

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

Congrats our very own LEGO League team who were asked to present at Manufacturing Day at the Bayfront Convention Center on October 1. The team members included (pictured on the right) Julia Cecchetti, Leo Nicolussi, Max Nicoloussi, and Logan Kemp. They did a wonderful job sharing their successful presentation from last year's competition. Way to go Team Iroquois!

"Great work is done by people who are not afraid to be great."

- *Fernando Flores*



Let this YEAR be GREAT!

About the Program

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 2015-16 school year! The students are off to a great start and are doing extremely well in the classroom. I have appreciated the effort by all the parents in making it a priority to come in and meet with the Gifted Education Team. This has helped set the stage for the school year in making sure we are all working towards the same goals. This also encourages student growth and success both in and outside of the classroom.





Important Dates:

- October 1- Manufacturing Day at the Bayfront Convention Center 9-1:00 PM
- October 8- TREC College and Career Fair 8-2:00 PM
- October 23- TREC Field Trip- Elementary Students 9-2:00 PM
- October 28- College Fair at Harborcreek High School 6-8:00 PM
- November 4: Musicalympics - Jr Phil production 9-1:00 PM
- November 19: TREC field trip- HS students 8-2:00 PM
- November 23: TREC field trip- Elementary Students 9-2:00 PM

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/>

As we plan for another school year, we have confirmed many exciting enrichment trips, events and educational opportunities for both parents and students. Please refer to the important dates column to keep track of all the upcoming activities.

I'm looking forward to working with the students, parents, and teachers as we continue to enhance our gifted program. Please keep in mind that if you have any questions or concerns, contact me at any time. As we prepare to embrace new challenges and build upon a tradition of success here at ISD, it is our responsibility to help motivate the students in staying focused and determined.

"Don't limit your challenges. Challenge your limits."
Jerry Dunn

Once again, thank you for the involvement in your child's educational journey; this is extremely beneficial in helping them achieve future success.

Sincerely,

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Helpful Websites for Parents:

The National Research Center on Gifted and Talented (NRC/GT), sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education, investigates, develops, and disseminates new

methods for identifying and teaching gifted students. The



NRC/GT, located at the University of Connecticut, is run collaboratively with the University of Virginia and Yale University, and works in conjunction with more than 300 public school district research study sites.

www.gifted.uconn.edu

The National Association for Gifted Children (NAGC) is an organization of parents, educators, other professionals and community leaders to address the unique needs of children and youth. Membership includes a subscription to Parenting for High Potential, a magazine with articles geared to the development of talent.

www.nagc.org

You can search State Resources for Gifted Education and Individual State Gifted Organizations on the NAGC website by clicking on the heading "Gifted By State."

The Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) is the largest international professional organization dedicated to improving educational outcomes for individuals with exceptionalities, students with disabilities, and/or the gifted.

www.cec.sped.org

The Association for the Gifted (TAG) organized in 1958 by The Council for Exceptional Children, helps professionals and parents work with gifted children.

www.cectag.org

The mission of National Society for the Gifted and Talented is to advance the development of gifted, talented, and high potential youth, in the United States and abroad, through opportunities, advocacy, and exemplary programs and practices.

www.nsgt.org

The Association for the Education of Gifted Underachieving Students (AEGUS) provides a forum for ideas and interventions aimed at helping twice-exceptional students reach their full potential.

www.aegusi.org

The Davidson Institute for Talent Development has extensive resources for highly gifted students (and their parents). You can access articles by selecting "Browse by Topic" or "Search GT-Cybersource" from the "Resources" header in the pull-down top bar menu bar.

www.davidsoninstitute.org

Supporting Emotional Needs of the Gifted (SENG) focuses primarily on the adults (parents, educators, etc) in the lives of gifted children. SENNG provides information on identification, guidance, and effective ways to live and work with gifted individuals.

www.SENNGifted.org

Hoagies' Gifted Education Page is a resource guide for the education of gifted children with links to many gifted education resources available on the Internet.

www.hoagiesgifted.org

Gifted-Children.com: Identification, Encouragement, and Development (GCC) is an on-line parents' newsletter with networking and information dedicated to making a difference in the education of children with special talents and abilities.

www.gifted-children.com

Great Resources for Discovering and Encouraging Interests:

EduHound: Everything for Education K12: www.eduhound.com

Filamentality "Learning Web": www.kn.att.com/wired/fil

The Academy of Achievement: www.achievement.org

Bill of Gifted Rights: **You have a right...**

1. To learn about your giftedness.
2. To learn something new every day.
3. To be passionate about your talent area without apologies.
4. To have an identity beyond your talent area.
5. To feel good about your accomplishments.
6. To make mistakes.
7. To seek guidance in the development of your talent.
8. To have multiple peer groups and a variety of friends.
9. To choose which of your talent areas you wish to pursue.
10. Not to be gifted at everything.

- written by Del Siegle, NAGC President, 2007-2009

