Rabun Gap welcomes alumni for Fall Homecoming

Rabun Gap memories, reunions, and fun abounded as alumni returned home to Rabun Gap on Saturday, October 20.

The Fall Homecoming festivities kicked off with the annual Run the Gap 5K. More than 50 runners and walkers tackled the course which meandered throughout the campus. There was a slight drizzle, but it turned out to be a beautiful morning for a run. The top finisher was current student Marco Pena '22.
New this year to Homecoming was the inaugural Cow Plop fundraiser. We sold more than 350 “plots” for the cow pie bingo style event and raised $5,000 to help support the mission and programs at Rabun Gap-Nacoochee School! Our star show cow Ellie Mae, handled by Shelby Dalton of Alto, GA, “plopped” on spot No. 145. Mr. Ralph Merrow Jr. ’59 of Milledgeville, GA, was the grand prize winner. Read more about the plop here.

It was great to see so many alumni on campus during Homecoming! The Class of 1968 came together at the Alumni Heritage Center for their 50th reunion. A good time was had by all, reminiscing about life at Rabun Gap. Many members of the Class of 2008 gathered for a memorial at the library, led by Rev. Jeff Reynolds, for their classmate Alizey Khan.

There was plenty of green and gold spirit on display at the Homecoming football game as alumni and fans came together to cheer on the Eagles! Seniors Wade Blackburn of Cashiers, NC, and Gracen Wiggins of Franklin, NC, were crowned Homecoming King and Queen at halftime.

Click here to see photos from all of our Homecoming festivities!

Our next major homecoming event will be Heritage Homecoming on June 1, 2019.
Rabun Gap-Nacoochee School is proud to announce the name of the new dining hall — the Richard and John Woodruff Dining Hall.

The Richard and John Woodruff Dining Hall represents the fourth generation in the Woodruff family who have supported the mission and work of Rabun Gap.

Richard “Buck” and John Woodruff are sons of the dining hall’s cornerstone donor Ms. Jane Woodruff. Ms. Woodruff is the granddaughter of the late Emily and Ernest Woodruff and daughter of the late Irene and George Woodruff. She is the namesake of Jane Woodruff Hall, the senior residence hall on campus, and a philanthropist whose thoughtful and generous gifts have helped to extend and enhance services in the areas of healthcare, education, and community living.

Read more about the dining hall here.

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**Fall teams post historic seasons**

This fall was an historic season for Eagles athletics! Check out the highlights:

- Boys soccer made the NCISAA Final Four for the first time in program history.
- Girls golf finished fifth in the state — it was their first time qualifying as a team.
- Football earned a No. 6 seed in the NCISAA D2 state playoffs and will travel to High Point Academy on Friday.
- Middle School volleyball and boys soccer clinched the Tri-State championship.
- Varsity and JV teams brought home the “Boarder” Cup on Asheville School Day.

Click here to see athletic photos.
Rabun Gap celebrates Halloween

Students and faculty had a great time showing off their Halloween spirit this year! The Evelyne Sheats Lower School hosted the second-annual Costume Parade through campus. Students in Pre-K through 5th grade marched through the Upper School courtyard to show off their costumes!

Click here to see more Halloween photos.

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Pirates of Penzance sails into Rearden Theater

*Pirates of Penzance* sailed into the Rearden Theater on October 26-27.

Rabun Gap’s production of the classic Gilbert and Sullivan operetta produced tons of laughs and
featured a live student orchestra. More than 70 Rabun Gap students were involved in the production, both on stage and behind the scenes. The next big mainstage performance will be Rabun Gap's annual cirque production on February 15-16, 2019.

Read more here.

See more photos from the show here.

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**Middle School students expand horizons on extension trips**

Our Middle School students traveled near and far for a special week of learning on October 22-26.

The eighth-grade class spent the week in Washington, D.C. where they visited many museums, monuments, and even toured the White House! [Full Story] [Photos]

Seventh-graders headed on their annual trip to Chattanooga, TN. The group enjoyed an adventurous trip complete with caving, rock climbing, and a city-wide “Amazing Race” scavenger hunt. [Full Story] [Photos]

Back home, our sixth-graders had a week filled with experiential learning and fun! They visited the Cherokee Living History Museum, competed in STEAM challenges and welcomed fifth graders to tour the Middle School. [Full Story] [Photos]

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**Upcoming Events**

[Click here to view the full calendar]

- Thanksgiving Break - 11/16-11/26/2018
- Lower School Christmas Show - 12/17/2018
- Upper and Middle School Christmas Show - 12/19/2018
- Cirque - 2/15-16/2019
From the Archives...

Happy Fall! Here’s a gem we found from the 1980s of students and faculty selling pumpkins, featuring Dr. Karl Anderson, left.

For any questions regarding our archives, please contact David Grist ’67 at dgrist@rabungap.org

Leave a Legacy

*Did you know the easiest way to leave a legacy for future students at Rabun Gap is to list the School as a partial beneficiary of your IRA? This simple and thoughtful provision does not require an attorney or CPA and it enables you to transform the lives of countless students.*

For more information visit rabungap.planningyourlegacy.org or contact Claire Foggin at cfoggin@rabungap.org
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