

LAYING THE FOUNDATIONS

Defining community, self-reflection, and foundational concepts were all part of the first few weeks of virtual learning and the start of a successful year.



Erin North, 10th grade Pre-AP English teacher at **Austin High School**, gave her students the opportunity to expand on the typical "getting to know you" activity. Theirs was to include a goal word, a six-word story, a visual, song lyrics, and the identification of their thinking style and meta-cognition mode. Click on the picture to see the full video submission from **Teresa So**.



Maggie Spurlock at **Commonwealth Elementary** asked her second graders to discuss their thoughts on the components of community. See what **Chloe**, **Graham**, and **Ruhaan** had to say!

Chloe

Equality is you treat everybody the same even if they are skinny or fat or they don't have the same skin color and if they don't have the same hair.

Graham

Truthfulness is most important because if you lie other people can believe things that are not true people could get hurt or be sad or mad.

Ruhaan

It is important to be responsible because for example if you don't organize your toy room it will be impossible to find what your looking for. Also if you ask someone your not being responsible at all. I picked this because I kind of need to work on being responsible.



My nomination for mvp is the division property because it's usually the final step meaning I'm done and can relax [@amberepearson](#)

Student CP: my nomination for MVP is the reflexive property because without it numbers would not be sure of themselves [@amberepearson](#) [@EHS_Knightswire](#) [@FBISDmath](#) [@fbisdgt](#)

Student CA: my nomination for the MVP is the symmetric property because you can flip it and reverse it and it's still the same [@amberepearson](#) [@EHS_Knightswire](#) [@FBISDmath](#) [@fbisdgt](#)

Student AV: My nomination for the MVP is the associative property because it makes all the numbers have to get along [@amberepearson](#) [@EHS_Knightswire](#) [@FBISDmath](#) [@fbisdgt](#)



Elkins High School Pre-AP Geometry teacher **Amber Pearson** had her students take to Twitter to nominate their pick for MVP - **Most Valuable Property**. Which one would get your vote?

GT Department News

INNOVATION HOUR

The Gifted and Talented department will be holding a virtual parent meeting in October to discuss student experiences with Innovation Hour on current pilot campuses.

The link will be shared on the [Innovation Hour website](#) and communicated to parents when the final date is determined.

NEW

FAMILY CHALLENGE SERIES

NEW

FALL 2020

**We are excited to announce FBISD GT's NEW
Family Challenge Series!**

Families of gifted students in grades 1 – 12 are invited to participate in monthly-themed challenges that nurture creativity and build critical thinking skills through creative problem solving challenges.

Family Challenge kits will be provided on a **limited basis** (registration required) by the Gifted and Talented Department, and upcoming themes include **Family Game Night**, **Elements of Design**, and **A Moment in Time**. Students will have the opportunity to share their products on Twitter for all to see, like, retweet, and comment!

The **Family Game Night** Challenge information is on Page 4!



FROM SEPTEMBER'S ISSUE

Did you find the Alpaca in house number 4?
If so, you are correct!

WELCOME, AUTUMN!

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Connect with nature and ground your family in the rhythm of the seasons with the

7 Special Ways to Celebrate the Autumnal Equinox

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NOW is the time to create your team for the Army Educational Outreach Program's eCYBERMISSION free competition! Create your team, identify a problem in your community, work together to explore the problem, then share your findings and win prizes!

PARENTS

TEA Gifted and Talented Education Guidance
published August 24, 2020

No More Silence - a recorded webinar from TAGT on becoming an active participant in ending racism.

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Add a purpose to your fall nature walk this autumn, and look for items to build the tallest tower or design a structure out of autumn-themed edibles like candy corn! Read about both activities by heading to the Fall Engineering Activities and Challenges page.

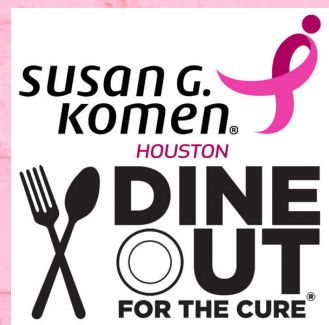
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Autumn is the classic season of the college admissions process for seniors, but the timeline starts long before senior year. See the Khan Academy Master Timeline to see what YOU should have going on before that critical seventh semester.

Breast Cancer Awareness and Fundraising Events


MUDDY PRINCESS

**A MUD RUN SURE TO BE THE HIGHLIGHT
OF YOUR YEAR – ALL FOR A GREAT CAUSE!**



FBISD GT Department Presents

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1st
Monthly
Challenge

TUESDAY,
OCTOBER 20, 2020

THEME: FAMILY GAME NIGHT

- Students in grades 1-5 will design and build an arcade game. (Kits will be provided.)
- Students in grades 6-12 will design a sport that can be played with social distance.

COMPLETE [REGISTRATION HERE](#) BY 10/02/20.

STUDENTS WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE THEIR PRODUCTS VIRTUALLY ON TWITTER FOR ALL TO SEE! PLEASE TWEET YOUR PRODUCTS USING: [#GTINFBISD](#) AND [#FBISDGTFFAMILYSERIES](#)

For more information, please visit the GT Parent Series web page at:
<https://www.fortbendisd.com/GTFamilySeries>