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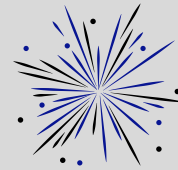
October 2019

GT PAC

Parents and Guardians of GT Students,
Please join us on Wednesday, October 16. With a new school year comes the need to build out the representation of our children's schools across FBISD within the PAC (Parent Advisory Committee). Many of our schools are under or not represented at this time. Join us at this public meeting to learn more about the PAC and to speak to/meet the GT PAC Executive Board (details on page 2).

We will be working on forming subcommittees, discussing the GT Learning Plans, and much more. I'm looking forward to seeing and meeting you all soon!

Dr. John Aren, GT PAC President



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From the Director

Greetings!

I am so happy for October to get here! We have exciting GT events coming up! On October 2, PACE is providing a PACE and Pastries event to provide information about the GT Learning Plans. On October 16, we have our next GT Parent Advisory Committee Meeting, and the next day is our first FBISD GT Family Event at the Houston Museum of Natural Science here in Sugar Land on October 17. It is going to be such a great evening - the museum will be open just for us. We have been working with the museum to provide special experiences that are not available for daily visitors! October is going to be an exciting month for the FBISD GT community!

Dr. Laurie Westphal

Stay Connected!

Twitter: @FBISDGT

Click on our logo for our website!



Take Note! October Events

October 2, 2019, 9:30 - 10:30 am : PACE and Pastries

FBISD Administration Annex, Main Room 3119 Sweetwater Blvd., Sugar Land, TX 77479

Topic: GT Learning Plans

October 16, 2019, 6:00 - 7:30 pm: GT PAC Open Meeting

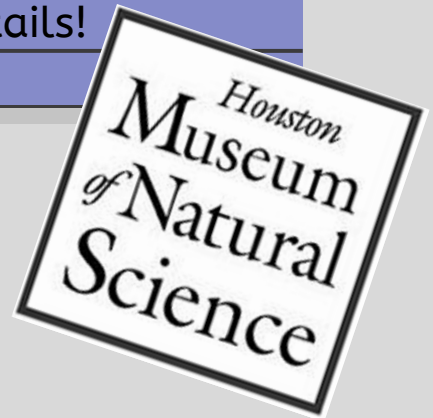
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**October 17, 2019, 5:30 - 7:30 pm: FBISD GT Night at the
Houston Museum of Natural Science Sugar Land**

13016 University Blvd., Sugar Land, TX 77479

Purchase tickets in RevTrak for \$4.50 per person.

Click on the Museum logo for more details!



Feeding the Gifted Soul

Dr. Richard A. Shade and Patti Garrett share tips and ideas for helping children think, make choices, and solve problems in their article, "Teach Your Child to Think and Make Parenting Fun Again" from NAGC.org's *Parenting High Potential*.

Click the brain for the article:



Community Events

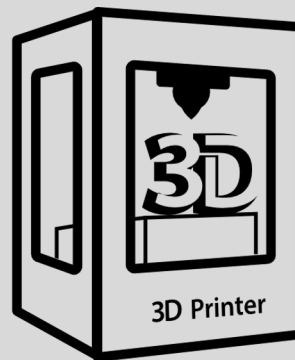
Click on the icons for more info!

Farmer's Market at Imperial
Every Saturday, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
234 Matlage Way
Sugar Land, TX 77498



Creative Connection - S.T.E.A.M. Game Day
Fort Bend County University Branch Library
October 5, 2019, 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.
14010 University Blvd., Sugar Land, TX 77479
Grades 4-8

3-D Design Challenge: Design It!
Fort Bend County Sienna Branch Library
October 12, 2019, 10:30 - 12:00 p.m.
8411 Sienna Springs Blvd.,
Missouri City, TX 77459
Grades 9-12



Fort Bend Health and Wellness EXPO
October 17, 2019, 4:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
CHI St. Luke's Health - Sugar Land Hospital
1317 Lake Pointe Pkwy., Sugar Land, TX 77478

GT Mentorship Partner Spotlights

Click on any logo for more information about our professional partners!



Keri Schmidt (CEO) and Juliette Nessmith (Director of Programs) with the Fort Bend Chamber of Commerce will be partnering with the GT Mentorship program by providing access to mentorship contacts, panelists, guest speakers, and area tours!

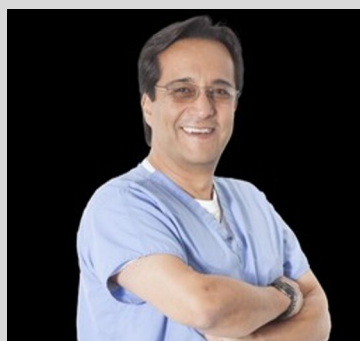
Thank you so much! We appreciate your expertise!



Thank you to Carol Burton with Urban Harvest, and affiliate farm Lettuce Live in Missouri City, for mentoring a Clements High School senior in urban agriculture this spring!



We are grateful to Ann Tanabe, CEO of BioHouston, for helping a Clements High School senior connect to possible mentors in the Fort Bend area, as well as giving us a tour of the TMC Innovation space!



Vascular surgeon Dr. Ulises Baltazar with Houston Methodist Sugar Land will be mentoring a Travis High School student in the Spring.
Thank you, Dr. Baltazar!





Special Event just for
FBISD GT Families!

Hands-On Activities
selected just for
our students!

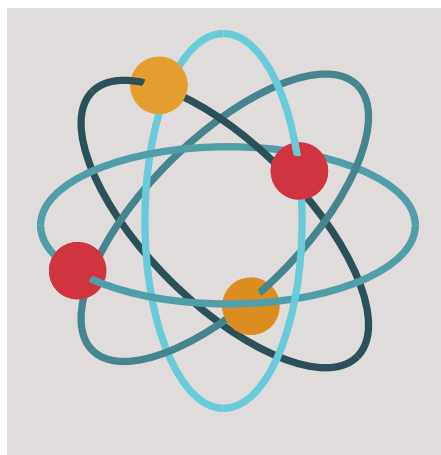
Meet and network
with other FBISD GT
Families!

Tickets available
through RevTrak for
\$4.50 per person!

FBISD GT NIGHT

AT THE MUSEUM!

October 17, 2019, 5:30 - 7:30 pm



JUST SOME of the activities
included:

Morse Code!
Microscope Lab!
Augmented Reality!
Scavenger Hunt!
Paleo Footprints!
Click **HERE** for the full
schedule!

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FBISD GT Night at the Museum Family Event

Thursday 10/17/19 @ 5:30p-7:30p

Join us as Fort Bend ISD GT Families take over the Houston Museum of Natural Science for the Night!

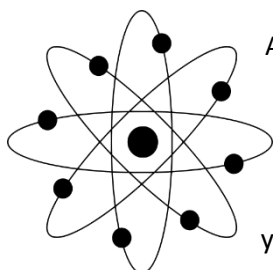
Timed & Ticketed activities – Choose one. Up to 20-25 tickets will be issued per 30 minutes!

- **Paleo Prep Lab - Science in progress!**



Fossils are the key to understanding life through time! Permian Age fossils, encased in rock and soil, are prepared in Sugar Land's interactive Paleo Prep Lab. You can learn prep tools and techniques, like cleaning and identifying - it's amazing how "dirty" the fossils initially are! Work with the basic tools of the trade, like dental tools, q-tips, vinegar, magnifying glasses etc. You'll also learn about Seymour, Texas, where the fossils come from, and about what a "real" Paleontologist does – don't worry, there aren't any snakes or centipedes or cacti in the museum. You can start prepping and have fun!

- **Create your own Electroscope**



Are you familiar with static electricity? This activity encourages visitors to build an *electroscope*—a simplified version of one of the tools scientists use to study the invisible forces on Earth and in space. Participants will learn how static electricity works, how scientists can use it to study space, and how it sometimes presents challenges to tools, electronics and spacecraft. You'll also learn how to test the tool at home and discover ways you can safely generate static electricity.

Adapted from Simple Electroscope, by Museum of Science Boston Sciencenter and developed for the NISE Network by the Sciencenter.

Ongoing activities throughout the evening – Drop by these stations hosted by expert docents.

Paleo Footprints:



How big were they?! Fossil footprints, made in soft clay, were baked by the sun to form a trace fossil, and record the active movements and behaviors of ancient organisms. Some are filled in by sediment, some are left on the exposed surface, some are as deep as bathtubs! Compare your foot size to the dinosaur's foot, learn some fun facts and get an insider's view of just how big - or small - dinosaurs really were!

Morse Code:



The original SMS texting system! Many of the abbreviations used in text messages come directly from International Morse code, which is considered the first binary code. Learn how to write the code, guess the code, listen for the code, and create your own code on the machine!

Microscope Lab:



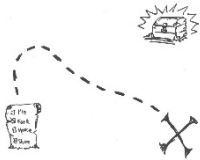
Our Microscope Lab features both self-serve and teaching components, and is used to study sand samples from around the world. Explore one of the samples we have on site with our experts or bring your own “discovery” from home. You’ll gain a whole new appreciation for the microscopic wonders of the world around you!

Sand Sieving



Are sand grains all the same size? And why should you care? Find out in this hands-on sieving activity and shake, shake, shake your way to an answer!

Scavenger Hunt in Collection of History, Mystery & Wonder:



Explore eight themed galleries, where curiosity is your only guide, to find the answers to this Scavenger Hunt! Move at your own pace, as you open ninety drawers to uncover rare treasures and get hands-on with what’s on the shelves.

Digital Dome Theater:



In the Digital Dome Theater, visitors can explore fun and educational themes every half hour. Embark on space missions to black holes, explore the distant worlds of our solar system, pilot a nano-scale submarine inside the human body or dive into an R.O.V. deep inside the ocean! Bright and clear images completely fill the entire dome screen space and surround sound adds to the total theater experience.

- **Augmented Reality (AR):**



Augmented Reality can deliver an experience like never before, fulfilling our ultimate dream of seeing dinosaurs walk among us. Travel back in time to the Age of Dinosaurs and soar with a pterosaur, hunt with T. rex and run with the raptors!

