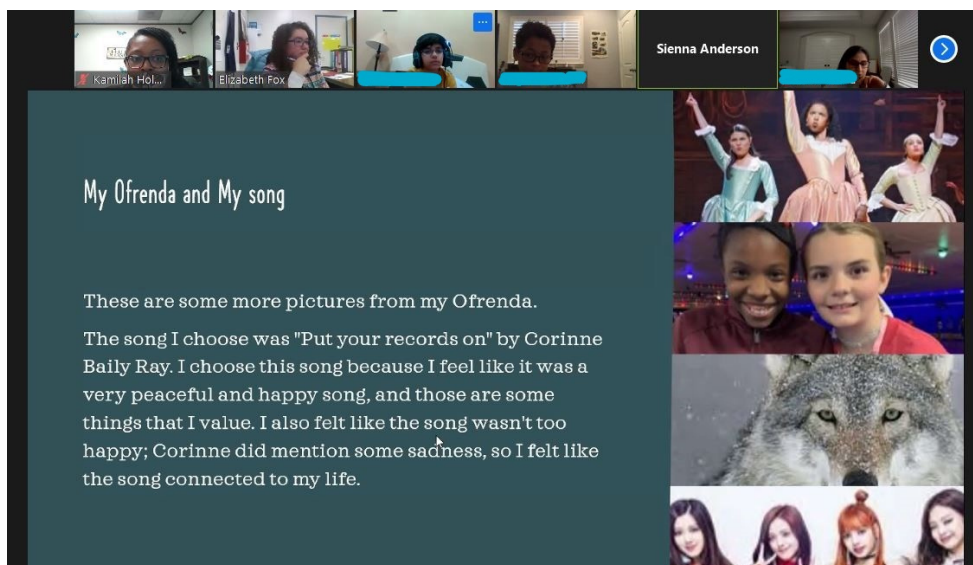


GT Academy TPSP Presentations: My Mixtape, Phase I

The students of the Gifted and Talented Academy at Quail Valley Middle School were given the opportunity to share what makes them who they are through their culture and music. In the first phase of the Texas Performance Standards Project "My Mixtape," students were tasked with a reflection activity that allowed them to take a close look at how their culture as a whole and their music choices that have helped define them. Finally, they were asked to choose images and one song that would best represent this reflection. Students were then afforded the opportunity to present to a live audience via Zoom and experience a feedback protocol after their efforts.



Sienna Anderson,
6th grader, presents her
ofrenda and song to her
live audience.

Interests, Talents, Activities, Hobbies, and Multipotentialism

With a new year comes new resolutions, revamped goals, and a desire to try new things. Those may include organized sports, performing arts, unique hobbies, or diving into new interests. We have assembled some articles for our parents looking to manage multiple arenas of interest, as well as for our parents looking to aim their child in a fun, new direction. Additionally, we have included a TED Talk from Emilie Wapnick about the challenges and joys of multipotentialism. Enjoy some new adventures in 2021!

[Recognizing and Encouraging Interests, Strengths and Talents of Gifted Elementary School Children](#)

[Unique Hobby Ideas to Bring out the Superstar in Your Child](#)

[Choosing a College Major - Managing Multipotentialism](#)

[Why Some of us Don't Have One True Calling - Emilie Wapnick](#)

GT Department News

Five-Year Plan Published

The Gifted and Talented Task Force created a Five-Year Plan to guide the current and future work of the GT Department. With the help of the GTT Task Force Communications Subcommittee, that plan is now available to the public on the Gifted and Talented web page. The plan is divided into "Completed," "In Progress," and "Long Term," and further divided into the five components identified by the Texas State Plan for Gifted Programming: Student Assessment, Service Design, Curriculum and Instruction, Professional Development, and Family and Community Involvement. Click [HERE](#) to go directly to the Five-Year plan web page.

GT PAC Parent Symposium Request for Submissions

The GT Symposium is an event hosted by parents for parents. The GT PAC Symposium Subcommittee is working on a series of virtual events that will take place over the week of April 12th. We firmly believe that the FBISD GT community has a built-in wealth of information and strategies in parenting and supporting its GT children. The GT PAC would like to ask our if any of our GT community parents hav4 expertise or experience to share, the GT PAC would love to include your ideas.

Please reach out the GT PAC Executive Board at fbisdgtpac@gmail.com.



GT Mentorship Class of 2022

GT-identified juniors and their parents are invited to attend an informational meeting about the GT Mentorship program during the month of January (please see schedule below). Meetings will give an overview of the program, its requirements, and the application process. Current GT Mentorship students and GT staff will also be available after the presentation to answer questions. Students will receive an e-mail with the Zoom link for their campus meeting via their **FBISD e-mail account**.

This is a limited-enrollment course that requires an application and interview, so interested students would benefit from attending; however, attendance at an information meeting is not required to apply.

Meeting Schedule

all meetings via Zoom from 7-8 pm

Dulles High School – January 14

Elkins High School – January 18

Ridge Point High School – January 19

Clements High School – January 20

Travis High School – January 21

Austin High School – January 24

Hightower High School – January 25

Kempner High School – January 26

Make-up – January 27

Bush, Marshall, and Willowridge High Schools will be meeting on campus during the school day, but those students and parents are invited to attend the January 27 session.

Thank you, Mentors!



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