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Junior/Senior Fest

A successful extension initiative

Last week, on February 19, sixty RCHS juniors and seniors attended a new program call Junior-Senior Fest. The program is a new initiative funded and

students learned about their individual personality type and how this could affect interactions with others. They also learned about basic banking techniques,

"Until I feared I would lose it, I never loved to read. One does not love breathing."

~ Harper Lee

coordinated by the VA Cooperative Extension office. The program focuses on developing very important life skills students getting ready to graduate need in order to be successful. The event took place at the Castleton Festival Theatre House where students rotated through six different workshop areas. Each station held hands-on, informative, and entertaining materials to help students navigate real life scenarios and understand the responsibilities young adults have immediately following graduation. During the day,

new and growing career fields and potential earnings, educational programs offered nearby, and the importance of making financially smart, nutritional food choices. The day was extremely successful, and we are truly thankful for all the work Jenny Kapsa and the folks at the Extension office put in toward helping RCPS meet its College and Career Readiness goals. These programs are invaluable, and we thrilled to be able to offer such meaningful enrichment to our students.

Enrichment Opportunity

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Applications are now being accepted the Headwaters After-School Enrichment Program which starts Feb. 29th. The newly designed program will now focus on extending advanced literacy skills and visual arts aptitude. Sessions being offered include "Building with Books," an investigative STEM course focusing on using recyclable materials to build solutions to character's problems in text, "Fable Making," a course where students will write and illustrate their own books, and "Elementary' School," a course where students will test out their deductive reasoning skills in Sherlock Holmes stories. Space is limited, so please apply now. Contact Kat Habib: afterschool@headwatersfdn.org for more info.

Senior Interviews

RCHS Job Fair Simulation

On Wednesday, February 24, all RCHS seniors participated in a real-life job fair simulation as part of Principal Mike Tupper's initiative for providing an opportunity for young people to engage in the interview process as a graduation requirement.

Leading up to the interview simulation, seniors had to prepare a resume in their English class, go through an interview training session, and schedule an appointment time to meet with community business representatives for their mock interview. Each interview was approximately twenty minutes long, and community volunteers were encouraged to give constructive feedback to help each student improve his or her interviewing skills. Prior to the event, 4-H director, Jenny Kapsa, held an interview training session for seniors to help them prepare for the simulation.



Over twenty community volunteers showed up to help with the event. All interviewers were given materials to rate each student on their appearance, social skills, speaking skills, resume, as well as give overall comments. Follow-up will be given to all seniors who participated in order to review their performance and talk about ways to professionally grow.



This initiative is part of the RCHS goals for meeting College and Career Readiness standards. Not only does the event help RCHS reach their goal, but it also provides another networking opportunity for students to meet local experts. We thank all those who, again, graciously gave their time to spend the afternoon with our young people.

Trout Heritage Day

Rapidan TU Kid's Fishing Day

The Rapidan Chapter of Trout Unlimited (TU), Graves Mountain Lodge, and the VA Department of Game and Inland Fisheries are partnering to provide an

exciting and educational day of free trout fishing for kids age 12 and under on the Rose River. This section of the river is reserved for the event and is heavily stocked with trout. Participating students are able to keep up to six fish they catch. The day will be a fun learning experience for students interested in fishing. The event will take place on April 2 from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM at Graves Mountain Lodge in Syria, Virginia.

2016 Summer Quest

Applications have been mailed

Applications have gone out for our 29th annual Summer Regional Governor's School for middle school students. Each year, this two week program incorporates themed courses into an interactive, creative, and student-centered learning extravaganza designed specifically for identified gifted students. This year, courses being offered are "Once Upon A Time," a course exploring myths, legends, and folk and fairy tales; "Magic for Muggles," a class for students interested in science and math to create amazing effects from the digital to the chemical, "Magical and Mythical Creatures," a course where

students will explore mythical creatures from mythology, legends, and folklore to create masterful works of art; "Tragedy or Comedy? That is the Question," a theatrical performance class that will enable students to design and perform a play based on Ancient Greek Theater; and "The Shield of Destiny," a hands-on history class that will examine Ancient Greece from Aeschylus to Zeus.

The dates for Summer Quest this year are July 11-14 and July 18-21 at Emerald Hill Elementary School on Route 229 in Culpeper County. Application materials are due to Mrs. Wolfe by March 11, 2016.

Christopher Newport Summer Residential Humanities

Christopher Newport is offering a summer humanities institute for rising sophomores, juniors, and seniors, from June 19-July 2. The purpose of this institute is to help students develop their critical-thinking skills and take their learning beyond the classroom. The institute will feature hands-on activities, trips to off-campus labs, museums, and historical sites in order to offer opportunities to uncover America's founding ideals. The program will consist of rigorous, multidisciplinary research in philosophy, history, literature, and classical studies led by CNU faculty. Students will

live on campus while exploring the nature and spirit of the American republic—topics essential for understanding American history, especially how it pertains to politics and our culture today.

The institute's proximity to Jamestown, Colonial Williamsburg, and Yorktown will provide an amazing backdrop for excursions to historically significant sites that will supplement the classroom learning experience. For more information and registration details, please visit: <http://cnu.edu/summerhumanities/> We hope you will take advantage of this and/or other opportunities this summer!

Important Events/Dates

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

- March 1: Deadline for MVGS applications to guidance counselor
- March 10-11: MVGS Spring Project showcase in Warrenton 8:30-10:30 both days
- March 11: Summer Quest applications due to Mrs. Wolfe
- 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/lmn3th>

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

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