

CELEBRATING *gifted!*

November
2019

GT PAC

Parent Invitation!

The GT PAC is currently calling for parents to represent each campus in the district.

If you are interested in participating in this important committee, please see page 4 of this newsletter.



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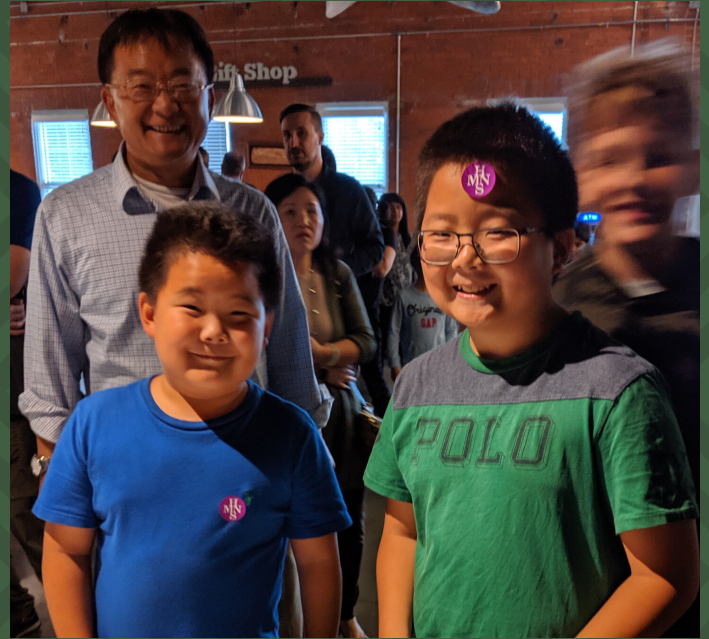
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From the Director

One of my favorite quotes was said by John Shedd – “A ship in a harbor is safe, but that is not what ships were built for.” This year, the GT Department is embracing this quote as we implement new ideas, from the GT Museum of Science Night last month, the GT Learning Plans, and our redesigned GT PAC experiences. We know that new ideas require leaving the harbor and possibility facing rough seas but we appreciate your support through this phase of our journey!

Dr. Laurie Westphal

GT Night at the Museum!



The GT families in Fort Bend ISD were certainly welcomed in a big way by the Houston Museum of Natural Science, Sugar Land, and it was a great way to kick off our 2019-2020 events! Students and their families had plenty to learn, explore, and touch, from paleo footprints, scavenger hunts, and searching for fossils, to augmented reality, microscope lab, and digital dome theater. A great time was had by all!

Take Note! November Events

SENG Webinar: Guiding the Multipotentialite through a Fulfilling and Balanced Life

November 5, 2019, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. online: Register by clicking **HERE**. There is a fee.

GT November Family Event: Speaker Series with Dr. Lynette Breedlove

November 14, 2019, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m., Marshall High School Commons

1220 Buffalo Run, Missouri City, TX 77489

Tickets are \$3 and may be purchased by clicking **HERE**.

PACE Lunch and Learn: November 15, 2019 11:30 - 1:00

Reese Center, 12300 University Blvd., Sugar Land, TX 77479

Learn about Enrichment Programs in FBISD!

Please use the sign up link! See the flyer on page 10!

GT PAC Representative Meeting

November 20, 2019

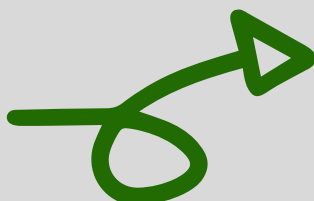
Questions? E-mail the GT PAC Executive Board at FBISDGTAC@gmail.com



Feeding the Gifted Soul

Joan Franklin Smutny & Patti Garrett Shade, on behalf of the National Association for Gifted Children, have authored a parent tip sheet on supporting a child's creative abilities, advocating for a creative child, and teaching a child resiliency, self-acceptance, and determination in creative endeavors.

Click on the tree
to access the article!



Fort Bend ISD (FBISD) is pleased to invite parents of students identified to receive gifted and talented (GT) services to serve as a campus representative for the GT Parent Advisory Committee (GT PAC). This committee works with the Fort Bend ISD Gifted and Talented Department, school administrators, and Gifted and Talented teachers to receive updates, ask questions, and provide feedback related to Gifted and Talented programs. The next meeting for the Gifted and Talented Parent Advisory Committee will be on November 20, 2019.

If you are interested in lending your voice to this committee, please complete the short online application at the following link:

GT Parent Advisory Campus Representative Application.

If more than three parents from the same campus submit applications, representatives will be selected via a lottery. The deadline to submit interest applications is **November 15, 2019**. Selected applicants will be notified on or before November 19, 2019.

Thank you for your commitment to Fort Bend ISD Gifted and Talented students.

2019 – 2020 GT Parent Advisory Committee Meeting Dates

November 20, 2019

January 15, 2020

February 12, 2020

March 18, 2020

April 22, 2020

May 20, 2020



FBISD Gifted & Talented ACADEMY



Sixth and seventh grade students at the GT Academy engaged in several interactive learning experiences related to their curriculum and universal concepts. They visited historical religious sites across Houston and spent time with the fine volunteers from the Fort Bend Historical Association's Texan Time Machine experience which brought old Texas to QVMS!



Calling all Imagineers and Innovators!

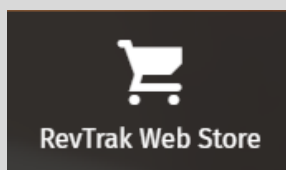
Participate in a national recycling video and poster contest sponsored by the Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries (ISRI) and JASON Learning, and you could win a trip to ISRI's 2020 Annual Convention and Exposition to be held from April 27-30 in Las Vegas, Nevada!

Click on the graphic for all of the entry information!



Some Information on RevTrak

If you are ever having trouble reaching RevTrak through one of our links, you may get there directly through the Fort Bend ISD website:



Click on the RevTrak Web Store icon on the home page (lower left corner). Select "Departments" and then "Gifted and Talented."

Community Events

Click on the icons for more info!

November 9, 2019, 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Harvest Fest at Harvest Green

3400 Harvest Corner Dr., Richmond, 77406



November 14, 2019, 4:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Fort Bend Future Technology Expo

University of Houston, Sugar Land

Technology Building

November 20, 2019, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

CTE Program Exploration Night

James Reese Career and Technical Center

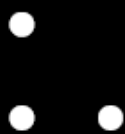
12300 University Blvd.

Sugar Land, TX 77479



Thanksgiving Break -- November 25-29





GT FALL FAMILY EVENT



SPEAKER SERIES WITH DR. LYNETTE BREEDLOVE

Little Strategies to Cope with Big Emotions

See description on back

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\$3 PER PERSON
BUY YOUR TICKETS THROUGH
REV TRAK AT
[HTTP://BIT.LY/GTNOVSPEAKER](http://bit.ly/gtnovspeaker)

MARSHALL HIGH SCHOOL
COMMONS AREA
1220 BUFFALO RUN
MISSOURI CITY, TX 77489

NOVEMBER 14, 2019
6:00 - 7:30 PM

**Tickets are still on sale
for this event!**

This is a family-friendly
event, and snacks will be
provided.

Each attendee will require a
ticket
(ages 5 and up)

Click **here** for tickets.



About the Session

Gifted children can use their analytical thinking skills to help them cope with their emotional intensities which may result in big responses to small stimuli. With practice, they can use their exceptional thinking skills to work through their automatic responses to tame their worries and anxiety. In this session, we'll discuss strategies you can teach your child to guide him/her through a potentially tense world.

About the Speaker

Dr. Lynette Breedlove is the Director of The Carol Martin Gattton Academy of Mathematics and Science in Kentucky. Dr. Breedlove has held various roles in public education, from classroom teacher and gifted education specialist, to central office administrator. She has been active in gifted education at the local, state, and national levels, conducting professional development presentations and parent workshops across Texas and beyond. She currently serves as the president-elect of The Association of the Gifted (a division of the Council for Exceptional Children) and as chair-elect of the Special Schools and Programs Network of the National Association for Gifted Children (NAGC).

GT Mentorship Partner Spotlights

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



A big thank you to Mario Herrera with Memorial Hermann Southwest's Heart and Vascular Institute for reconnecting the hospital system with the GT Mentorship Program !

Tom Webb with HCSS gave us a grand tour of "The Google of Sugar Land" and is working to place a Travis High School student with a software engineer.



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Dr. Cintia De Paiva with Baylor College of Medicine will be welcoming an Elkins High School senior into her research lab this spring. Thank you, Dr. De Paiva!

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GT MENTORSHIP?

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