

Phase-in to 4-day Complete

On Monday, April 12th, RCPS welcomed both A-day and B-day students in grades 6-12 for 4-day, in-person instruction. This concluded the three-tier process, which included K-3rd grades on March 15th and grades 4-5 on March 29th, and signified the official end of the A-day and B-day schedule. Fully remote students and families had the option to continue with remote learning if they preferred. At the high school, this marked the first time the students had seen their classmates all together since the start of the pandemic.

Principal Jimmy Swindler, who was equally excited to return to a more typical school routine, enthusiastically spoke about this special day. According to Swindler, *"Perhaps the best part of our transition to all students on a four day schedule has been the smiles, or rather the crinkled eye smiles above the masks, on the faces of so many of our students, most of whom laid eyes on good friends for the first time in months."*

The excitement was evident from the happy chatter in the hallways to the early morning announcements by senior Camron Wayland welcoming all students back to school. *"Have a marvelous Monday and first day back for everyone,"* said Wayland over the intercom.

Grimsley, RCPS Superintendent, was very pleased with the overall transition process. According to Grimsley, *"We are elated to have all our students transitioned to 4-Day in-person instruction. As both the instructional leader for the district and as a parent with one child in each of the transition groups, I can wholeheartedly say that this was the right decision for our students and families. I am so proud of the dedication of the teachers and staff that have made our transition phases so safe and successful. We look forward to a robust spring term and a strong Rappahannock school-year finish!"*



Mental Health & Wellness Resource

The RCPS Mental Health Innovators Team has created a thorough, multi-page Mental Health and Wellness Resource document that includes contact information for many helpful services. To view this document, visit our district website homepage at www.rappahannockschools.us

Emotional Support Hotline

If you or your student is feeling anxious or depressed, we are here to help!

Call or text our
**EMOTIONAL SUPPORT
HOTLINE:**
540-683-0437

Technical Support

For TECHNICAL support videos or for the technology help desk contact info, visit the homepage on our district website at www.rappahannockschools.us.

Need additional assistance? Call the
TECHNICAL SUPPORT HOTLINE at
540-227-0023 x 3003.

Plus, be sure to check out the Technology tab, on the district website, to view helpful tips for Chromebooks, iPads, and Canvas.

Springtime Happenings at RCPS



Above: Students in Mrs. Deal's class enjoyed the beautiful weather during an afternoon egg hunt before leaving for spring break.



Below: RCES 1st grade students enjoyed a visit from Rappahannock County High School FFA Officers, Ava and Isabella, and some very special, furry guests on Thursday, April 8th. The young students had the opportunity to meet, pet, and learn about the small farm animals, including lambs, kids, and a rabbit. RCPS would like to thank the FFA officers, along with Lynn Genho, Stephanie Cash, and Michele Fincham, for bringing the animals and coordinating this wonderful learning activity.

We Need Your Help

Please help us reduce the chances of a short-term school closure or classroom quarantines by keeping your child at home if you think they may have been exposed to the virus or if they have any symptoms.

- *Temperature of 100.4 degrees or higher
- *Sore throat
- *Cough (for students with chronic cough due to allergies or asthma, a change in their cough from baseline)
- *Difficulty breathing (for students with asthma, a change from baseline breathing)
- *Diarrhea or vomiting
- *New onset of severe headache, especially with a fever

If you have any questions or need more guidance regarding a possible exposure, please call your child's school nurse. They are here to assist you while keeping our students and staff safe.

RCES- Robyn Murray 540-227-0200 ext. 3012
RCHS- Courtney Atkins 540-227-0745 ext. 3471

Thank you for your continued support in keeping all of our students and staff safe.

FREE Meal Reminder

FREE five day meal distribution is available every Wednesday at 10:30am at both RCES and RCHS. Please sign up by calling/texting our Meal Access Hotline at 540-671-0153 or by filling out this google form:

<https://forms.gle/dXRUrzyjZfgF1KXL8>.

As a reminder, families are strongly encouraged to continue filling out the free and reduced application to receive additional benefits and support school funding. Visit:

[\(https://www.lunchapplication.com/\)](https://www.lunchapplication.com/)

Please contact Ms. Butler with any questions.

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