



Tamara Belko <cf_belkot@cftigers.org>

[Test]

1 message

Tamara Belko via ParentSquare <donotreply+e9ed02f2-8a8b-5964-ad3a-825555bfae06@parentsquare.com>
To: cf_belkot@cftigers.org

Sat, Feb 15, 2025 at
4:16 PM

All Things Gifted

Newsletter For Families of Gifted Learners Issue 2

FEBRUARY 19, 2025



Dear Families,

It's hard to believe that half the school year is already over! This edition of the newsletter provides updates on new enrichment programs, testing updates and valuable resources to support you and your gifted learner.

If you have specific questions about your gifted child, please contact me at cf_belkot@cftigers.org or 330-926-3800 x 502039.

In this issue:

Written Education Plans

WEPs were emailed to families on December 19, 2024. If you did not receive your child's WEP or have questions about services, please reach out to me.



Gifted and Talented Screening

In February, the Cuyahoga Falls City School District conducted a district-wide screening for Gifted and Talented Identification. This included all second and fifth-grade students. Parents/guardians will receive screening results as soon as they become available.



Enrichment Review

Elementary Schools:

★ 3rd–5th Grade: In December and January, students excelling in math were invited to participate in the 24 Math Game Lunch/Recess Bunch. Over 75 students have participated in this activity. This enrichment opportunity will conclude with a district-wide 24 Math Tournament on Saturday, April 5, 2025. Tournament sign-ups will open in March—keep an eye out for an email via ParentSquare.



Enrichment Review

Middle School:

★ 7th & 8th Grade Honors ELA: In December, students participated in the annual Stop the Hate Youth Sing Out Contest: Roots of American, sponsored by the Maltz Museum in partnership with the Cleveland Rock & Roll Hall of Fame. This contest celebrates young voices standing up to bias and bigotry.

★ 7th & 8th Grade – 24 Math Leaders Club: Launched in February, this after-school club is designed for strong math students with fluent math fact skills and leadership potential. These student leaders will learn the game and train as table monitors for the 24 Math Tournament.

★ 7th & 8th Grade – Power of the Pen Writing Team: Since October, the team has been honing their creative writing skills. On Saturday, January 18, a group of two seventh graders and six eighth graders competed at the district tournament at Brunswick Middle School. Congratulations to Brooklyn Payne (7th), Haidyn Bonds (8th), Ben Geiss (8th), and Avery Luke (8th) for advancing to the Regional Tournament at Kent State University on Saturday, March 1!

Gifted Students and Perfectionism

As a parent of two gifted children, I've seen firsthand the tears, frustration, and anxiety that often come with perfectionism. It can be overwhelming for both the child and the family. The following links offer valuable advice on how to help gifted children navigate these emotions and develop healthier mindsets.

<https://www.davidsongifted.org/gifted-blog/helping-gifted-students-cope-with-perfectionism>

<https://educationaladvancement.org/blog-perfectionism-and-gifted-children/>

<https://www.sengifted.org/post/an-interview-with-sylvia-rimm-on-perfectionism-in-the-gifted>

General Tips for Supporting Your Gifted Learner

Encourage a Growth Mindset

- Teach your child that intelligence isn't fixed—it grows with effort. Investigate a new topic with your child, or go to a museum to demonstrate you value growth, too!

Provide Opportunities for Creative Expression

- Gifted children often have strong creative abilities. Encourage them to engage in writing, music, art, or coding. Consider taking an art or music class with your child.

Promote Problem-Solving and Critical Thinking

- Engage your child in discussions that require deep thinking and problem-solving. Read a book together and discuss.

Out of Grade Level Testing

Does your gifted freshman or sophomore want to take the ACT? You can find testing sites and more information at the link below.

<https://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act/registration.html>

Reading Book Lists

Nurture your child's advanced reading talents with rich literature. Need ideas? Check out the links below. Want to know more about the content? Check out [Commonsense media.com](https://www.common Sense media.com)

<https://www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/notalists/ncb>

<https://www.whatdowedoallday.com/books/>

https://www.hoagiesgifted.org/reading_lists.htm

<https://www.neh.gov/news/summertime-favorites>

<https://www.mightygirl.com/books>

<https://giftedparentingsupport.blogspot.com/2015/07/finding-age-appropriate-books-for.html>

Resources for Parents

If your goal is to learn more about raising and supporting your gifted child, explore these resources:

-  [10 Facts About the Social-Emotional Needs of Gifted Students](#)
-  [95 Essential Links for Parents of Gifted Children](#)

[View in ParentSquare](#)

Stay involved with your child's learning and activities at school.



You received this email because you are a ParentSquare user in Cuyahoga Falls City School District. If you received this email in error or wish to disable your account, [click here to unsubscribe](#).

ParentSquare Inc · [6144 Calle Real, #200A](#) · [Goleta, CA 93117](#)