

# GT Parent Newsletter

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## Nature Camp Scholarships

*For students in grades 5-12*

The Rappahannock County Garden Club and RLEP are now accepting applications for a scholarship to send three Rappahannock County students to Nature Camp in

deep and abiding connection with the natural world." Sessions are divided by grade level as follows: Session 1 (grades 9-12) June 19-July 2, Session 2

*"I went to the woods because I wished to live deliberately, to confront only the essential facts of life, and see if I could not learn what it had to teach, and not, when I came to die, discover that I had not lived."*

*~Henry David Thoreau*

Vesuvius, Virginia. This private, non-profit, residential summer specializes in providing students hands-on experiences in natural history and environmental science education. The camp's goals are to "foster an appreciation for and love of nature by inviting the campers to explore the world around them through hands-on, outdoor, experiential learning," "inspire young people of today to become environmentally responsible and conscientious citizens of tomorrow," "spark a lifelong love of learning," and "forge a

(grades 8-9) July 2-July 16, Session 3 (grades 6-8) July 17-July 30, Session 4 (grades 5-6) July 31-August 13.

Interested students should apply through guidance. The Garden Club will select three applicants to send, virtually free, to the Nature Camp—a cost savings of nearly \$900. For more information, visit [www.naturecamp.net](http://www.naturecamp.net) or speak with Michelle Papa at RCHS (540-227-0745).

**\*\* The deadline for Garden Club Scholarships is Friday, January 15<sup>th</sup>!!!**

## Enrichment Opportunity



Grant granted! RCPS is enthusiastic about a recent grant award notification that will provide RCPS with specialized environmental science equipment, such as trout rearing water tanks, hands-on water table models, Horiba specimen probes, and more, in a special project to incorporate Meaningful Watershed Experiences into the science curriculum. The grant project hopes to create a dedicated water studies laboratory where students can learn, not only from their teachers, but from the very many experts in the field. This is just one way in which RCPS is working with the community to provide enriching opportunities that are relevant, current, and fun! More on this grant will come this spring. Stay tuned.

## *600 Club Awards*

*Perfect scores on SOLs*

RCPS students were recognized at the school board meeting on Tuesday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016, for their accomplishments in acing their Standards of Learning Assessments with a perfect score of 600. Those recognized by RCHS principal, Michael Tupper, were Bryce Jones, Juan Arellano, Connor Culbertson, Drake Lynn, Katherine Sharp, Jacob Sheffield, Virginia Wyatt, Lauren Petty, and Mahlet Yirgu. RCES principal, Catherine Jones, recognized Maeve Ciuba, Austin Clem, Bryce

Fryant, Isaiah Huff, John McKelvey II, Matthew Paratore, Nicolas Plaksin, Landon Pond, Samuel Reed, Isaac Scheulen, Milton Switzer, Evelyn Vandrey, Samuel Vandrey, Skylar Culbertson, Sophia Hernandez, Walter Lillard, Lauren Petty, Heather Smith, and Philip Wyatt. Some eighth grade students were recognized by both principals since they participated in spring 7<sup>th</sup> grade SOLs and fall 8<sup>th</sup> grade SOLs. The students were awarded a certificate, and a picture was taken by RCPS which will be given to parents on a disc.

Also recognized were teachers who achieved a 100% pass rate on their respective SOLs. Teachers recognized were Beth Gall for Earth Science, Mike Sheffield for World History II, Dave Naser for Chemistry, Sallie Shackelford for Geometry and Math 8, and Scott Stephens for Algebra I. We are so proud of our students and our teachers for always striving for excellence. Since the SOLs have changed to include more rigor, the accomplishment of achieving perfection is even more difficult. Congratulations!!

### *Important Events/Dates*

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

- Jan 15: Garden Club/RLEP Scholarship application due to guidance
- Jan. 16: Deadline to register for [Focusing on the Future](#) at William and Mary
- Jan. 18: No school – Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- Jan. 26: MVGS Student/Parent Info Mtg, 7:00 PM, Warrenton Campus, The Barn
- February 15: No School—Teacher Workday
- February 25: Parent Teacher Conferences

For more information about Student Projects, visit Lilo's Gifted Classroom Page here: <https://sites.google.com/a/rappahannockschools.us/classroom-news/student-projects>

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