

Gifted and Talented Newsletter

2022-2023

Quarter 1

Greetings from Ms. Seeley

I'm so happy to be back and working with your students again this year. Watch for this newsletter each quarter for updates about the G/T program. The [Gifted Website](#) has been updated with resources and information about programs. Be sure to check it out.

This year, my focus is on Language Arts and History. Students at the elementary school will participate in weekly enrichment lessons in Language Arts.

Grades K-3

Students in grades K-3 will start the year with a deep dive into mythology of ancient civilizations.

Our tour of the ancient world will begin in Greece, where students will learn about the adventures of Zeus, Hercules, Medusa, Athena, Pandora, and more.

Grades 4-7

Students in grades 4-7 will participate in [Virginia History Day](#). The theme for this year is Frontiers in History. The students will choose a topic related to the theme and conduct research to become an expert on that topic. In the second semester, students will compete in the district competition.

Battle of the Books

Students in grades 3-8 are invited to participate in the Battle of the Books. This is a competition for readers! Students read books from a preselected list, covering a variety of genres. Teams then compete to see who remembers the most from the books.

Art

RCES students identified in visual arts attend a special art class each Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Grady has some wonderful projects planned for the gifted students. Be sure to ask your student what they are making!

Name Our G/T Program

It's time to give the gifted and talented program a new name. What would you like the program to be called? Submit your answers [here](#).

RCHS

Students in grades 8-12 are encouraged to take advantage of programs and extracurricular activities to enrich their academic experiences.

- All high school students are invited to participate in History Day. We will have an informational meeting after school from 3:30 - 4:30 on September 13 for interested students.
- The Scholastic Bowl team is looking for new members! Practices are held after school every Monday from 3:30 - 5:00. See Mr. Naser or Ms. Seeley for more information.
- Information about the NASA Space Grant Consortium was emailed to students. Programs are offered for students interested in STEM. Applications for some programs are available now. See the [Gifted Website](#) for more information.

MVGS

[Mountain Vista Governor's School](#) is an academic STEM school for students in grades 10-12. MVGS is housed at Laurel Ridge Community College. Students attend MVGS for half of each day, taking advanced and college level classes. They take remainder of their classes at RCHS.

Interested students in grade 9 (or 10) should contact Ms. Seeley to be put on the list for updates about visits and applications. **Potential students will have the opportunity to visit MVGS on Nov. 16.**

PSAT

Students in grades 9-11 are encouraged to take the PSAT. The test will be offered for free at RCHS on Oct. 25. Register for the test [here](#) by Sept. 9. See Ms. Bernstein for more information.

Music and Drama

Students at the high school have new opportunities to participate in Music and Drama.

Musicians, there are several new ensembles at the high school (Marching Band, Concert Band, Jazz Band, Guitar/Piano, A Capella, Pit Orchestra, and Pep Band). Interested students should see Ms. Page for more information.

High School Spring Musical - All students who are interested in participating in the spring musical are encouraged to attend a meeting on Sept. 12 from 3:30-4:30. Please let Ms. Page or Ms. Seeley know if you plan to participate in the musical, but cannot attend the meeting.

HS Art Club

The high school art club meets every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month. Students interesting in joining should see Mrs. Richardson.