

Rappahannock County Elementary School

34 Schoolhouse Rd. Washington, VA 22747

<http://rces.rappahannockschools.us>

Telephone: 540.227.0200

Fax: 540.987.1130

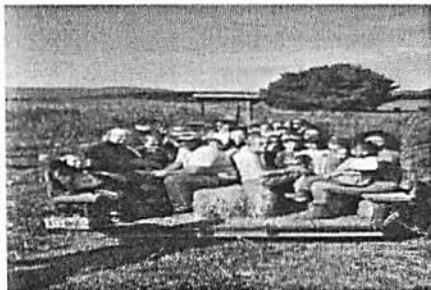
Conservation

Discovery

Day

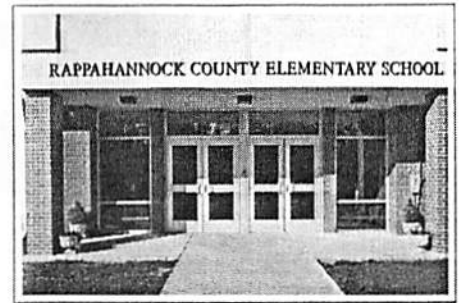


Seventh graders and chaperones attended Conservation Discovery Day at the Smithsonian Conservation center in Front Royal on Saturday, October 7th. Students and adults enjoyed a tour of the campus as well as exhibits, lectures and hands on activities. The kiwi bird exhibit and lecture became a fast favorite!! Thank you Mrs. Grimsley for allowing us such an exciting opportunity!



Pumpkin Picking!

RCES pre-k students went on a field trip to Valley Star Farm in Luray on Friday, October 20th. The children were able to go on a hayride, pick a pumpkin gourd, eat a picnic lunch, play on the playground, and go through the amazing corn maze. The students learned about how pumpkins grow, and the different types of pumpkins and gourds. It was a beautiful fall day, and many wonderful memories were made.



Upcoming Events

November 1

Fall picture retakes

November 6

PTO meeting

November 22

School closed-Thanksgiving holiday

Homework Study Hints

- Find a quiet place to work.
 - Study for big tests over two or three days. Don't wait until the night before to "cram" for a test.
 - When working on a large project, break it up into a number of small tasks that can be completed during one study session.
 - Students in grades 3-7 should write all assignments in their daily planner. Have a parent sign and date your agenda book each night.
 - If you are having trouble with your homework, talk to your teacher.
 - Put away electronic devices until your homework is finished.
-



Book Fair Fun!

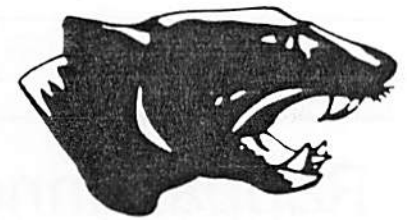
October 2-6, 2017 was the RCES fall Scholastic Book Fair. The RCES library was transformed into a vibrant, welcoming, book store where the promotion of reading was at the forefront. All students had the opportunity to attend the book fair during the week and both students and parents poured through the fair's doors on parent/teacher conference night. There was a scavenger hunt held on Thursday night and the winners were Trinity Todd and Nicholas Plaksin. There was also a guessing game for all of the students and the winners of that were Emma Jenkins and Ayden Compton. The fair was a huge success thanks to all of our RCES family and community. 😊

Shenandoah National Park



Have you ever wondered how plants and animals adapt to live in their environment? Third graders discovered the answer to this question, and many others, while exploring Big Meadows in Shenandoah National Park. On Monday, October 2nd Park rangers led students in discovering why plants and animals need both behavioral and physical adaptations; the importance of preserving natural habitats; and the various conservation efforts students can do to make a difference. Third graders received a wonderful introduction to some of the concepts they will learn about in their upcoming science unit.

RCES fifth graders also enjoyed a field trip to Shenandoah National Park this month. Rangers led the group on a geology field trip to explore the effects of geology on ecology. Students saw evidence of weathering and erosion that they had been taught in science class by Mr. Way. They also learned about the movement of tectonic plates.



Counselor's Corner

An Elementary Counselor's First Aid Kit includes:

Tissue: to help dry tears when a child is feeling sad or overwhelmed.

Toothpick: to help a child "pick out" problems and make sense of them.

Milky Way: helping children to see that the counselor's office is a safe place.

Star: to help children who are feeling lost, confused or unsure about how to solve a problem.

Penny: "luck"-reminds us that each and every one of us is valuable.

Band-aid/bandage: to help heal wounds and help children feel better.

Eraser: to help deal with feelings when mistakes are made, and how to avoid making that mistake in the future, and learn from it.

Lifesaver: to help children who find themselves in a sad, scary, or stressful situation by giving support, guidance and care.

Cotton ball: to give warm and fuzzies and compliments, to cheer children up.

Headphones: to help hear children clearly.

Rubber band: to be flexible.