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Upcoming Gifted Programs & Activities

Hello and welcome back to school—especially to the 6th grade gifted students. I look forward to working with you this year. My office is room D-12 in the exploratory hall. You will receive this newsletter from me on the first A-day of each month from your first core teacher. Make sure you share this information with your parents each month, but if you forget, this newsletter is also posted on our school's webpage toward the bottom. It reads, "CLMS Gifted Newsletter". Again, welcome back and I'll see you soon!

Ms. McCree

Attention parents:



Beginning with the Fall 2009 edition of the Gifted and Talented Bulletin, the Office of Gifted Education will eliminate the direct mailing of the newsletter and an online version will be published.

With the increased expense of production and postage and the accessibility of computers, the move to an electronic version makes sense both economically and environmentally.

Currently, anyone interested in the online version can sign up through the subscription available on the Virginia Beach City Public Schools Web site <http://www.vbschools.com>.

Click on the blue button on the top right of the menu bar titled vbschools x-tra and scroll down to find the newsletter subscription area. Look for the Gifted and Talented Bulletin and subscribe.

Once signed up, notification will be e-mailed to you announcing the posting of the latest issue. Mailed versions will still be available upon request by contacting the Office of Gifted Education at 263-1405.

Important DATE!

A workshop offered by the Office of Gifted Education entitled, Time Management and Organization will be held on October 28, 2009 at Landstown

High School's schola. This seminar will focus on practical tools and skills that can be used to help your child become better at organizing and managing time. Frequently, bright and gifted students have so many interests and their minds race so rapidly, that organization is an afterthought.

Unfortunately, the child may learn that they do not have to be organized to get good grades. They often rely on their reasoning skills and creativity to bail them out if they forget or misplace something. Such tactics fail to save the student as the academics become more challenging and complex. Join in learning ways to help your child develop the skills needed to be successful throughout their academic careers (and beyond). If you have questions, please call Sandra Gizzi at 263-1461 or email Sagizzi@vbschools.com.

Attention all students:

We will begin our *Gifted Lunch/Core Plus Competitions* on **Tuesday, October, 13** in my room, D-12. These activities are open to all gifted students who receive this newsletter. This is a fun team competition that is different at each grade level. You will be able to eat your lunch while we compete. If you want to participate, you must remember to **BRING YOUR LUNCH!** The times for the competitions are:

- ◆ Sixth grade Mysteries Competition time is 11:55—12:55.
- ◆ Seventh grade Mind Games Competition time is 12:55—1:58.
- ◆ Eighth grade Genius Competition time is 10:50—11:55.

The dates of the competitions (usually the 2nd Tuesday of the month) for the entire school year are:

- Tuesday, October 13
- Tuesday, November 10
- Tuesday, December 8
- Tuesday, January 12
- Tuesday, February 16 (3rd Tuesday of Feb.)
- Tuesday, March 9
- Tuesday, April 13
- Tuesday, May 4 (1st Tuesday of May)

Write these dates in your planner or you might forget!

Good luck to all the teams!



Gifted Cluster Team News

6th grade



✦ Mrs. Dull and Ms. McCree will have advanced math students complete the Performance Task, Design Decisions. Students will explore how perimeter and area can influence various designs and cost factors. Students will begin to understand the role of an architect as a problem solver as they are tasked with designing three floor plans to scale and estimating construction costs. Comparisons will be made among the different designs focusing on the area, varying perimeters, and related costs. Based on this analysis, students should recognize how shape and size relate to cost, which influence their design decisions.



7th grade



✦ To help prepare students for their upcoming test, Mrs. Raehl and Ms. McCree will work with Algebra students on writing and evaluating expressions, solving equations, identifying properties, and solving word problems using equations.



8th grade



✦ Mrs. Meredith and Ms. McCree have been working with advanced English students who read, The Old Man and the Sea. Students completed a Synectics activity comparing an element of the novel to an everyday object. They also presented a RAFT performance-based writing activity where students chose a role, audience, format, and topic to write about. Good work students!



✦ Mrs. Young and Ms. McCree will have Civics students use Paul's Reasoning Model to identify and analyze the issues surrounding the role of elected officials who represent their constituents.

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