

Highlights

We Are Rappahannock!

Division Newsletter-January 2019



The central office staff was visited by a group of 'mummers' from Ms. Frazier's reading class on Dec. 18th. The students had been reading about Christmas Around the World and the ways other cultures celebrate the holiday. Mumming is a festive tradition from Newfoundland where people dress up in costumes, knock on their neighbors' doors, and ask to come in to sing songs. After learning about this tradition, the students created their own costumes and visited Dr. Grimsley at the school board office where they sang a holiday tune.



Above- RCES and RCHS Band and Choir students presented a series of masterful winter concert performances during the month of December.

Below- A special visitor stopped by RCES on Dec. 20th to surprise the students. We would like to extend a special thank you to Sheriff Connie S. Compton for escorting Santa to all of the classrooms in the primary wing and directing traffic as Santa waved to the buses carrying students home for winter break.



Ms. Richardson's Art II students (Alicia Whorton, Abby Taylor, Mackensie Clark) and Art III students (Casey Woodward and Hailey Whorton) created this huge, life size big foot statue as a part of their paper mache project. The students surprised Mr. Hogan with it on the last day of school before the winter break. Mr. Hogan's shop class showcased the towering creation as part of a decorating contest held at the high school. While it was a very close competition, Mr. Roberts' students received the first place prize for their festive door decorations (not pictured).

Check out the Happenings & Highlights on our website for upcoming events!

Groundwork Project

Congratulations to Alexis Jenkins, Cooper Cox, and Julius Eastham for completing an 8-week Groundwork Project. *The Groundwork Project* is a leadership and career readiness program designed to promote and encourage teamwork through adventure bound learning and experiential education. All three students participated in career assessments, built resumes and portfolios, and became CPR & First Aid certified. A special thanks to Headwaters and Goodwill Industries for providing this amazing opportunity!!



Groundwork Project students



Market Day booth featuring handmade ornaments

3rd Grade Market Day

The annual 3rd grade Market Day was held at RCES on December 17th. Prior to the event, students worked in small groups to design a product, create a store name, and write advertising materials. These activities incorporated a variety of subjects and skills: persuasive writing, economics, art, science, and math. During the Market Day event, students from other grade levels purchased from the booths using special Market Day bucks. This activity tied in money math skills since the students were responsible for making correct change. Some of the homemade goods and services included baked goods, ornaments, lemonade, records shaped into bowls, caricatures, slime, and more!

National Honor Society Community Service Projects

As a part of the National Honor Society (NHS), members are asked to accumulate fifteen service hours each school year. Students are to complete a project of their own design. The students have been hard at work to provide service to fellow RCPS students and the Rappahannock community. Lauren Petty, for example, created a tutoring program open to all elementary school students. She enlisted the help of fellow high school students to tutor their younger peers. According to Petty, "In our six sessions so far, the students from the elementary school have had the opportunity to learn from their peers in a fun, welcoming environment."

Additional service projects from fellow NHS members include packing bags of food from the food pantry to distribute to children in need and a reading program for students in the primary grade levels.



NHS Tutoring Project

Important Dates

January 21st- Martin Luther King Holiday- No School



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