

GT Parent Newsletter

Rappahannock County Public Schools

January 2019

January Updates!

Snow and cold weather do make us want to hunker down and hibernate, but it's also the time for thinking and planning for the future. Parents can develop plans for the summer on February 1 at the RCES Auxiliary Gym where there will be representatives from our local camps.

High school students in eighth and ninth grade may be looking over the Mountain Vista Governor's School Application in planning coursework. Science, mathematics, humanities, and research courses are uniquely integrated to provide a college-level, project-based learning environment at MVGS. Applications for admission are now available and are due in the guidance office no later than March 1, 2019. Current RCPS freshmen may access the application by clicking [here](#). Applications are also available in the guidance office at the high school. Mountain Vista Governor's School is pleased to invite prospective students and parents to an informational meeting from 7-8 p.m. on Tuesday, January 29 at the LFCC Warrenton Campus in the Barn. (Weather cancellation date is February 5.) Faculty and staff will be present to discuss the MVGS program and answer questions. Current MVGS students will be available to describe their experience in the MVGS program. RCHS students who attend do have limited course choices at the base school and may not take band.

For more information about Mountain Vista Governor's School, please visit www.mvgshome.org or set up an appointment with me. I have a Powerpoint to share if you would prefer. The photograph shows a visit I made to MVGS for one of three weekly sessions discussing giftedness with the psychology teacher and another coordinator from Fauquier County.





Gifted Services:

Our Local Gifted Plan has been approved and is on the RCPS website under [Instruction/Gifted Program](#). We are hoping to support more differentiation in our classes and offerings. Independent studies and online coursework may be just the solution for our arts students. Our counselors are making every effort to help provide the best solutions for individuals.

Students will be receiving information about field trips this coming month, pending approval. Ms. Grady and I have planned for some museum visits for all identified students. Museums encourage lifelong learning and expression, that we will explore with students through our talks with docents and artists.

We are also encouraging more in-school practice for the 24 Meet coming up this spring. At home the online apps are a great way to practice. Some free ones are [24 Solver](#) and [24 Solutions](#), and don't forget YouTube for all kinds of ideas and strategies.

Events:

[Focusing on the Future \(FOF\) 2019](#) at William and Mary, will be Saturday, February 2. An annual event as outlined on my [website](#).

Outside music groups like [Allegro](#) and the [Piedmont Symphony Orchestra](#) may provide students that choose to attend MVGS with an opportunity to continue performing with an organized group.

Sunday at 2:00 pm on February 17, 2019, the Rappahannock Lions Club Bland Music Contest will take place at the Theater in Little Washington.

Leave all the afternoon for exercise and recreation, which are as necessary as reading. I will rather say more necessary because health is worth more than learning.

Thomas Jefferson

