

GT Parent Newsletter

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RCES Celebrates Read Across America A Seuss-tacular week!

RCES celebrated *Read across America* this week through a series of Dr. Seuss themed events and activities for all students in grades Pre-K through 7. In support of the



Katherine Todd, RCES

*"You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes.
You can steer yourself any direction you choose!"*

~ Dr. Seuss

event, the Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) provided entertainment and fun by hosting an assembly featuring Dean Allen, the Wizard of Reading on March 1st at 6:30 PM in the RCES auditorium. The show consisted of magic tricks and silly stories, all based on the work of Dr. Seuss. Over 130 students and parents attended the assembly and accompanying book swap.



Reading/Math Interventionist and PTO officer, was instrumental in bringing these events to RCES. She was able to collaborate with RCPS to fund Dr. Seuss t-shirts for all students to celebrate reading. In addition, she coordinated a reading contest for all students to document their independent reading during *Read across America* week to be eligible to win prizes.

RCPS is truly thankful for all the work Mrs. Todd and the PTO put in this week to celebrate *Read across America*.

Enrichment Opportunity



Applications are now being accepted and are due next Friday, March 11th, for the American Legion Boys State Program. This week-long opportunity will begin on Sunday, June 19th, and end on Saturday, June 25th with a graduation ceremony. The Boys State program is among one of the most respected educational programs of government instruction for high school students. Each student becomes a part of the operation of his local, county, and state government. The Culpeper American Legion will sponsor two current high school junior boys from Rappahannock County High School to attend the program cost-free. For more information, visit www.vaboysstate.org or contact Michelle Papa.

Farm-to-Table Fun

Food preservation activities

Over the past few weeks, Farm-to-Table students have been studying food origins, seasonal yields, and food preservation. As part of these studies, Farm-to-Table Coordinator, Sarah Moore, had students prepare an organic salsa treat before getting back to work in the Young Garden.



Preceding this discussion, students learned about climate zones, annual/perennial plants, local food, and imports as background information to

understanding processes surrounding the preservation of foods over distances.

VSBA Art Contest

Local winners chosen

Each year, art students are encouraged to participate in the Virginia School Board Association (VSBA) Art Contest. The top three pieces of artwork chosen by the art teachers are then blind scored by objective panelists in order to choose one piece from each school to go on to the regional competition at the VSBA Regional Spring Forum. Artwork chosen at the forum will then be framed and displayed on a rotation basis in the offices of the Secretary of Education/State

Superintendent and the VSBA throughout the year. Local winners will be recognized at an upcoming school board meeting after the forum. This year's local winners moving to the forum are as follows:

RCES: Camden Shanks, age 10 for her piece "Daily Schedule:"



RCHS: Kim Dellinger, age 16, for her piece "Klaus:"



Important Events/Dates

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

- March 8: Pathways to Success event at Skyline HS in Front Royal 6-8 PM
- 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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