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NUMATS Midwest Talent Search

Soon letters will be sent home to 5th grade, 6th grade, 7th grade and 8th grade families about Northwestern University's Midwest Academic Talent Search.

Northwestern University has a wonderful program that is a clearinghouse of opportunities for high achieving and gifted students. To gain access to the is plethora of information students must participate in above grade level testing.

This above grade level testing is the EXPLORE test for 5th and 6th graders and the ACT or SAT for 7th and 8th graders.

At minimum students who take these test have the opportunity to experience the test and what is expected of them. There is not penalty for take the tests earlier than their classmates. It can be viewed as practice test.

The benefits from taking the test is that NUMATS will send families a personalized scope and sequence of courses their child should take as they continue through Middle and High School.

All in all taking the above grade level tests is a win-win for all parties.

The cost of the NUMATS test varies based on the test(s) the students take. Financial aid is available to those families that qualify for our free and reduced lunch program.

For more information regarding the NUMATS program please visit www.ctd.northwestern.edu.

Please encourage your students to participate in the NUMATS program.



BCAAT Money being put to use...

Here are some examples of how teachers are using their BCAAT funds to enrich their classrooms:

- Kolb
2nd and 3rd grade
Detroit Zoo Field trip
October 26
- Hampton
4th grade
Detroit Institute of Art

Elementary Fall Raffle

The elementary fall raffle has kicked off on October 7th. The tickets are \$5 each this year. Each student will only be asked to sell 5 tickets. This has drastically reduced the printing cost and will in turn provide more profit to each classroom.

The prizes for the raffle are as follows:

First Prize \$200

Second Prize \$100

Third Prize \$50

Fourth Prize \$50

Please encourage families to participate in the raffle.

The drawing will be held at McAlear-Sawden on October 27th.

- McAlear-Sawden
1st and 2nd grade
Wylie and the Hairy Man Play
SVSU Field Trip

Middle School Extra Curricular Policy

The Middle School Honors Program differs from the Elementary program in many ways. One way is the extracurricular requirement student must complete each year of Middle School. Below is the introductory paragraph explaining the rationale of the policy.

Students in Middle School are given a lot of freedom and choice as to how they complete the requirement. If you would like to see more information about the Middle School Extra Curricular Policy please visit the GT website @ www.bcpsgifted.com. Look in the Middle School Program link.

One goal of the Middle School Honors Program is to help students connect their academic learning beyond the classroom. Therefore, students who are in the Middle School Honors Program will be required to become involved in two extracurricular activities. The following list provides ideas of ways to complete the requirement. Depending on the activity there may be a follow up assign-



Education is what remains after one has forgotten what has been learned in school.



Parent Organization

—BCAAT

BCAAT will hold their monthly meetings on the third Monday of each month. All meetings will begin at 6:00pm and last about an hour to an hour and half.

- October 17—Washington Elementary
- November 21—TBA
- January—16 Administration Building
- March—12 Administration Building
- April 16—Hampton Elementary
- May 21—TBA

Elementary Extra Curricular Activities

Math Pentathlon is an established program at Kolb, Hampton and McAlear-Sawden Elementary. They will continue with teaching the games to their students and have a culminating "tournament". Locations and specifics of each tournament are still under discussion. Each school has some volunteers that are trained but more is always needed. If you have a trained volunteer to help with the games could you please send the name on to the GT office. We would like to compile a list of trained people to have them help us train more teachers and volunteers at each building.

Next year the GT program would like to expand Math Pentathlon to Auburn and Washington by seeking a grant or money from BCAAT.

Chess was a big hit at Kolb last year. Mr. Mitrzyk was instrumental in teaching all of the students. Class tournaments sprouted from the lessons. If you know of anyone would be interested and available to teach chess at the other buildings please let the GT office know.

A goal this year is to start an afterschool chess club.

Lego League is just getting underway at Kolb Elementary again this year. If you would like more information about how Kolb runs this after school program please contact the GT office and we will put in contact with the parent who heads up the program.