

*Our Rappahannock...Through the Eyes of the Next Generation*

2<sup>nd</sup> Annual

# RCPS ESSAY CONTEST

**Submission Deadline: November 25th**

**Details:** We are looking for engaging, thoughtful, well-written pieces that are of interest to our community. The contest is open to all RCPS students, grades 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>. Students must write about one of the listed essay topics below. **Essays must be no longer than 750 words. Submissions must be 12 point, Times New Roman font, and double spaced.** Please refer to the rubric on the back of this flier for more specific instructions.

**Topics:** Select 1 topic below.

- **Discuss a challenge facing the environment or one animal (mammals, reptiles, and/or insects) in Rappahannock County.**
- **What does the future of farming look like in Rappahannock County?**
- **Do sports and music matter in school?**
- **How does internet access affect the lives of people in Rappahannock, including you?**
- **What are the factors or issues that influence voters in Rappahannock County?**

**Submission:** Essays must be emailed to [hjenkins@rappahannockschoools.us](mailto:hjenkins@rappahannockschoools.us) by November 25<sup>th</sup>. You will receive a response once the essay has been received. **Please include your grade level in the subject line.**

**Judging & Prizes:** The essays will be judged in two separate grade categories (Elementary School/6th-7th grades and High School/8th-12th grades). A judging panel will select a 1st place, 2nd place, and 3rd place winner for grades 6th-7th. For grades 8th-12th, we will select one (1) 1st place winner, two (2) 2nd place winners, and two (2) 3rd place winners due to the larger number of potential entries. 1<sup>st</sup> place winners will each receive **\$100 cash prize**. 2<sup>nd</sup> place winners will each receive **\$50 cash prize**. 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners will each receive **\$25 cash prize**. In addition, **winning essays will be published in the Rappahannock News**. Previous winners may enter. Judges will not see student names when judging.

*Cash prizes generously donated by Foothills Forum*

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