

GT Parent Newsletter

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Spring Break Science Fair Fun RCES students compete at regionals!

Last week, sixteen RCES students competed in the 35th annual Piedmont Regional Science Fair. Students traveled from Rappahannock County Elementary School to

Weghorst achieved a third place ranking for her project on the effect of ultraviolet rays on cellular DNA. Five other students received honorable mention

"No winter lasts forever; no spring skips its turn."

~Hal Borland

UVA in Charlottesville to compete with more than 300 students from forty other schools representing thirteen counties.

Representing RCES proudly were 6th graders Cassia Gainer, T.J. Keane, Luke and Sara Beth Ellis, and Heather Williams; and 7th graders Alec Petty, Matthew Paratore, Evan Jenkins, Bryce Fryant, Matthew Sisk, Agustin Garcia, Dom DelGrosso, Rachel Weghorst, Eve Vandrey, Taylor Settle, and Morgan McKinney.

Students competed well, some even bringing home honors from the event. Rachel

recognition at the event: Heather Williams for her solar oven project, Cassia Gainer for class size effects on room temperature, Alec Petty for his evaluation of oil spill clean-up methods, Agustin Garcia for his work on chromatography and leaves, and Dom DelGrosso for his research on the effect of weather on rifle marksmanship. Great work!



Enrichment Opportunity

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The Virginia Department of Education is encouraging students across the state enrolled in K-12 public school divisions to participate in the Commonwealth of Virginia Campaign (CVC) Visual Arts Contest. This year's theme for the contest is "Virginia is for Givers." The CVC plans to showcase winning artwork statewide in posters, on the CVC website, and in a directly. Also, selected entries will be exhibited across the state. Entries must be postmarked by April 11, 2016, so interested students should speak with their art teacher about the rules and criteria. Cash prizes will be awarded to selected pieces. For more information, visit www.cvc.virginia.gov or speak with your child's art teacher.

4-H Extension

An extension of junior/senior fest

This month, RCHS students will be able to sign up for workshops created based on student recommendations stemming from last month's Junior-Senior Fest hosted by the 4-H Extension Office.

Jenny Kapsa, has organized workshops which will take place during FLEX time during the month of April.

Workshop topics range from self-defense classes to cooking and will be taught by experts from both the school and community. The workshops are specially designed to provide additional real-world, life-skill-building experiences for our Rappahannock youth while connecting them with

the community. Participation in these workshops is voluntary and juniors and seniors can sign up for one or all twelve. If classes are not filled to capacity, the workshops will open up to tenth graders as well. We are thrilled to have developed such a great partnership with our community through these and other Extension Office activities.

March Madness

RCHS raising collegiate awareness

For the three days prior to spring break, RCHS teachers encouraged college awareness through a spirit week promoting their alma maters. Teachers proudly wore their collegiate attire, encouraged

students to decorate classrooms with college pennants or posters representing either where their teachers have attended or where students aspired to attend. Seniors created and displayed signs with all of their college acceptances listed. Dani Pond even created subject-specific activities for teachers to use during March Madness to inspire a school-wide focus on post-secondary education.



Important Events/Dates

- April 2: MVGS Shrimp Fest at Warren County HS, 6:00 PM
- April 4: PTO Meeting at RCES 6:30 PM
- April 14: Workplace Readiness Testing (students enrolled in CTE sequence)
- April 22: Earth Day Assembly "Recycling Pirates" at RCES
- April 23: Junior/Senior Prom
- April 30, May 1: Spring Musical—GREASE
- May 15: Senior Banquet 5 PM
- May 20: DARE Day
- May 22: Baccalaureate 7 PM
- May 23: 12:30 Dismissal, Last Day of School!

For more information about Student Projects, visit Lilo's Gifted Classroom Page here:

<http://tinyurl.com/lnmn3th>

Want to see something featured or discussed? Questions? Send your feedback to:

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