

Highlights

We Are Rappahannock!

Division Newsletter- May 2021

RCHS Senior Week

Monday, May 3rd, was the official kick-off of Senior Week at RCHS. Organized by the Profile of a Graduate (POG) team, this event celebrated the Class of 2021 with a variety of activities throughout the week. The festivities began on Monday with a special senior donut breakfast in the commons area. Then on Tuesday, students gathered to create custom tie-dyed shirts for the upcoming Decision Day. Wednesday featured a special video, created by Ms. Lee Bernstein, which featured RCPS staff and teachers sharing special messages for the senior class. The week continued with Gratitude Thursday. On this day, students created special thank you notes while enjoying a pop-tart breakfast. Lastly, Senior Week concluded with a Decision Day celebration. Wearing their tie-dyed shirts, which also included their post-graduation plans, seniors enjoyed outdoor fun, Kona shaved ice, and some great prizes too!

RCPS, along with the Profile of a Graduate team (Lee Bernstein, Lisa Heiser, Jenny Kapsa, and Dani Pond), would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to community members who donated prizes or money to the RCHS Class of 2021 Senior Week. These generous donors include Amy Wright, Appleton and Campbell Plumbing/Heating/ Air Conditioning/ Electrical, B&B Signal Company, L.L.C., Bethel Baptist Church of Amissville, Country Café Pit Stop, Dr. & Mrs. Brooke Miller, Flint Hill United Methodist Church, Gadino Cellars, Griffin Tavern, Lord Fairfax Community College, Rappahannock Lions Club, RCES PTO, Warrenton Hobby Shoppe, and an anonymous donor. Their incredible generosity resulted in over \$1600 worth of prizes.



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.

Upcoming Celebrations and Ceremonies

RCPS has recently released a list of upcoming events to recognize, honor, and celebrate the achievements of our students. **Due to current COVID-related policies, these events are by invitation only.** Please refer to your students' teacher or class sponsor for details.



RGHS

- **Saturday, May 15- Senior Formal Prom-** Seniors Only, plus one guest, to be held under tent outdoors.
- **Sunday, May 16- Class of 2021 Senior Banquet & Slide Show,** location RGHS Practice Field, under tent provided by RSCO. Dress Code: NOT formal
- **Saturday, May 22 - Alternative Prom/Bonfire/Movie** at RGHS (capped at 100 persons by Virginia Covid Regulations) sponsored by RGHS Junior Class and SADD.
- **Sunday, May 23 - RGHS Class of 2021 Baccalaureate** Format: Virtual. NOTE- this is a private event put on by faculty members and community guests.
- **Wednesday, May 26 – Graduation Practice** at 9:30 am (at RGHS) followed by **Class of 2021 Senior Picnic** (at the park), 11 am – 1:30 pm
- **Wednesday, May 26- RGHS Band Spring Concert** at 6pm in Panther Stadium. In case of rain, the back-up date is Thursday, May 27th at 6 pm. *Attendance by invitation only.*
- **Thursday, May 27- RGHS Academic Awards** to be held in the morning (details coming soon)
- **Friday, May 28 - RGHS Graduation** at 7:00 pm. Format to be OUTDOORS in Panther Stadium. *Graduation rain date is May 29/ Indoor backup plan (in gym, in event of extreme weather on May 28 & May 29) is to divide seniors into three groups, allowing each senior up to five guest tickets, doing three separate graduation ceremonies in one day.*

RCES

- **Preschool Graduation-** Tuesday, May 25 at 9:00 am on the playground blacktop- RSVP
- **Kindergarten Graduation**
 - Mrs. Knick- Tuesday, May 25 at 9:45 am on the playground blacktop- RSVP
 - Mrs. Estes- Tuesday, May 25 at 10:15 am on the playground blacktop- RSVP
 - Mrs. Barron- Thursday, May 27 at 10:00 am on the playground blacktop- RSVP
- **First Grade-** Monday, May 24- All classes will have an all-day celebration with *students only*
- **Second Grade**
 - Mrs. Way & Mrs. Williams- Tuesday, May 25 at 9:00 am- Zoom invite only
 - Mrs. Lopiano- Tuesday, May 25th at 9:30 am- Zoom invite only
- **Third Grade-** May 25 at 11:20 am during recess- *Students only*
- **Fourth Grade-** Thursday, May 20 at 11:15 pm-12:30 pm- 4th Grade Cookout on the hill- RSVP
- **Fifth Grade-** Tuesday, May 25 at 8:45 am-9:15 am- 5th Grade Awards at the Shelter- Zoom invites only
- **Sixth Grade-** Monday, May 24 at 1:30 pm -6th Grade Celebration- Zoom invites only
- **Seventh Grade Graduation-** Thursday, May 27 at 9:00 am on the hill- RSVP

RCPS

Other Important Dates

- May 25 Early release (noon) for students
- May 27- Last day of school/early release (noon) for students
- May 28- Professional Development Day for staff
- May 31- Offices closed for holiday

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
RGHS- 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 RGHS. Please sign up by calling/texting our Meal Access Hotline at 540-671-0153 or by filling out this google form:

<https://forms.gle/dXRUrYjZfgF1KXL8> .

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.

abutler@rappahannockschoools.us

Child Tax Credit Info

To receive the Child Tax Credit, you must file a tax return by May 17 or request an extension. More information is available at <https://www.irs.gov>.