

GT Parent Newsletter

Rappahannock County Public Schools

April 2019 Updates!

Failure is impossible.

by Susan B. Anthony

Dear Parents,

April has flown by! Students learned about their Governor's school acceptances and are working to stay calm as they prepare for state testing. The quote above helps keep things in perspective when we remember some facts listed in *The Gifted Kids' Survival Guide*:

John F. Kennedy received constant reports of "poor achievement." Beethoven's music teacher thought he was hopeless as a composer. Tina Brown, editor of *Vanity Fair* and the *New Yorker*, swimmer, Diana Nyad, and composer musician Roger Daltrey were all expelled from school.

Remember that today's failures help us grow and appreciate tomorrow's success.

Congratulations!

To Alec Petty and Philip Wyatt for their acceptances to the state level Summer Residential Governor's School. Alec is attending the [SRGS for Mathematics, Science and Technology](#). Philip is the [SRGS for Agriculture](#).

To Cassia Gainer and Ava Genho for their acceptances to the regional, [Mountain Vista Governor's School](#).

To Isaac Scheulen, Alexis Gainer, Mason Comer, Isaac Plaksin and Everett Zook for their acceptance to the regional **SuperQuest! 2019** which is the [state supported Governor's](#) summer program for middle school students grades 5 through 7.

These and other programs are listed on the website under instruction. Keep me posted on additions we should make to the site. This one was added recently - [Virginia Career View](#) <https://www.vaview.vt.edu/news/summer-camps> Virginia Career View is used by counselors to help students look into careers and enrichment as well. Stay connected with counselors. Parents and students alike can make appointments and talk to them about student interests to learn more about opportunities.

Contests:



Continental Math League awards will be presented at the end of year assemblies for grades three through seven.

The last **WordMasters** challenge took place this week. Drawing pictures of the words like livid, by Declan Perrot, helps students prepare. Student writing is another way to practice and employ new vocabulary - <https://www.edutopia.org/discussion/10-specific-suggestions-revising-student-writing>

Battle of the Books for 6th, 7th and 8th graders is a competitive regional club in which participants read pre-selected books and compete against other schools. A new list is being created and will be attached to the last mailing of the year. Our local Rappahannock librarian is a strong supporter, so there will be help in finding books already this summer!

24 Math - the regional contest was held during spring break. We will be having a day of contests after SOLs are over.

News:

Another organization with resources and programming is the [Davidson Institute](#). During high school, independent studies with mentors are another avenue to consider. Even at the end of high school different paths may be considered by gifted students, including gap years, which some of our alumni have chosen.

If you have been newly added to this mailing list, you can read previous newsletters [here](#).

Sincerely,

Lilo Wolfe
