

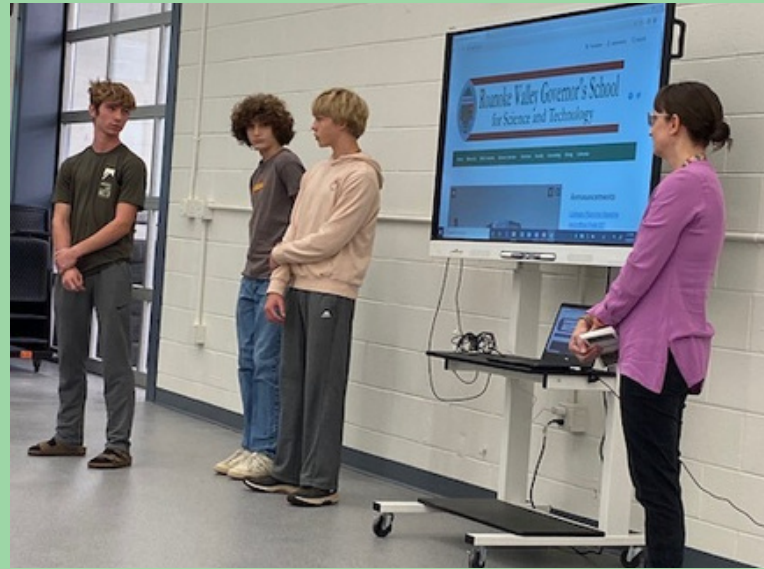
Floyd Enrichment

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RVGS VISIT

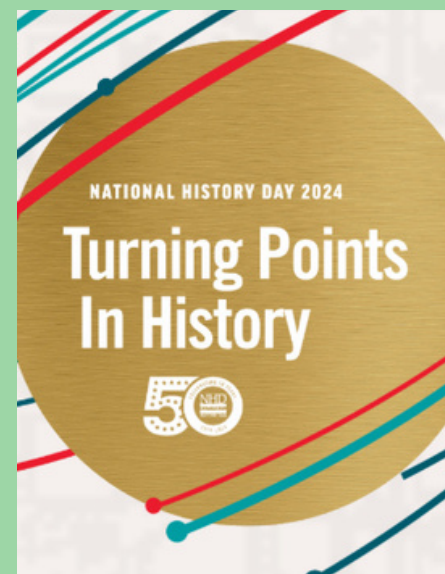
On November 8th, Ms. Sebolt, counselor at RVGS, visited us in the Innovation Center where she spoke to interested 8th graders about opportunities at Roanoke Valley Governor's School. Devin Blankenship, Jack LeRoy, and Augie Biviano, Floyd's first students at RVGS this year, were on hand to answer questions for students and parents. The application process is well on its way. It started with this meeting and intent letters due Nov. 27, and will wrap up in March. Southwest Virginia Governor's School for next year's Juniors and Seniors will begin application processes in December.



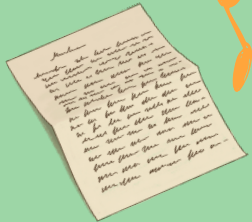
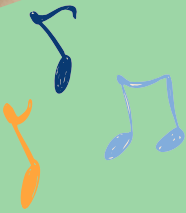
(L-R) JACK LEROY, AUGIE BIVIANO, DEVIN BLANKENSHIP, MS. SEBOLT

NATIONAL HISTORY DAY PROJECT UPDATES

- 5th, 6th, 7th: enrichment (pull-out) will NOT end in November. It has been extended through January, 2024 to accommodate National History Day Projects.
- Students (5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th) need to make sure they are working on their own to achieve the goal of entering the contest if they choose.
- During enrichment pull-out time and after school time, we are able to get skills, requirements, and lessons to students. We are limited in our time with them. Students need to work on projects outside of class to enter at Radford.
- Directions, handouts, links, and videos are in our Google Classroom. Students can email for help between enrichment sessions!



HOLIDAY BREAK IDEAS



- Family reading time, show them reading is important, read when they do! Then, share what you read. Choose 20–30 minutes a day for a family reading time ... each person can read their own books. Or do a one family, one book project!
- Look at the lights, this is a favorite family tradition! Load everyone in the car and look at the beautiful lights and decorations. Or take a family walk through town.
- National History Day Projects! It's a great time to catch up on these. Take a look at the "classwork" list in our Google Classroom for videos, handouts, and links.
- Write your own carols! Make them silly, spiritual, rhyming, rapping ... whatever you'd like. Then, set them to music! Make it a family singing contest! Take them on the road and go caroling!
- Hand-write and mail letters to family members. It's always a treat to get a handwritten letter in the mail!

SITES TO TRY OUT

Click below to check out these great educational sites for kids over break. Fun (and learning) for days!

Wonderopolis – <https://wonderopolis.org/wonders>

- This site explores multiple questions and topics. Curious students will have fun exploring answers to all of the questions you can imagine in a variety of school subjects.



Google Arts & Culture – <https://artsandculture.google.com>

- Created by the Google Cultural Institute, Google Arts & Culture gives you access to famous museum collections from around the world. Check out the Art Zoom projects, there you will get an up close and personal tour of the world's most famous paintings.



Storytime and Experiments from Space – <https://storytimefromspace.com>

- This one will have you over the moon! Astronauts on the International Space Station read a variety of books to children and perform science experiments from space!





Radford Tuition Promise

In a continued commitment to serve students from across the Commonwealth of Virginia, Radford University is launching the Radford Tuition Promise.

Beginning with the 2024-2025 academic year, incoming freshmen and transfer students who meet the following criteria will not pay tuition at Radford University:

- In-state Virginia residency
- A household adjusted gross income (AGI) of \$100,000 or less according to their 2022 federal income tax return
- A Student Aid Index (SAI) of less than \$15,000 according to their Free Application for Federal Student Aid, or FAFSA
- Attend as a full-time, in-person undergraduate student

Radford Tuition Promise is funded through federal, state and institutional gift aid. This means qualifying students will not be required to take out a student loan for their tuition cost.



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Direct admission recognizes and rewards talented applicants who meet specific academic criteria, ensuring they have a clear and direct route to admission at Radford University.

Freshman applicants seeking direct admission must have:

- A high school transcript showing a minimum cumulative weighted GPA of 3.3
- A passing grade in Algebra II

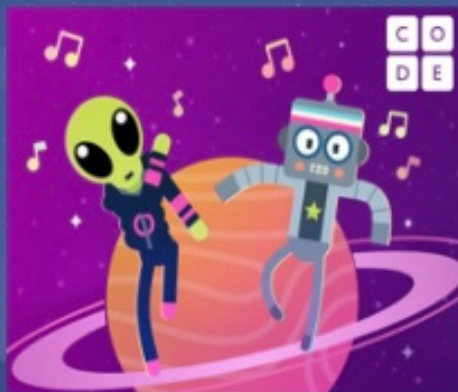
Transfer students seeking direct admission must have:

- Transcripts from each previously attended institution
- A calculated cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher

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Computer Science Opportunities

CSEdWeek and Hour of Code occur each December in celebration of students, teachers, and partners to honor the importance of literacy in all areas of computer science. Try continuing the celebration at home with these resources:



Hello Ruby Learn about computers, programming and technology with younger students through free, fun activities

Hour of Code for Parents Support students of any age with tailored how-to guides

CodeVA Snail Mail Explore computer science by receiving a collection of crafts, puzzles, coloring pages, and activities through the mail. Appropriate for students in grades 1-8.



CONNECTIONS

Kids' Tech University (KTU)

Calling All Young Explorers (aged 9-12) -- Join KTU for an Unforgettable STEM Adventure!

- Meet brilliant scientists and engineers who'll unveil the mysteries of STEM
- Dive into interactive sessions that'll ignite your curiosity
- Get hands-on with mind-blowing activities led by VT faculty, staff, and talented undergraduates
- Discover the magic of STEM as it relates to everyday life

When: January 27, February 24, March 16, and April 6, 2024

Where: Virginia Tech Campus, Blacksburg, VA

Learn more and register at

<https://ktu.fralinlifesci.vt.edu/>

Needs-based scholarships are available!

