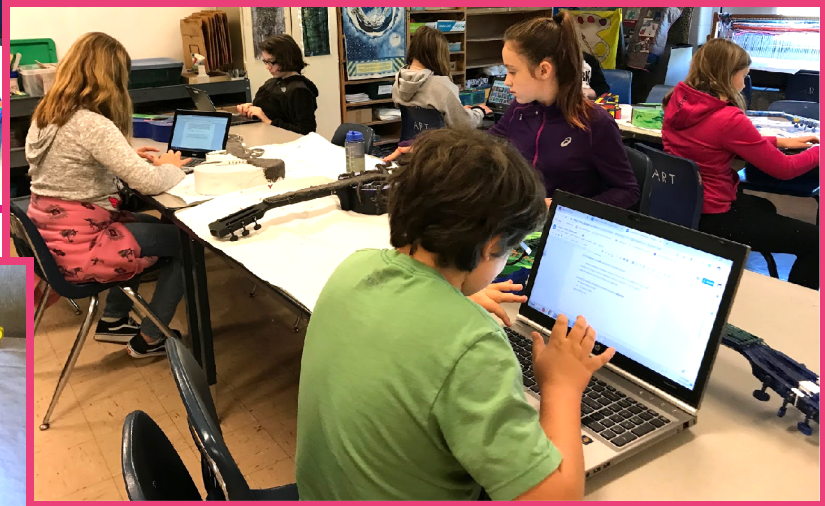


GT Parent Newsletter

Rappahannock County Public Schools

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October Updates!



The [Art Tour](#) is coming! Again this year RCPS will have work displayed in the Washington Schoolhouse on the first weekend of November. There will be a mural on display from each school that was created as a schoolwide project and some independent artwork done by our gifted art students. RCPS families get in for free!

The young artists at RCES studied an artist's work to emulate and then transformed an old guitar into a true piece of art. Finally, they had to compose an *Artist's Statement!* The words of that English teacher came back to haunt them,

"Consider your audience. Elaborate! Tell them why you enjoyed it!" But there was no



complaining! Students told which artist they discovered or RE-discovered to be inspired by when they created their piece. Ms. Amy Grady guided the process along with Ms. Wolfe. She also composed the *No Place for Hate* mural that students and staff contributed to.

At RCHS, Ms. Richardson brought in the same group of artists that came in 2007 to make this memorable schoolwide enrichment project happen. The project was underwritten by a Path Foundation grant and fundraising Mr. and Mrs. Richardson did. To see and purchase more of the products created you are welcome to attend the Nov. 16th Spaghetti Dinner/Art Auction. Funds raised will support the 8th grade and the art program. Fun activities like Knockerball will be included.

Gifted Services:

Serving our art students appropriately does benefit them across the curriculum. At RCPS we find many students explore drama and band more in depth at the high school level, and RCHS/LFCC art classes and independent studies have been a path for others. Providing services for each student is challenging. There is no *one* profile for a gifted student because their talents lie in different areas and there are many "[Myths about Gifted Students](#)". But making sure we reach or engage our students some of the time will carry over to the times we cannot differentiate as much as we would like. Read more at [NAGC](#). As parents we may find that farming, coding, Scouting, sports or other extracurricular programs help provide the challenge our students need to keep growing as a whole person.

Summer Programs:

Please look into summer programs now, especially if you are interested in scholarships for competitive programs like the [Juilliard Summer Program](#), [The Philips Exeter Academy Summer Program](#) or [Envision STEM programs](#). The Foreign Language Academy and [Summer Residential Governor's Schools](#) applications are due by Dec. 7, 2018 - links are on the website and Mrs. Wolfe can help with any questions you may have. Students can be nominated by someone or can nominate themselves. There are many programs to consider and I am happy to write recommendations. Remember that local internships, jobs in Shenandoah National Park, and coursework at LFCC can provide students with just the experience they need, too.



Contests:

Continental Math League math classes grades 3 through 7 - actual tests are starting this coming week and continue once a month through March.

WordMasters Language Arts classes 3 through 7 have begun their study and will be testing the end of November. We are using [Quizlet.com@LWolfe-rapp](https://www.quizlet.com/@LWolfe-rapp) to learn and practice the words.

AMC8 invitations are going out to 7th and 8th graders for the challenge on November 14 in Lexington, VA at the VMI campus. If you haven't received an invitation by next week and would like one, contact me.

Battle of the Books for 6th and 7th graders. We need students to have read the majority of the books by December to be prepared for the match in January.

24 Math - students should be practicing on their own and during resource when they are allowed. We will survey for interest in January

Our Gifted Advisory Committee will meet Thursday, November 8, 2018 at 3:45 in the RCHS library.

Sincerely,

Lilo Wolfe

A sign of a hard worker is one who works without complaint.
Sarah Price

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