

GT Parent Newsletter

Rappahannock County Public Schools

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September Updates!

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Service opportunities help our students learn life skills to give back to the community and develop their passions. Running for a Student Council Advisory office or helping with recycling is just the beginning at RCES. Participating in the many clubs at RCHS, holding an office or developing a variety of skills through sports, drama, band, Scouting, 4-H, NHS or church groups encourages the growth mindset. As a co-sponsor of the Leo Club at RCHS I see our students in action. Twice this year they will be picking up trash on their Adopted-Highway and the other activities will be determined by the group. The RCES students do the same road clean-up for SCA.

Since I am in the reading classes, I see the new materials that cover a wide range of world cultures. This is what current education courses are stressing. Students have focused discussions and connected writing experiences. Using quality curriculum materials provides our students with a continuum of service.

The [Summer Residential Governor's Schools and Foreign Language Academies](#) are on the schedule for consideration in October. I will pop into some RCHS classes to advertise and will be available after school on Thursdays in the RCHS library or by appointment.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible during your teacher conferences. Let me know if you want to make an individual appointment. Thank you to the parents volunteering to help with the Gifted Advisory.

Contest Updates:

Keep tabs on our guidance and teacher websites and the walls of the schools, because sometimes contests appear through email and we get the word out as fast as possible. The great thing about the site is you can search to find specific information.

Continental Math League math classes grades 3 through 7 begins in October.

Unofficial Quiz Bowl event - Sat., Oct. 20 Mr. Naser is looking for interested participants.

WordMasters Language Arts classes 3 through 7 assessments begin in November.

[AMC8](#) - American Mathematics Competitions 8 for 7th and 8th graders in November - Last year's test and answers are [here](#).

RCHS students have information for a video [contest](#) that was posted on the RCHS Gifted Information portion of my site.

Sixth and seventh graders are invited to participate in the Battle of the Books contests.

Gifted Traits

During a recent parent conference the discussion revolved around child development and characteristics that were both blessings and challenges for gifted students, like [perfectionism](#). To help us better understand where children might be at different points I use a variety of resources as you may already have seen on the [website](#): Louise Bates Ames has co-authored a series: *The Gesell Institute Child Development Series* (available individually), there is a wealth of information on [National Association for Gifted Children](#) and please check out these resources as you guide your children.

Do you want to know who you are? Don't ask. Act! Action
will delineate and define you.

Thomas Jefferson