

Rosemead G.A.T.E.

Gifted and Talented Education - Parent Newsletter

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Coordinator's Message

Welcome back to school! It will be my eighth year as GATE Coordinator. I am very happy to tell you about this year's program offerings for our GATE students.

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Please take a look at the list of programs for your 4th, 5th, and 6th grade son/daughter this year. I hope you're excited about this year's program offerings.

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Our 6th grade GATE students learn exciting engineering concepts and applications through this Friday program.

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Check out our exciting programs for our 7th and 8th grade GATE students. Just like past years, the field trips continue for our middle school students.

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Please mark these important dates. You can find out more about the program as well as get the chance to volunteer and get involved at the meeting.

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Please check out these excellent and highly-recommended websites and books to help nurture and support your gifted child.

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COORDINATOR'S MESSAGE



I am looking forward to another exciting year as GATE Coordinator. I am happy to let you know that the same amount of programs are offered to our GATE students as in previous years! If you are a parent/guardian of a newly-identified GATE student, congratulations. This newsletter will highlight the program offerings for new and returning GATE students this year.

Due to the renovation of the Muscatel cafeteria, the GATE Parents' Meeting will not take place until January. If you are a parent/guardian of a newly-identified GATE student, please call or email Mr. Lague if you have any questions.

For field trip activities, field trip slips and trip information will be emailed and mailed before the field trip date once they are available. Parents can volunteer!

You can reach me at (626) 287 1139, ext 520, or at (626) 523 1450 if you have any questions or concerns. You can also email me at JLague@Rosemead.k12.ca.us.

4TH-6TH GRADE SATURDAY INSTITUTE

Saturday, December 13th, 2014

Union Station and El Pueblo de Los Angeles Field Trip (9 am to 2 pm, Metro Trains)
Get ready to ride the Metro Gold and Red Line trains and learn about the historical beginnings of the city of Los Angeles. (Approximately \$20.00)

Thursday, January 29th, to
Friday, January 30th, 2015

Long Beach Aquarium Overnight Sleepover Field Trip (4:30 pm to 7 am)
We will spend the night at the aquarium after we get a private tour to learn about the creatures of the sea. (Approximately \$50.00/ Tentative Date)


Saturday, February 21st, 2015
Saturday, March 14th, 2015

Math-athon for St. Jude Research Hospital (9 am to 12 pm, Muscatel Cafeteria)
We will raise money to help children at St. Jude's Childrens Hospital, while having fun with math problems and puzzles.

Saturday, April 18th, 2015
Mystery Train Field Trip (8 am to 5 pm, AMTRAK)

We will meet at Union Station and go on a train ride on an Amtrak train to a mystery location. (Approximately \$30.00)

Saturday, May 9th, 2015
Tanaka Farms and Discovery Science Center Field Trip (7 am - 4 pm)

Learn where your fruits and vegetables come from as we tour a family farm. We will also visit the Orange County Discovery Science Center later that day. (Approximately \$30.00/ Tentative Date)

Saturday, May 23rd, 2015
6th Annual Mathletes Challenge (9-11 am, Muscatel Cafeteria)

Bring your mathematical and problem solving skills and compete at our annual GATE math competition. Team, individual, and school prizes will be awarded.


Saturday, May 30th, 2015
Elementary Science Olympiad
(12 - 5 pm, Muscatel Science Rooms)

Get ready to compete at the 12th Annual Elementary Science Olympiad. Rules will be sent one month prior to the event. Events may include Bottle Rocket, Egg Drop, Mystery Architecture, and many more!

PARENT VOLUNTEERS

As in previous years, the Rosemead School District requires all Parent Volunteers to get fingerprinted as well get a tb skin test/ x-ray. If you are volunteering for our field trips, please contact Mr. Lague, so you can get the process started. If you are already cleared as a Parent Volunteer at your child's school, this qualifies you to be a GATE Parent Volunteer for our field trips.

6TH GRADE FUTURE SCIENTISTS AND ENGINEERS

If you are a 6th grade GATE student, you can learn exciting engineering concepts through this program. 6th grade participants will have meetings taking place Fridays after school, from 2:40 to 4:50 pm. Engineering projects will include boats, towers, bridges, planes, gliders, and catapults. The program flier with more information is going to be sent to all 6th grade GATE students before the first meeting.

Friday Dates:

November 7th, 2014

December 12th, 2014

January 9th and 23rd, 2015

February 13th and 20th, 2015

March 13th and 20th, 2015

April 17th and 24th, 2015



GATE PARENT MEETINGS

All meetings will take place at the Muscatel Middle School cafeteria. Please plan on attending the first Parents' Meeting next month to learn more about this year's GATE Program.

Wednesday, January 21st, 2015
6 - 7 pm

Wednesday, June 3rd, 2015
6 - 8 pm
(End of Year Celebration)



7TH - 8TH GRADE MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Friday, January 23rd, 2015

La Brea Tar Pits and Page Museum/ LA County Museum of Art Field Trip

We will visit these two exciting museums to learn about the earth's past and learn about art. 7th-8th Grade GATE Students (8 am - 4 pm)



Thursday, March 19th, 2015

Disney's California Adventure Rollercoaster Physics Field Trip

We will learn the science behind your favorite thrill rides at California Adventure!

8th Grade GATE Students only (8 am - 6 pm/ Tentative Date)



Friday, May 22nd, 2015

Boating and Kayaking Field Trip (Long Beach and San Pedro)

We will learn about the fascinating creatures of the sea as well get to go kayaking! 7th Grade GATE Students only (8 am - 5 pm/ Tentative Date)

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GATE RESOURCES

GIFTED AND TALENTED EDUCATION- CA DEPT OF EDUCATION

State Education Building

1430 N Street

Sacramento, CA 95814

916-323-5831

www.cde.ca.gov/sp/gt



CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION FOR THE GIFTED

11130 Sun Center Drive, Suite 100

Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

916-441-3999

www.CAGifted.org

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR GIFTED CHILDREN

1707 L Street, NW, Suite 550

Washington, DC 20036

202-785-4268

www.nagc.org



BOOKS TO READ

Parenting Gifted Kids: Tips for Raising Happy and Successful Children by James R. Delisle (2006, Prufrock Press)

"Provides a humorous, engaging, and encouraging look at raising gifted children today. Dr. Delisle offers practical, down-to earth advice that will cause parents to reexamine the ways they perceive and relate to their children."

The Survival Guide for Parents of Gifted Kids by Sally Yahnke Walker, Ph.D. (2002, Free Spirit Publishing)

"What does it mean to be 'gifted'? What's good and not-so-good about being identified as gifted? How can parents make sure their gifted children get the learning opportunities they need?"

They Say My Kid's Gifted: Now What? by F. Richard Olenchak, Ph.D. (1998, Prufrock Press)

"Developed by the National Association for Gifted Children, this book provides an introduction to working with schools to help ensure a quality education experience for gifted children."