

GT Parent Newsletter

Rappahannock County Public Schools

February 2019

February Updates!

This month features continuing life-long learning and summer services for middle school students as topics.

Students in grades 7 through 12 are invited to join Ms. Grady and myself as we travel to the [Fralin Art Museum](#) in Charlottesville, Va. on March 1st. The docents promise an opportunity to learn about reflection as we discuss the work of Vanessa German, a contemporary artist with a “widely acclaimed installation, spoken word, and performance artist...” We’ll also be engaged by a



photography exhibit that documents the work of American photographer William Wylie “exploring the archeological site of Pompeii.” Hopefully, the variety of works, including the outdoor sculptures and possibly a little exploration of the campus, will provide everyone with something of interest.



For our students in sixth grade and younger, we have arranged local visits to the Middle Street Gallery and Kevin Adams’ studio and gallery. Our students have participated in local visits in the past and always enjoyed the experience.

This month identified students in grades five, six and seven will be invited to apply for a two-week program with SummerQuest!2019. This service is a part of the [Summer Regional Governor’s Schools](#) programming that the state and local counties provide jointly. Our cohort includes Fauquier, Culpeper, Madison, Orange and Rappahannock counties. The program runs for 2 four-day weeks. The applications are due March 8 and will be in the mail by next week. SummerQuest! also invites former participants to act as interns and that is a highly competitive process. There are a variety of classes to participate in, and our own Layne Vickers leads the drama group! The needs of the whole child are addressed during this time and we have seen students grow in many different ways over the years.

Gifted Services:

Read more about Summer Enrichment on the RCPS Gifted Information website [Enrichment and Summer Experiences](#) page. I received new information and did update it recently with the new [LFCC Kids College Youth Camps](#) course guide. There have been rave reviews for these programs.

On March 7, seventh graders will be invited to join Ms. McCabe on the annual MVGS trip to see the project showcase. The students participate in discussions with students presenting their projects. They get to experience the setting and the possibility of attending MVGS during high school.

Our Battle of the Books team is traveling to Prince William County for the final BoB Tournament. We have room on the bus if any students would like to join in and see what it is like. This is for sixth, seventh and eighth grade students. Saturday, March 16, 2019 we will leave RCES at 8:00am.

Events:

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.

Wednesday, February 20, 2019, is the [School Safety Summit](#). If you missed the flyer please check the link. Digital Ethics, Vaping and Alice Training are all topics worthy of our time. I hope to see you there.

Students in grades 6 through 12 are invited to participate in the Essay Contest for Sixth through Twelfth Graders! The deadline is March 4th. Find info [here](#).

[The Doodle4Google Contest](#) forms must be postmarked by March 18, 2019. Ms. Grady is accepting work from students and will be sending them in on time. Check out this website for more information: <https://doodles.google.com/d4g/> Many thanks to Ms. Grady for facilitating a marker recycling program as well. Little things make a lot of sense to our gifted students.

Support the band on Sat. February 16 from 1-6pm and the Quiz Bowl team on Tues., Feb. 19.

A man of words, and not of deeds, is like a garden full of weeds.

-English Proverbs
