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## Upcoming Gifted Programs & Activities

Hello! I hope that you all enjoyed your days off from school last month and that you were successful during the first nine week period. Believe it or not, progress reports come out on the 17th of this month! Continue to do your best and I wish you a joyous holiday season!

*Ms. McCree*

### Attention sixth and seventh grade students:


Old Donation Center's Dance Education and Visual Arts Programs will hold their Information Night on Thursday, December 10 from 6:30—7:30 p.m. If you are interested in learning more about either of these programs for next school year 2010-2011, be sure to attend at Old Donation Center, 1008 Ferry Plantation Rd., Va. Beach, 23455.

### Attention eighth grade students:

The Governor's School for the Arts Information Night will be held on Tuesday, December 8 at Landstown Middle School, 2204 Recreation Drive, Va. Beach, 23456 in the cafeteria from 7:00—8:30 p.m. Please attend if you are planning to apply and audition for this program. Remember, I have applications and audition information in my office (D-12). Stop by soon if you want to apply—auditions are in January 2010!

### Attention all students:

Our Gifted Lunch/Core Plus Competitions are on **Tuesday, December, 8** 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. 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Tues. of the month) for the rest of the school year are:

Tuesday, December 8

Tuesday, January 12

Tuesday, February 16 (3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of Feb.)

Tuesday, March 9

Tuesday, April 13

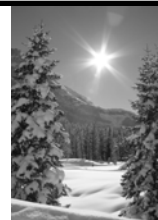
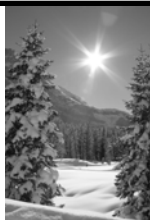
Tuesday, May 4 (1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of May)

**Write these dates in your planner so you don't forget!**



The Advanced Technology Center (ATC) will hold their Open House and Planning Ahead Sessions for Middle and High School students and their parents on Wednesday, December 9 from 5:30—8:00 p.m. Learn how to plan your schedule to take ATC courses in high school! Enter a drawing to win **FREE** Microsoft software! Visit classes and find out the benefits of attending the ATC in high school. For more information, please call 648-5800 ext. 0.

*Happy Holidays*



# Gifted Cluster Team News

## 6th grade



✦ Mrs. Dull and Ms. McCree had core math students complete the Performance Task, What Color are Your M&M's? Students collected data to verify if the Mars corporation, which manufactures M&M's, made an accurate statement when they claimed the percentages for each M&M color in one package. Students were given an individual portion of M&M's and they calculated the fractional representation and percentage representation of each color. They were tasked with comparing their percentage with the claimed percentage from the Mars corporation. Comparisons were then made by collecting data using the entire class's M&M totals. Based on this analysis, students answered analysis questions regarding the percentages of each M&M color and data validity and accuracy based on sample size. Congratulations everyone! You did a great job with this activity!



## 7th grade



## 8th grade



✦ Mrs. Young and Ms. McCree will have Civics students use their content knowledge to create Synectic statements and meaningful metaphorical analogies.



December 2009				
Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
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7	8 Gifted Lunch/ Core Plus Competitions	9 5:30-8:00 p.m. ATC Open House & Planning Sessions	10	11
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21	22	23	24	25
<i>Winter Holidays</i>				
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<i>Winter Holidays</i>				