

# GT Parent Newsletter

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## *Happy new school year!*

Exciting changes for 2015-2016!

Rappahannock County Schools is off to a great start this year! We have quite a few new and exciting happenings—like this new weekly newsletter! Thank

exciting opportunities, and inform you of upcoming dates and deadlines for things such as applications for enrichment programs, Governor's School program

"The purpose of learning is growth, and our minds, unlike our bodies, can continue growing as long as we live."— Mortimer Adler

you for your input on the GT Satisfaction Surveys. Because of your feedback, along with local data, we will now send out an electronic version of this newsletter every Friday. The GT newsletter will provide up-to-date information on how we are meeting the needs of our gifted learners, highlight

applications, and important meetings (GT Advisory dates and times). We hope that by putting together this newsletter to better communicate the wonderful things our team of educators and GT students are accomplishing throughout the school year.

## *GT Services Update* Weekly GT time at RCES!

In order to incorporate GT-specific advocacy curriculum and facilitate additional critical thinking and growth

of gifted students, a block of time each week will be dedicated to GT (General Intellectual) peer groups

## *Summer Quest 2015*

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Five middle school students from RCPS were able to attend the Summer Regional Governor's School, hosted by Emerald Hill Elementary School in Culpeper. This year's theme was "Law and Order" where students were able to engage in hands-on, real-life projects and activities in order to solve mysteries. The featured classes available for students to take were, drama ("How to Get Away with Murder"), history ("Every Which Way But Loose"), English ("Law & Order: Special Fiction Unit"), art ("The Art of Crime") or science (CSI SQ!). As part of the experience, students attended a field trip to the Crime and Punishment Museum in D.C. and were also able to attend an assembly with an FBI forensic psychologist.

within grade spans. Students in grades K-3 will meet on Mondays from 10:00 to 11:00, grades 4-5 will meet on Thursdays from 1:15 to 2:15, and grades 6-7 will meet on Fridays from 9:35-10:40. During this block of time, students will be able to participate in core curriculum extensions, parallel curriculum that delves deeper into the concepts, and GT peer-group projects that extend beyond the curriculum. In addition, the once per month art enrichment time will change to the fourth Monday and Tuesday of every month from



1:15 to 2:15. We will also add a once per month general intellectual challenge time on the third Thursdays each month for all identified students from 9:35 to 10:40. We are excited to be able to offer this time to enhance and enrich your child's learning experience.

**Picture:** *third grade students listened to "It Looks like Spilt Milk" and created cloud pictures that look like something else. This intro activity will lead into critical work with analogies in preparation for the Word Master's Challenge.*

### Important Events/Dates

(Please also check the RCPS Website and Calendar for more!!!)

- RCHS Fall Festival: Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup>
- Week of September 21<sup>st</sup>: Book Fair at RCES
- MVGS Chili Cookoff and Trivia Contest Fundraiser: Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6:00-9:30
- SAT Prep Courses in RCHS RM 2: 3:30-4:30 PM: Math is Mondays and Wednesdays, Critical Reading and Writing is Tuesdays and Thursdays. They will run from now until 10/1 in preparation for the 10/3 SAT offered at RCHS.
- October is the month for rising juniors and seniors to decide whether or not to apply to Summer Residential Governor's School programs.
- College Trip to Mary Washington: October 8, 2015
- Week of October 12<sup>th</sup> is National School Lunch Week

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