



Gifted Education News December 2016

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Needs Based Classes (NBC) Information

NBC #2 for Grades 3-5:

Grades 3-4 Non-Verbal: Scientific Investigation: Structure of Bridges

Grade 5: Finish affective and begin individualized learning opportunities

Grades KDG, 1 and 2: Collaborative enrichment

During these sessions, the GE teacher goes in to each classroom to teach an enrichment lesson.

Important Testing Information for all parents

In the past all second graders have participated in taking the Cognitive Abilities test (CogAT) in January. Data gathered from this process was used for decisions about GE services for the following year. Students in grades 3 & 4 were also tested if they were nominated by a teacher or parent. Often students may re-test for areas in which they do not currently qualify for GE service.

Our school district has purchased the new CogAT 7 which is computerized and produces immediate results. This test is typically given in the fall. Therefore, we will not be giving the CogAT test to students in grades 2-4 this winter. Instead we will be testing students in grades 3-5 at the beginning of next school year (2017-18). All 3rd graders will be tested as well as students in grades 4 & 5 that are nominated by teachers and parents. Results will determine placement in Gifted Education programs for the 2017-18 school year.

Young Scientist Roundtable 2016-2017: An enrichment opportunity for ALL families

Your FREE participation in each month's Young Scientist Roundtable is funded by Gifted Education 279. YSR is hosted by Wayzata Central Middle School but many districts participate. Dates are listed below. Most sessions are from 7-8 pm.

Presentations this year:

Dec. 5, 2016

Jan. 10, 2017

Feb. 6, 2017

March 7, 2017

Apr. 17, 2017



Watch the YSR website for updates!

www.wayzata.k12.mn.us/ysr

District Gifted Education Parent Series:

#2 December 6th, 2016 6:00-7:30 PM Oak View Elementary

Topic Focus: Organization Issues and Common Sense Support. Do you feel like you are living with a version of 'Pigpen' from Charles Schultz's Peanuts, or the stereotypical absent minded professor? Or does your child save EVERYTHING? This session will rock and give you strategies for how to not lose your mind.

Growth Mindset Tip for Parents:

Give feedback on process only.

Praise effort, persistence, strategies, seeking challenges, setting goals, planning, or using creative strategies.

Don't praise personal abilities like being smart, pretty, or artistic. This kind of praise actually can lead to a loss of confidence since kids won't be smart at everything. They'll doubt their ability to be good at something that is difficult initially.

Salman Khan recently wrote that **he will never tell his son he's smart** for this very reason. He shares, *"Between the deep body of research on the field of learning mindsets and this personal experience with my son, I am more convinced than ever that mindsets toward learning could matter more than anything else we teach."* <http://imagination soup.net/2014/09/17/help-child-unmotivated-growth-fixed-mindset/>

For more information about GE Services, please access our web site:

<http://www.district279.org/student-families/teaching-and-learning/gifted-education2>