

GT Parent Newsletter

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Panther Flex Period Enrichment at RCHS

You may have received a letter in the mail this week introducing a new opportunity coming to RCHS. Beginning in January, RCHS Principal, Mike Tupper, has

Teachers showed great interest and were also an integral part in the planning of this process. Surveys were sent out to the teachers to determine what they

“Stay committed to your decisions, but stay flexible in your approach.” ~ Tony Robbins

rearranged the bell schedule in order to provide a Flex period, or fifth block, to offer enrichment and extension to students in the areas of reading, writing, research, and mathematics. Students will be an integral part of defining the fifth period goals, what they collectively, or individually, wish to investigate, and how they wish to showcase what they have learned. Mr. Tupper is planning a Flex Fair to exhibit some of the student work that comes as a result of this new opportunity.

would like to offer as options for the class to investigate. Then, key teachers known as the BLT, or Building Leadership Team, worked with administration to determine logistics and trouble shoot barriers. The program will be a pass/fail elective credit that students will help design using a project-based format, where students may choose to answer a guiding question or solve a problem through investigating a topic. The course will be *Flexible* in order to accommodate the interests and needs of students.

Enrichment Opportunity



The deadline is fast approaching to register for William and Mary’s “Focusing on the Future” conference. The deadline to register is January 16, 2016, but spaces are limited and registration will close once all slots are filled. The conference will take place on the first Saturday in February (the 6th). The purpose of the conference is to expose high-ability learners to career opportunities related to the arts, humanities, and sciences, as well as to inform parents and counselors of considerations for effective career and academic planning. For more information about the sessions available as well as to register, please go here: http://education.wm.edu/centers/cfge/documents/precollegiate/FOF_docs/FOF%20Brochure%202016.pdf

CML and Wordmasters

Quizlet helping students prepare

The Continental Math League (CML) and Wordmasters competition preparation is in full swing in grades 3 through 7. CML meets occur the first week of every month from November until March. There are three meets for the Wordmaster's Challenge, one having been last week, the next happening during the first two weeks of February, and the final meet taking place during the first few weeks in April. Cumulative Champions will be announced in mid-May. In order to succeed on these challenges, students must

work extremely hard to expand their vocabulary, understand the words in context, and connect word meanings to difficult associations through analogies. In order to do this, some teachers have been using Quizlet to practice vocabulary across the curriculum. Quizlet is an online tool that is linked to student Google accounts that employs fun games to play and visual representations with vocabulary to help students practice word associations.

MVGS Applications

Current 9th & 10th graders eligible to apply soon!

The Mountain Vista Governor's School application will soon be live on the website after final formatting. Students in grades 9 and 10 who will meet the pre-requisites by the end of the current school year will be eligible to apply. There will be an information session for students in grades 8, 9, and 10 to hear more about the requirements for MVGS as well as the application process to be held at RCHS on Tuesday, December 15th at 1:00 PM. David Bell, the MVGS guidance counselor will speak to students. This session is for students only. Parents are encouraged to attend the Jan. 26th parent meeting with their children.

Important Events/Dates

(Please also check the RCPS Website and Calendar for more!!!)

- Dec. 15 MVGS info session for students at RCHS, 1:00 PM
- Dec. 17-18 RCHS exams
- Dec. 18 PRIDE Variety Show
- Dec. 18 Early Release 12:30
- Winter Break: December 21-January 4, second semester begins January 5
- Jan. 26: MVGS Student/Parent Info Mtg, 7:00 PM, Warrenton Campus, The Barn

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

<https://sites.google.com/a/rappahannockschoools.us/classroom-news/student-projects>

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