

# GT Parent Newsletter

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## *Goodbye and Good Luck Seniors!*

*RCHS seniors honored through banquet*

Last Sunday, May 15, RCHS seniors were treated to dinner and a show to commemorate their time with each other and staff at RCHS. The banquet is a long-standing tradition



*Principal Tupper serving students*

*"In response to those who say to stop dreaming and face reality, I say keep dreaming and make reality."*

*~ Kristian Kan*

where parents honor the graduates through transforming the commons into a thematic reception area, and staff members honor the students through setting up and serving them dinner, providing words of wisdom, and a slideshow of memories from their time in RCPS, from the early years through senior year. They are also treated to opening up their time capsule—a project completed in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade of various mementos, projects, and notes to one another from back when they were new to the high school.



This year's theme was Sweet Home Rappahannock. Parents regaled the students through a masterful metamorphosis of the commons area into a ho-down Rappahannock style, complete with hay bales, music, mason jars, and Americana.



*Senior Julia Wood attended the RCHS and MVGS senior banquet in one night! Busy girl, as always!*

## *Enrichment Opportunity*



The UVA Young Writers Workshop program is still accepting applications for its summer workshop sessions at Sweet Briar College. Session I is June 19-July 1 and Session II is July 3-22. The sessions cover the entire gamut of creative writing, from screenplay design, poetry, and songwriting to fiction and nonfiction work. The program employs real-life authors and artists to share their work with the students and help them work through the process. The studio workshops evolve around the dynamic principles of play, invention, response, revision, performance, and publication. For more information, please go to [theyoungwriters.org/summer-program](http://theyoungwriters.org/summer-program).

## *RCES Graduates*

*7<sup>th</sup> graders are RCHS-bound*

Today, Monday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, RCES Principal, Cathy Jones, and Assistant Principal, Karen Ellis, along with the 7<sup>th</sup> grade teachers, conducted the annual 7<sup>th</sup> grade graduation and academic awards ceremony. Students marched to the stage in the ritual pomp and circumstance, to be celebrated by staff and peers for a milestone achievement as students of RCES. Teachers presented students with awards, medals, and trophies, based upon their performance in various academic areas throughout the year. A beautiful reception in the

RCES cafeteria followed for students and their families to celebrate the event. Congrats, 7<sup>th</sup> graders!



## *Summer Plans*

*Summer vacation? What's that?*

This summer, six middle school students applied to the Summer Regional Governor's School Program, fondly known as Summer Quest.

This year, like every year at Summer Quest, students will be entertained as they learn in a Harry Potter "Rings of Fire"

themed environment.

Congratulations to Nicholas Plaksin, Rachel Weghorst, Evelyn Vandrey, Sam Vandrey, John McKelvey, and T. J. Keane for their acceptances into the program.

Also—we have been notified that one of our RCHS Summer Residential Governor's School alternates was selected to attend the music program at Radford. The intense four week program is among the most difficult to get into, requiring an adjudication and audition process along with the application.

Congratulations and good luck to Jacob Sheffield!

## *Important Events/Dates*

- May 23: 12:30 Dismissal, Last Day of School!
- May 27: Graduation
- June 6-9: Kindergarten Jump Start
- June 6-30: Summer School
- Aug. 11: First day of school

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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