

# GT Parent Newsletter

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## *RCHS Panther Band "Fun" Raiser Mini-golf in the halls!*

The RCHS Panther Band will hold a unique, family-oriented fundraiser this Saturday, February 20, from 2:00 – 8:00 PM at the high school. Students will be

Jason Guira at 540-227-0745 ext. 3433 or email at [jguira.rchsband@gmail.com](mailto:jguira.rchsband@gmail.com). Mr. Guira thanks the sponsors for this event: Vaughn Barkdoll, Inc., B & B

"Education isn't just feeding the brain. Art and music feed the heart and soul."

~ Julie Garwood

setting up an 18-hole mini-golf course throughout the hallways of the school. The tickets are \$10 per person, \$15 per couple, and \$3 for students of RCPS. The proceeds will help the band by supporting performances, purchasing music, maintaining uniforms, and providing scholarships. Come out and support the Panther Band with all of your friends and family. There will be prizes and a refreshment stand as well.

You may purchase tickets for the event through an RCHS band student, or by contact the RCHS Band Director,

Service Center, Clevenger's Corner Veterinary Care, Green Mountain Horticulture, Griffin Tavern, Jan Makela of BH&G Real Estate, and The Corner Store.

Please come out and support the Panther Band this Saturday with the whole family!



## *Enrichment Opportunity*

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The School of Engineering and Applied Science (SEAS) offers an annual, free, open-to-the-public event that provides an opportunity for visitors to better understand what engineers actually do. Included in the event are tours of state-of-the-art facilities, interesting exhibits, presentations, and demonstrations. On the day of the event, schedules and maps will be distributed from in front of Rice Hall. Middle and high school students interested in engineering fields are encouraged to register with their families. For more information, visit:

<http://www.seas.virginia.edu/events/openhouse.php> ,  
call 434-924-3072, or email [seas-openhouse@virginia.edu](mailto:seas-openhouse@virginia.edu) .

## *Middle School Science Fair Success! RCES 6/7<sup>th</sup> grade winners*

On Thursday, February 18, judging took place at the Rappahannock County Elementary School gymnasium for the middle school annual science fair. The science fair, coordinated by 7<sup>th</sup> grade science teacher, Elaine Frank, is mandatory for all seventh grade students and optional for sixth grade students. This year, there were over 120 projects on display for the judges to consider. Projects were scored blindly on presentation, scientific method, and relevance to real-world application during the first round. Students whose projects made it to round two were then invited to a panel interview by the judges who then gave each student a holistic score based on their understanding of the scientific processes involved in their project, as well as the research and applicability the students were able to relay to the panel.

The judging panel always consists of RCPS staff members, high school students, and community volunteers. This year's judges

were RCES Principal, Cathy Jones, Gifted Specialist, Lilo Wolfe, Environmental Scientist and Farm to Table Coordinator, Sarah Moore, Director of Academic Services, Shannon Grimsley, and RCHS students Jacob Love, Kim Dellinger, Parker Critzer, Kayla Brown, Mahlet Yirgu, Dylan Midkiff, Jack Massie, Julia Estes, Ellie Young, Stephany Baldwin, Hannah Bennett, Connor Culbertson, Caragh Heverly, Jackson Heverly, and Juan Arellano.

This year's community volunteer guest judge was Gregory Hughes, industrial engineer and contract manager.

Winners and runners up are encouraged to adjust projects if necessary in order to compete at the Regional Science Fair held in Charlottesville over Spring Break. This year's 6/7 grade Science Fair winners are as follows:

Honorable Mentions: Morgan McKinney with her project on How Altitude Affects Light Pollution, Evan Jenkins with his project comparing the effects of tilling methods on farming, and TJ Keane with his project on electrolytes.

Earning 3<sup>rd</sup> place for her solar oven project was sixth grader Heather Williams.

Earning 2<sup>nd</sup> place for her project on the negative effects of UV rays on bacteria was Rachel Weghorst.

Earning 1<sup>st</sup> place for his project on the efficiency of wind turbines in Rappahannock County abandoned silos was Bryce Fryant.

And bringing home the title of Overall Science Fair Winner for his project on oil clean-up using bioremediation and chemical dispersion was Alec Petty. Congratulations science fair participants and winners. Good luck at regionals!!



## *Art Poster Contest*

*VA Assoc. of Science Teachers*

Artistic students with an interest or inclination for the sciences are encouraged to submit artwork for the 2016 VAST Art Poster Contest under the theme "The Faces of Science in Virginia." Posters will be judged in the following grade categories: K-2, 3-5, 6-8, and 9-12. The scoring for the posters will be based on the following criteria: 1.) Clear message conveyed by the text and artwork, 2.) the theme is adequately addressed, 3.) creative, original, and of good artistic quality, and 4.) easily readable, and all spelling and grammar is correct. Submissions must be

postmarked by Friday April 22 to be received by April 29<sup>th</sup>.

For more information about poster specifications and contest rules, please visit [www.vast.org](http://www.vast.org) or contact Susan Bardenhagen at [smb4steam@gmail.com](mailto:smb4steam@gmail.com)

## *4-H Youth Hour*

*Film Festival at Little Washington*

Rappahannock youth, ages 18 and under, who are interested in creating short films, are encouraged to make a video and have their work shown to the community during the 4-H Youth Hour at the Film Festival at Little Washington on Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, from 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM. Films can be on any topic and be in any format (documentary, fiction,

stop-action, music video, or commercial), but should be no more than five minutes. Films may be created on a phone, tablet, or camera, and may include family and friends.

The only requirement is that films must include someone from Rappahannock or scenes from Rappahannock. To register, simply call the Extension office at 540-675-3619 or visit

<http://offices.ext.vt.edu/rappahannock/programs/4h/index.html>. Films are due at the Extension office by March 25, or electronically to [rusticating@gmail.com](mailto:rusticating@gmail.com).

Contact DeeDee Slewka at 540-987-8084 for help getting started. She is willing to assist with ideas and editing.

## *Important Events/Dates*

\*\*\* Announcement: MVGS Applications now live. Please visit the [RCPS Instruction Page](#) for more info. \*\*\*

- February 20: RCHS Panther Band FunRaiser at RCHS from 2:00 PM to 8:00 PM
- February 21: Castleton Performance at 4:00 PM (call 540-937-3454 ext. 38)
- February 22-26: RCES Book Fair
- February 25: 12:30 early dismissal / Parent Teacher Conferences
- March 1: Deadline for MVGS applications to guidance counselor
- March 15: School Board/Board of Supervisors RCHS 7 PM (come support GT programs)
- March 24-March 28: Spring Break

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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