

Gifted and Talented Newsletter

2022-2023

Quarter 2

Greetings from Ms. Seeley

Wow! I can't believe it's already December. This year is flying by. 'Tis the season for Gifted/Talented referrals. I am wrapping up screening activities with students in grades K-2. Second grade students have taken the Naglieri Nonverbal Abilities Test. Mrs. Grady is working hard to help students develop portfolios.

Grades K-3

Students in grades K-3 continue to learn about mythology. We are wrapping up our time with the heroes of Mount Olympus.

The next stop on our tour of the ancient world will be Rome, where we will compare and contrast Greek and Roman myths.

Grades 4-7

Students in grades 4-7 have moved into the research phase of our History Day projects. We are working on research skills such as identifying keywords for internet searches, taking notes, and creating citations and annotated bibliographies.

Students will continue to research their topics through the remainder of this semester.

Spelling Bee

RCES is once again participating in the Scripp's Spelling Bee.

Each reading class will conduct their own class "bee" during the month of December.

The top two spellers from each class in grades 4-7 will be invited to participate in the school spelling bee on the evening of January 12, at 6:00.

Battle of the Books

The Battle of the Books teams are working hard to read as many books as possible.

The Middle School open competition will take place on Saturday, January 21 at Warrenton Middle School. All students who plan to attend the competition must return permission slips by Thursday, December 8.

The Elementary (3rd-5th grade) team should continue to work on reading from the book list. We will begin having regular teams meetings next semester.

SRGS

Summer Residential Governor's Schools is a program designed to offer intensive educational opportunities for motivated rising 11th and 12th-grade students. Students live on a college or university campus for four weeks while participating in meaningful educational experiences with scholars and professionals in the field.

SRGS Programs are offered in:

- Agriculture
- Humanities
- Mathematics, Science, and Technology
- Engineering
- Marine Science

Applications and information are available on the [VDOE website](#). Interested students should schedule a meeting with Ms. Seeley to discuss the application process. Applications for SRGS are due on February 1.

WLA

World Language Academies are three-week, summer residential programs offered for rising 11th and 12th-grade students who are motivated and talented in world languages. Students can apply for full immersion (no English) programs in **Spanish, French, and German**. Partial immersion programs are offered in **Latin and Japanese**.

Applications and information are available on the [VDOE website](#). Interested students should schedule a meeting with Ms. Seeley to discuss the application process. Applications for WLA are due on January 17.

MVGS

We had a wonderful time visiting Mountain Vista Governor's School last month. The prospective students had the opportunity to tour the campus, meet some of the teachers, participate in problem-solving activities, talk to current students, and learn about the program.

Application season will start in January. Representatives from MVGS will visit RCHS during lunches on January 18 to pass out applications to interested students.

Music and Drama

Auditions are just wrapping up for our spring musical, "All Shook Up - School Edition." Rehearsals will begin in January. Any student who is interested in helping with the production should contact Ms. Seeley.

We are looking for musicians to fill out our pit orchestra. Any student (or adult in the community) who would like to be a part of the pit should contact Ms. Page.

Summer Programs

Now is the time to begin looking for programs for this coming summer. Please refer to the [Summer Opportunities](#) tab on the RCPS Gifted Website for a growing list of programs.

Don't see a program that fits your needs? Contact Ms. Seeley for help finding and applying to summer programs.