

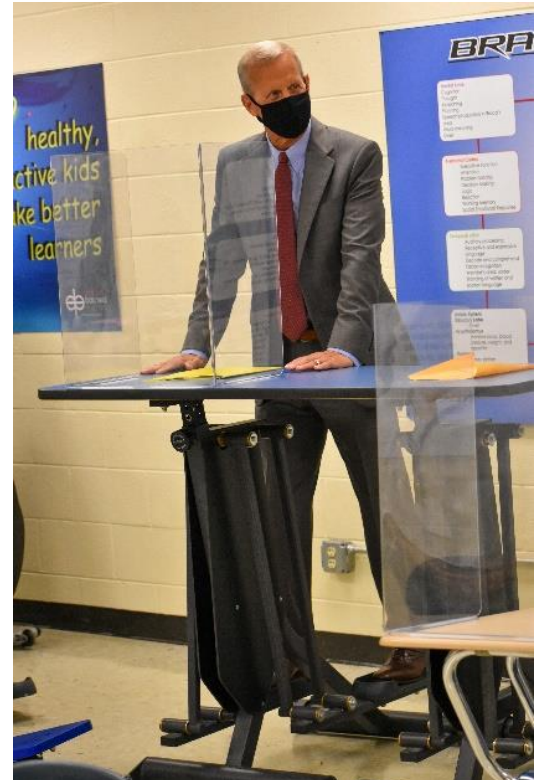
Special Visitors

On September 17th, Rappahannock County Public Schools had the honor of welcoming the United States Department of Education's Assistant Secretary for Elementary and Secondary Education, Frank Brogan along with many other esteemed guests, including local and state officials, such as the chairs from the Board of Supervisors and School Board, Delegate Michael Webert, and Dr. Dave Myers, Assistant Superintendent for Data, Research, and Technology at the Virginia Department of Education.

"We are now looking at schools that have not only managed to reopen, but have reopened successfully. And by virtue of that fact, you all have popped up on the radar screen," said Assistant Secretary Brogan.

The guests had an opportunity to tour both school buildings and visit with multiple classrooms while maintaining proper physical distancing in two separate groups. The visit concluded with a roundtable discussion in which the guests had an opportunity to speak with teachers, parents, and students. Held in the outdoor classroom portion of the courtyard, the group shared feedback on the planning and reopening procedures. The collaboration among teachers, parents, and community members and organizations was cited multiple times as one of the key factors that resulted in the successful reopening. Additionally, the teamwork between administrators, teachers, and the school staff was highlighted as an essential factor. A shared vision to safely bring the students back to the school environment was evident as the roundtable discussed their perspectives with Assistant Secretary Brogan.

"In examining what you are doing here, and again, that's both the elementary and the high school, I've seen an incredible attention to details all with one important goal. That is to make sure that you are not only reopening your schools, but you are reopening your schools in the safest way that is humanly possible," said Assistant Secretary Brogan. He continued. *"It is so impressive what you have done here."*



Assistant Secretary Brogan tried out a gliding desk in the RCHS Neuronasium.



School Board Chair, Mr. Wes Mills, (left) and Dr. Grimsley (right) attentively listened to Assistant Secretary Brogan during the roundtable discussion in the RCES courtyard.



Assistant Principal, Jen Wissinger, greeted the Assistant Secretary with an elbow bump as Principal Gates happily smiled behind her RCPS mask.

If you or your student is feeling anxious or depressed, we are here to help!

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Wonderful Wednesday Day Camp

Wonderful Wednesday Day Camp kicked off on Wednesday, September 23rd with more than 100 RCPS students attending as either campers or camp counselors. Held mainly outdoors at the spacious Northern Virginia 4-H Educational and Conference Center, the students remained in small groups and were taught fun songs and silly sayings to remind each other of the safety protocols, such as staying 6 feet apart and wearing a mask.

The camp, which runs most Wednesdays thru mid-December, offers fun workshops such as hiking, outdoor cooking, fire making, line-dancing, story-telling, crafts, creative writing, and Commit to Be Fit exercises. Additionally, the campers receive valuable homework support from RCHS teen counselors and have the opportunity to make gifts to give to members of the Rappahannock community. The camp is offered free of charge for all RCES students, grades K-6, and employs RCHS students to serve as counselors and mentors to the younger campers.



Remote Learning Assistance

Do you need assistance with remote learning? We have a team ready and happy to assist you. For the elementary school, please contact Ms. Lilo Wolfe at lwolfe@rappahannockschoools.us or by phone at 540-407-2246. High school students should have been contacted by their remote learning mentors. If we were unsuccessful in reaching you, please email or call Ms. Wolfe (contact info listed above). She will be happy to connect you with your mentor.

For TECHNICAL support videos or for the technology help desk contact info, visit the homepage on our district website at www.rappahannockschoools.us and search for the icon shown below.



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