

# RCPS Happenings & Highlights

*We Are Rappahannock!*

Division Newsletter- February 2020



## Team Building Week

On Monday, February 3rd, RCES kicked off the highly anticipated Team Building Week. Planned by the RCPS OLWEUS Bullying Prevention Committee, this event is designed to promote skills necessary for effective teams as well as foster high self-esteem and confidence. While this event has been held in a single, full day in previous years, the lengthened format was held during exploratory classes during the normal 6-day rotation schedule. In addition to keeping with the regular schedule, the new format allowed for group discussions following the challenges.

A few of the activities included "Blast Off" in ABL, in which students had to work in small groups to lift a hula hoop from the floor only using one fingertip. In STEAM, teams raced to see who could build a pipeline, the length of half of the courtyard, in order to get a small ball into a bucket. In PE, students participated in a challenging activity called "Turning Over a New Leaf," which involved small groups of students working together to successfully flip over a "leaf" without stepping on the gym floor. Meanwhile, in Art, the students worked on a collaborative art project to create a mural. In the library, students were challenged to a Hula Hoop Pass without letting go of each other's hands.

The students greatly enjoyed the different team challenges that were held throughout the six day event. Check out the happy expressions from ART and STEAM classes, shown right.

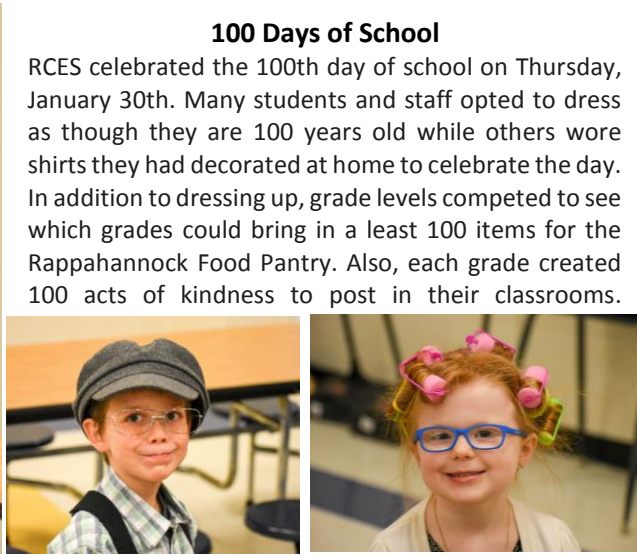


## Super Region Champions and Coach of the Year

Join us in congratulating our Super Region Winners and Coach of the Year!!! RCHS Scholastic Bowl won the Super Region (1A and 1B) Championship after winning all 3 matches on Saturday, February 8th. In addition, Coach Dave Naser was awarded Coach of the Year for the super region event. The team will advance to States on Feb. 29 in Jamestown.

Saturday's scores were as follows: Rapp 180 Mathews 140; Rapp 250 Galileo Magnet 85; and Rapp 205 Rappahannock (Richmond County) 165. Lauren Petty led the scoring with 200 points, Gus Garcia scored 115, and Alec Petty 105. Alec now is up to 1775 total points on the year, trailed by Lauren at 1595. Donovan Zook and Heather Smith also made contributions to the scoring.





### 100 Days of School

RCES celebrated the 100th day of school on Thursday, January 30th. Many students and staff opted to dress as though they are 100 years old while others wore shirts they had decorated at home to celebrate the day. In addition to dressing up, grade levels competed to see which grades could bring in a least 100 items for the Rappahannock Food Pantry. Also, each grade created 100 acts of kindness to post in their classrooms.

### All District Band

The All-District XIV Band members traveled to Millbrook High School to perform in a special All-District ensemble on February 1st. Join us in congratulating the students on their achievement.

7th Chair Flute Wind Ensemble- Sophia Hernandez  
 7th Chair Trumpet Wind Ensemble- Ninon Kirchman  
 3rd Chair Percussion Wind Ensemble- Julian Cordero  
 2nd Chair Percussion Symphonic Band- Agustin Garcia  
 2nd Alternate Percussion Symphonic Band- Katie Cournan  
 9th Chair Flute Middle School- Payton Cillo  
 2nd Chair Bari Saxophone Middle School - James Allred



### School Board Appreciation Month

Join us in extending a special thank you to our school board. We are grateful for all that they do for the students of Rappahannock County.

*Pictured from Left to Right with Dr. Grimsley- Chris Ubben (Wakefield District), Lucy (Pud) Maeyer (Hampton District), Rachel Bynum (Piedmont District), Vice Chair Larry Grove (Stonewall-Hawthorne District), and Chairman Wes Mills (Jackson District)*

### Important Dates

**February 17- No School for Students (Professional Development Day)**

**February 27- Early Release (12pm)**

**February 28- Parent/Teacher Conferences, No School for Students**