

CELEBRATING *gifted!*

December
2019

From the Director

Hard to believe it is almost the end of the second semester! The GT Department is already working on exciting opportunities for our GT community in 2020 including our "By Parents, For Parents" Winter Symposium sponsored by the GT Parent Advisory Committee, the Grades 1-5 GT Showcase where GT students will be able to share their Texas Performance Standard Projects (TPSP), and the GT Mentorship Final Showcase, our showcase of in-depth research conducted with the support of community mentors. So much going on to support our GT students and their parents!

"What good is the warmth of summer, without the cold of winter to give it sweetness."

- JOHN STEINBECK



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Good To Know:

Both the GT Academy and GT Mentorship recruiting, application, and acceptance timelines are listed in this newsletter! Scroll down for the information!

Take Note: December Happenings!

December 10, 2019, 6:30 – 8:00: George Observatory at Brazos Bend State Park Stargazing Event (SOLD OUT!)

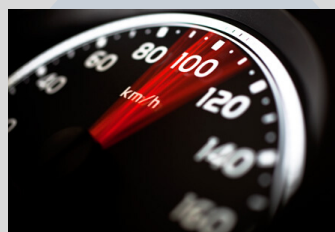
November 26, 2019 - January 5, 2020: Holiday Lights at Constellation Field, Sugar Land

December 20, 2019 - January 5, 2020 - FBISD Winter Break



Feeding the Gifted Soul

Mensa for Kids is a great resource for teachers and parents of gifted children within a large variety of age ranges. Click on the four icons below for great ideas, activities, and learning opportunities during the winter break and beyond. This will give you a great taste of what Mensa for Kids has to offer: The Science of Candy, Inside Out Fun, Roller Coaster Mania, and TED Connections (The Surprising Habits of Original Thinkers). Enjoy!



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November Parent Series

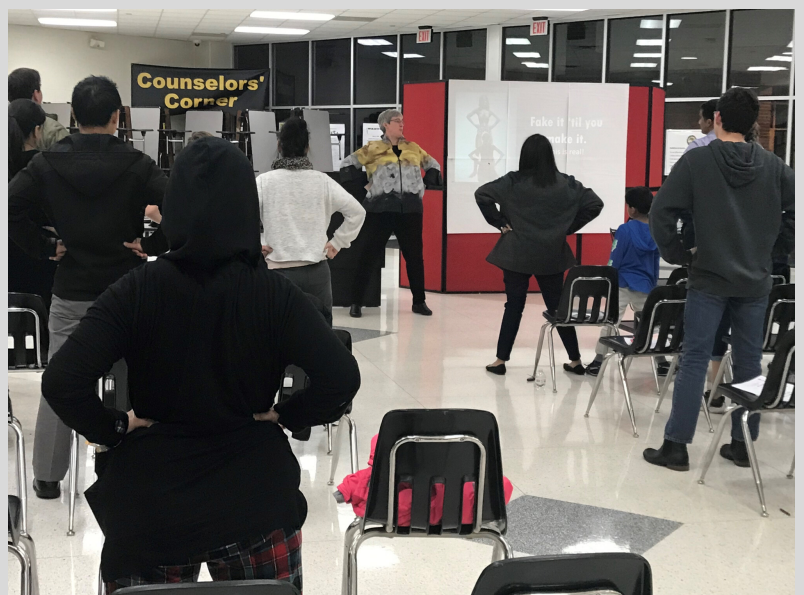
Parents participating in our November event at Marshall High School were treated to the expertise and advice of Dr. Lynette Breedlove. Tips on handling high emotions and stress, as well as bolstering confidence, were addressed in this great interactive session.



Dr. Breedlove discussed different opportunities that specifically address the needs of gifted and talented students.



"Power Posing"
before a stressful
event can lend
confidence!





2020 - 2021 Middle School GT Academy Recruitment, Application, and Selection Timeline

January 23, 2020 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm: GTA Information Nights #1 for prospective students and their parents

January 29, 2020 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm: GTA Information Nights #2 for prospective students and their parents

January 21, 2020– February 7, 2020 - GTA School Tours – Sign Up Required

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050C44AAA62D6-fbisd5>

February 3, 2020 – March 6, 2020 - Online applications window (no testing, essays, recommendations, or portfolios required) – NO EXCEPTIONS.

March 27, 2020 - Acceptance or Waitlist Notification emailed to applicants.

April 3, 2020 - Final commitment date applicants accepted on March 27th.

April 3, 2020 - Seats released to waitlisted applicants.

April 10, 2020 - Final commitment date for applicants accepted on April 3rd.

April 16, 2020 - GT Academy Orientation for incoming class
6:00 – 8:00 PM

**Click on the Academy Logo above
for more information**

GT Mentorship Spotlight



We would like to thank Chris Hill and Ashley Richter with the Sugar Land Skeeters for mentoring an Elkins High School Senior in sports marketing! Be on the lookout for her work during Fan Fest, baseball faithful!



Did you know we had an R&D gem right here in Stafford? Thanks to Rob Whitman and Katherine Adkins, one of our Clements High School seniors will be able to tell you all about them during spring showcase!

A big THANK YOU to Mark Madorsky with LEAF Engineers and Ron Bailey with PBK Architects for mentoring one of our Dulles High School seniors. If these companies sound familiar, they are the minds behind Fort Bend's very own Neill Elementary!



Thanks to Clayton Garrett and Bonnie Harroff with Agmenity's Harvest Green for working with one of our Clements High School seniors in Agribusiness!



Access Health and Jan Palak will be mentoring one of our Hightower High School seniors! Thank You!

GT Mentorship, Senior Class of 2021

Recruitment, Application, and Selection Timeline

January 9-23, 2020 On-Campus Student Information Meetings
(campus-specific dates and times to be e-mailed separately)

January 29, 2020, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Parent Information Meeting
Room 226 FBISD Administration Annex

January 31, 2020, 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. Parent Information Meeting
Room 226 FBISD Administration Annex

February 3 - 14, 2020 Application Window Open

February 24 - 27, 2020 Student Interviews

March 2, 2020 Notification Letters e-mailed

Mentorship Orientation: (TBD) Student and at least one parent must attend *Anticipated senior schedule will need to be submitted at this time.

2020-2021 Mentorship Induction: Final Showcase (tentative date: April 30, 2020)

