

GT Parent Newsletter

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*Happy New Year!
GT in full swing at RCPS*

Students (and teachers) came back from the holiday break well rested and ready to hit the ground running! In week one, students at RCES were working in writing workshop

participate in challenging team-building exercises, brainstorming real-world problems requiring creative solutions, and goal setting for their time in Flex with

"And now we welcome the new year. Full of things that have never been." ~Rainer Maria Rilke

to refine their skills, working on publishing their newspaper, "The Panther Times," and gearing up to practice a new set of Word Master's Challenge vocabulary words.

Panther Times



Students at RCHS had the opportunity to experience the 5th period enrichment time where they were able to

the hope of solving a problem or creating a product utilizing critical thinking skills, research, and investigative methods. Students at both schools were extremely busy this week, some even continuing preparation for the middle school competition, *Battle of the Books*, which is to take place on Saturday morning, January 9th, in Warrenton, VA. Students at RCES were apparently busy reading over break as they logged an amazing 26000 minutes of reading time. We are certainly off to a great start!

Enrichment Opportunity

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Chemistry LEAD and the Department of Chemistry at the University of Virginia are again presenting their annual "Chemistry Camp"—a Saturday enrichment camp for students in grades Kindergarten through 5th grade. Students will be split into two age groups to participate in specially designed chemistry experiments throughout the day. There will also be a chemistry-themed carnival! Proceeds will benefit the Chemistry LEAD Program at UVA. Space for this Saturday day camp is very limited, and the deadline to apply is February 29th. The camp will be held on Saturday, March 26th, 2016 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm at the UVA's Chemistry Building. For more info, go to this site: [Chemistry LEAD Camp](#).

Visual Arts Contest

Students grades 6-12

This year's annual contest sponsored by the Virginia Holocaust Museum will focus on the concept of "Survival." It is the hope of the Virginia Holocaust Museum that young people explore the Holocaust, working to understand the issues of moral courage as well as the dangers of prejudice, peer pressure, and indifference. This art contest is a way in which students can express themselves creatively, demonstrating what they have learned. Digital submissions are due March 18th.

Artwork will be displayed at the museum from April 1- June 3, 2016. Pieces will be judged in two categories— junior division, grades 6-8, and senior division, grades 9-12. Prizes in each category will be awarded cash in the amounts of: \$200 for first place, \$100 for second place, \$75 for third place, \$25 for honorable mention. For more information contact Megan Ferenczy at mferenczy@vaholocaust.org.

MVGS Application *Online now!*

Applications are live on the RCPS instruction page. Recommendation forms are also electronic this year to allow students to send

electronic fill-able forms to their teachers for completion. All components of the application for next year's MVGS program are due to RCHS guidance no later than March 1st.



Important Events/Dates

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

- 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/rappahannockschoools.us/classroom-news/student-projects>

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

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