communicator

Problem Solver

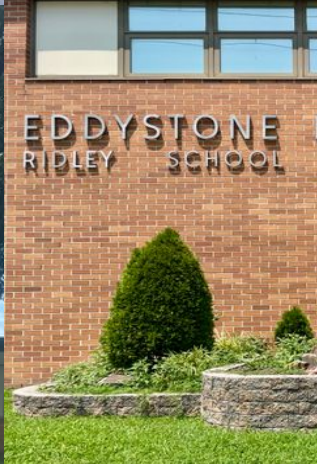


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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**1
DEC**

**Ridley School District
Board Meeting**

**3
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Interims**

**5-14
DEC**

**RHS Winter Musical - Mean Girls
Buy Your Tickets Now!**

**24
DEC**

**Winter Break
Dec 24th - Jan 2nd**

[CLICK HERE FOR THE FULL DISTRICT CALENDAR](#)



RIDLEY GRADUATE AND AUTHOR DIANA RODRIGUEZ - WALLACH



Ridley School District welcomed home acclaimed author and alumna Diana Rodriguez Wallach (Class of '96) for an author visit at the High School. Wallach recently released her ninth published novel, *THE SILENCED*, through Penguin Random House. The book, which debuted in September, is set in her hometown of Delaware County and features many familiar Ridley landmarks, from the footbridge behind the high school to OLP Church, as well as historical lore connected to Glen Mills and the former Sleighton Farm schools.

Wallach shared her excitement about returning to the Ridley community—a place she described as close-knit and deeply meaningful. Students and staff enjoyed the opportunity to meet a distinguished Ridley graduate and connect with a story that brought their hometown to life.





Each month, we will celebrate the outstanding contributions of our alumni and community members who inspire, lead, and make a difference. Whether it's through professional accomplishments, volunteer service, or everyday acts of kindness, we want to shine a light on the people who strengthen our Ridley School District family.

[Click Here To Fill Out Nominee Form](#)

We invite you to help us highlight these outstanding contributions by submitting a nominee through the survey link above.



CELEBRATING LEARNING, GROWTH, AND INNOVATION ACROSS OUR SCHOOLS

THE RIDLEY EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION (REF) CONTINUES TO MAKE A POWERFUL IMPACT ACROSS THE DISTRICT BY FUNDING HANDS-ON LEARNING TOOLS, INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGY, AND INSPIRING STUDENT SPACES.



GRACE PARK ELEMENTARY: BUILDING FRACTION SKILLS WITH HANDS-ON LEARNING

Grace Park students have been diving into fractions using new math manipulatives. These tools allowed students to actively explore and visualize how fractions work. The hands-on experience boosted engagement and deepened their understanding of key math concepts. Teachers are to be commended for crafting such an interactive and effective lesson.



RIDLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL: GROWING COMMUNITY THROUGH OUTDOOR LEARNING

The Garden Club at RMS continues to enhance its outdoor garden and classroom space. Their latest addition—a vibrant mural designed and painted as an Eagle Scout project—brings color and energy to the ever-expanding area. This outdoor classroom offers students a unique place for hands-on learning, collaboration, and connection to nature.



RIDLEY HIGH SCHOOL: INNOVATION TAKES ROOT INSIDE

RHS acquired a new hydroponic garden system that will grow fresh produce and herbs. Students in Gang Green and Horticulture classes are collaborating to maintain the garden, using automated watering and lighting supported by an AI gardening assistant. With the first sprouts emerging, the school is eager to compare the results with traditional growing methods.

YOU CAN SUPPORT FUTURE PROJECTS BY DONATING TO THE RIDLEY EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION AT: WWW.RIDLEYEDUCATIONALFOUNDATION.ORG

Big Hearts, Big Achievements, Big Pride

Amosland Elementary Honoring Our Veterans

Amosland kindergarten students created heartfelt pictures and notes to honor local veterans. Half of the messages were delivered to DELVETS and the other half to the American Legion, where they were met with overwhelming appreciation. It was a meaningful act of kindness that truly touched the community.

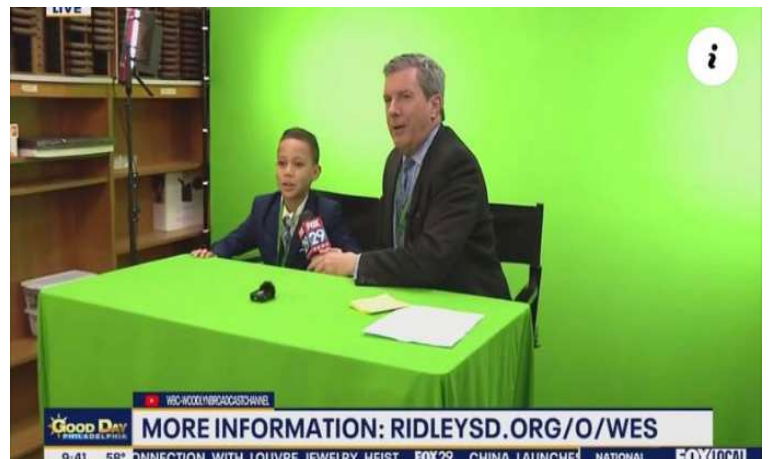


Lakeview Elementary Breakfast Bowl Success!

Lakeview students and families wrapped up their annual Breakfast Bowl cereal drive with outstanding results—collecting 1,155 boxes of cereal for local families in need. Their generosity and teamwork made a real difference in the community.

Woodlyn Elementary WBC Shines on Fox 29

Woodlyn Elementary celebrated a big moment as a live taping of WBC—the Woodlyn Broadcast Channel—aired on Fox 29! Students were thrilled to see their work featured on television. Full episodes can be found on the WBC YouTube channel!





Ben Holcombe 7th grade student at RMS

earned second place in the 2025 Veterans Day Essay Contest. Ben's essay was recognized for its heartfelt message, strong writing, and thoughtful reflection on the sacrifices made by our nation's veterans. His work stood out among many entries from students across the County.

This achievement highlights not only Ben's talented writing, but also the importance of honoring those who serve. Congratulations, Ben, on this well-deserved recognition!

RMS Student Honored in Veterans Day Essay Contest



RHS THANKSGIVING PEP RALLY

Ridley High School kicked off the holiday season with its annual Thanksgiving Pep Rally, held in two spirited sessions—one in the morning for 4th and 5th grade students from each elementary school, and one in the afternoon for the high school. Both events brought the community together to celebrate school pride, showcase student talent, and highlight the many accomplishments across Ridley this season. Performances from the Dance team, Step team, Rhapsody, Cheerleaders, Marching Band, and Drama group energized the crowd with outstanding displays of creativity and teamwork.



One highlight of the day was a special collaboration between the RHS Step Team and Peer Mentors. In the weeks leading up to the Pep Rally, these groups partnered to work with interested 5th grade students, teaching them the foundations of stepping. The RHS groups guided the younger students through practices, helping them build confidence while learning choreography. Their hard work paid off when the 5th graders took the floor at the Pep Rally, performing alongside the Step Team in an exciting, high-energy routine that drew huge cheers from the crowd.

The entire day truly captured the heart of the Ridley community—Trust, Inspire, and Unite. You can watch a full recording of the Pep Rally on YouTube: [watch here](#).



College Signing Athletes



Callie Bryan
Penn State University



Chloe Extor
Catholic University



Nadia Henkel
St. Joseph's University



Melinda Howe
Ursinus College



Rori Kennedy
Rowan University

Congratulations to our talented athletes



College Signing Athletes



Aidan Kiely
**Pennsylvania College
of Technology**



Taylor Marsich
**East Stroudsburg
University**



Elise Martin
Ursinus College



Keira Small
Lebanon Valley College

Congratulations to our talented athletes

Ridley Middle School Chorus Shines at PMEA Festival

Members of the Ridley Middle School Chorus proudly participated in the 2025 PMEA District 12 Middle School Chorus Festival, an honors ensemble featuring top singers from 20 middle schools across the tri-county area. Students spent the day in intensive rehearsals under the direction of a collegiate choral conductor and capped the experience with a wonderful evening performance!



Congratulations to our outstanding 8th-grade representatives
Fiona Gallagher (Soprano),
Ashlynnne Rauenzahn (Soprano),
Claudia Deisler (Alto),
EmmaRose Leafey (Alto),
JJ DiTullio (Tenor)
for their hard work and
for representing the
Ridley School District with
pride!



RHS MARCHING BAND WRAPPED UP AN INCREDIBLE SEASON



The 2025 Ridley Raider Marching Band placed 2nd out of 17 bands in the US Bands Group IIA National Finals.

This year's performance, "Blackbird Set Free," showcased talented soloists, familiar music, and outstanding visual effects.

The band led by Captains Violet Bailey, Mikaela Cianfrani, Peter DeLany, Kaitlyn Hinckley, and Toby Lackus earned an impressive score of 93.00—the program's highest score in at least a decade!

If you see a band member, please join us in congratulating them on an exceptional season!



"This is one of the best marching bands Ridley has had in my time here. Their potential is very high, and I can't wait to help them realize it as the season continues."

ANTHONY MURGIDI

RHS MUSIC
TEACHER





The Locker Supports Ridley Families in Need

The Locker donated \$5,000 in grocery gift cards to Ridley families in need. The students and staff featured in this newsletter work tirelessly behind the scenes to make moments like this possible.

**TOGETHER
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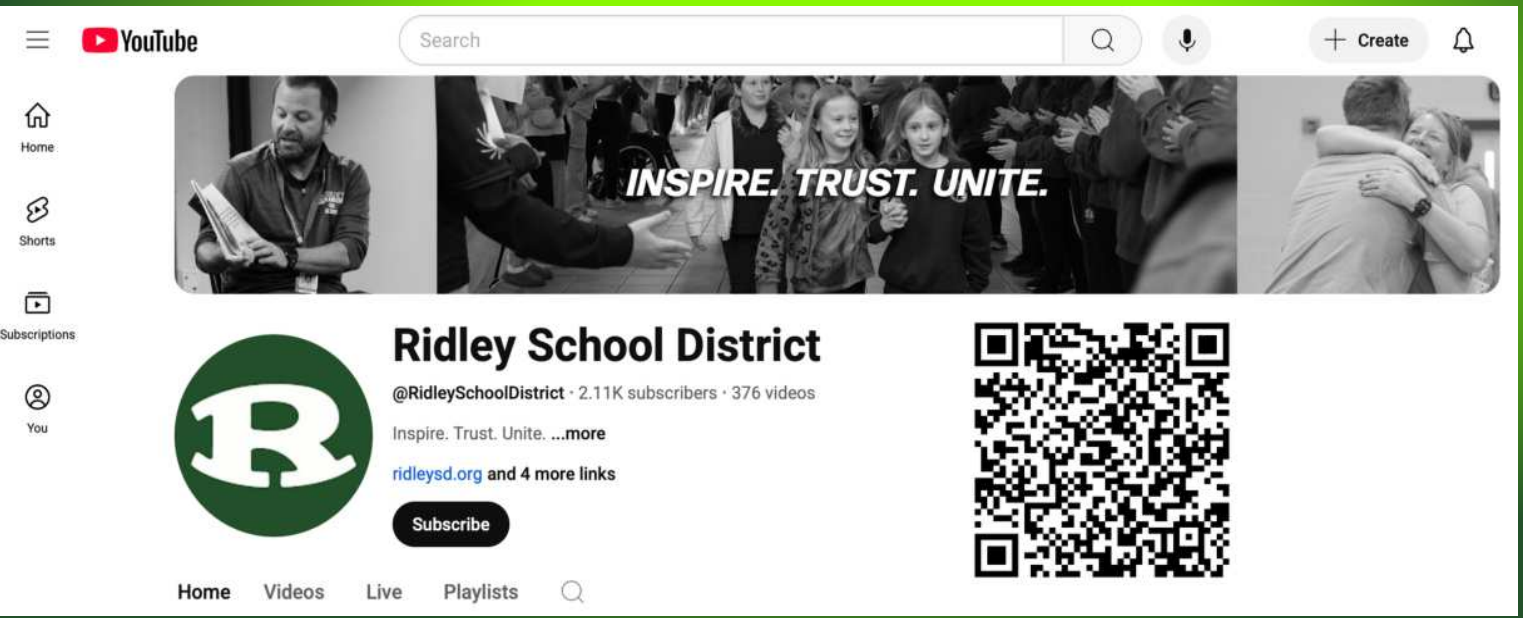
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Welcome to Ridley High's School Store! The Locker is a student-run business that sells affordable Ridley merchandise online and in our store at RHS. All profits are donated back to the Ridley community, including the Ridley Educational Foundation, Ridley High School Business Club and Ridley Families in Need.



 Rewards

The Locker has released its Fall/Winter clothing line!! The new collection will feature a variety of seasonal spirit wear perfect for showing your Ridley pride throughout the colder months.

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Team

Ridley School District is always looking for dedicated and enthusiastic individuals to join our team. We are currently seeking: Paraprofessionals - Food Service Staff - Bus Aides - and more!

To see current openings and apply, please visit our Employment Page



Bullying Prevention: Breaking the Cycle of School Avoidance

MENTAL HEALTH NEWSLETTER



BULLYING

The connection between bullying and school avoidance:

In their shoes... Have you ever noticed that a child's backpack holds more than just books? It can carry fears and heartaches too heavy for their young shoulders. Some kids dread going to school because of bullying, feeling anxious, isolated, and desperate for a sense of safety and belonging. Together, we can be the difference these children need.

What is Bullying? Bullying is the ongoing misuse of power in relationships, often through repetitive verbal, physical, or social actions meant to harm others. It can involve individuals or groups using their perceived power to target those who feel unable to stop it.

What is School Avoidance?

School avoidance, or school refusal, refers to a child's anxiety about school and their refusal to attend. It's usually a symptom of an underlying issue.

When Bullying and School Avoidance Mix...

Adults should be alert when bullying and school avoidance overlap. Addressing this requires collaboration between parents, schools, and the community. With strong support, parents can help children regain confidence and navigate these challenges.

Steps to Address the Issue of School Avoidance and Bullying:

Recognize Signs: Identify signs of bullying and school avoidance in your child.

Open Communication: Regularly talk with your child and check how they're feeling.

Track Incidents: Write down bullying incidents, including dates and details.

Involve the School: Report bullying and create a plan together.

Seek Professional Help: Find a mental health professional to support your child.

Speak Up: Advocate for your child's needs at school.

Teach Resilience: Teach coping skills and confidence.

Stay Informed: Learn about school policies and bullying prevention.





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