

The Gifted Tribune

Mrs. Sarah Skelton- Gifted Coordinator

Students Corner

This section is designed for students to share with you their exciting news and projects.

Making an Impact

Recently the robotics team was pictured in the April edition of the "Lake Erie LifeStyle" magazine. What an honor for the following students to be highlighted in the "Gift of Knowledge" article: Leo Nicolussi, Morgan Schnars, Annie Roae, Logan Kemp, Julia Cecchetti, and Max Nicolussi.

News Update

Testing, testing, and more testing! The last several weeks our Iroquois students have been busy with standardized tests. The rigorous PSSA tests have been taking place at both the middle and elementary schools. With additional testing coming up in May, the students have been focused and working extremely hard. We wish them all the best of luck!



Parent Workshops

The Iroquois School District sponsored two workshops over the last few months. First, in March, we hosted an elementary parent night titled, "Fuel Their Bloom" with a focus on enhancing creativity at home. Then, in April the workshop was geared towards "Navigating the Quest for College." Dr. Gae Anderson-Miller, a gifted consultant and specialist, was the guest speaker for both presentations. We had very good turnouts for the parent workshops with positive responses and feedback from the participants. Parents who could not attend may still receive the packets and materials upon request.

Dr. Gae Anderson-Miller, Gifted Consultant

<http://andersonmillerconsulting.com>





Important Dates:

- April 4: PSSA Testing Begins
- April 30: Engineering Day at IES
- May 5: College Career Counselor visits the High School
- May 11 : Elementary students- TREC Field Trip
- May 19: Gifted Steering Committee Meeting 6:00 pm at the Elementary School
- May 28: Career Fair at the Middle School

We will continue to update students, parents, and the community on upcoming events.

For more information and program updates please visit our gifted website:

<http://classjump.com/s/skelton/>

About the Program

Dear Parents,

I was happy to return to work in March after a wonderful maternity leave with my beautiful daughter, Sofia Marie. It has been an amazing life changing experience, as many of you know. I was extremely appreciative for the time I was able to spend with her, however, it is great to be back with the students again.

As we near the end of another school year we are happy to see the changes that have implemented over the past nine months. The gifted program, though still a work in progress, has made great strides with high hopes for the future. We want to thank all the parents and students for their hard work and help over the last year in implementing some important changes. In addition, we hope to continue to have parent support as we continue to update our program. Your participation on our committees and input will be vital for our future success. Our final gifted steering committee meeting will take place on Tuesday, May 19 at 6:00 pm at the Elementary School; we invite and encourage parent participation as we wrap up the school year.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Sarah Skelton

Investor's Business Daily Secrets to SUCCESS:

1: HOW YOU THINK IS EVERYTHING. Always be positive. Think success, not failure. Beware of a negative environment.

2. DECIDE UPON YOUR TRUE DREAMS AND GOALS. Write down your specific goals and develop a plan to reach them.



3. TAKE ACTION. Goals are nothing without action. Don't be afraid to get started. Just do it!
4. NEVER STOP LEARNING. Go back to school or read books. Get training and acquire skills.
5. BE PERSISTENT AND WORK HARD. Success is a marathon, not a sprint. Never give up!
6. LEARN TO ANALYZE DETAILS. Get all the facts, all the input. Learn from your mistakes.
7. FOCUS YOUR TIME AND MONEY. Don't let other people or things distract you.
8. DON'T BE AFRAID TO INNOVATE: BE DIFFERENT. Following the herd is a sure way to mediocrity.
9. DEAL AND COMMUNICATE WITH PEOPLE EFFECTIVELY. No person is an Island. Learn to understand and motivate others.
10. BE HONEST AND DEPENDABLE, TAKE RESPONSIBILITY. Otherwise, numbers 1-9 won't matter.

Iroquois Elementary School Student Articles: I have opened up the Newsletter for students to write their own column. It is always enjoyable to see what the students want to share... Enjoy :)

Lauren's News

Welcome to my News Column.

My name is Lauren; my favorite animals are cats, guinea pigs, and fish. My favorite food is Jell-O. My favorite color is purple. I love to visit craft stores AND book stores! I like to play

Minecraft on the computer, Xbox, and i-pad. I don't use the computer version a lot because it has glitches. I also love to read and have SLEEPOVERS! Shopping at the mall is also something I enjoy too! Phew! That was just a few of my interests. Now back to the news!

I'm so excited to be in here and write about various topics. I may want to share some of my writing or some artwork or music. Anyway, now that this boring introduction is over, we can talk about the more interesting things.

I'm curious and want to gather some feedback. Are you glad the PSSAs are over? I am! But what I miss about testing was no homework and longer recess. What do you miss about the PSSAs? What do you NOT miss? I hope all the students did well and gave their best effort, I know I did!

Until next time...

-*Lauren*

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