

The GATEKeeper

CLARA BARTON
ELEMENTARY

OCT-NOV 2017

IMPORTANT DATES

- 11/10/2017:
Observance of
Veteran's Day, No
School
- 11/20-24/2017:
Thanksgiving Break,
No School
- 12/25/2017-
1/15/2018: Winter
Break, No School
- 2/2018: GPAC
meeting TBD
- 3/2-4/2018: CAG
Conference

A newsletter for GATE students, their teachers and families.

"GPAC update" by Tara J. Glenny

The GATE Parent Advisory Committee is beginning to look a lot like the GSPEAC (GATE Student Parent Educator Advisory Committee) and I couldn't be more pleased about that. Barton's GATE Magnet program began only two short years ago and in that time we have not only grown the number of students but also the involvement of parents which is universally known as a key component to any child's success. This year we have formalized the committee with three officers- President, Secretary, and Treasurer. We plan to add more such as Fundraising and Communications Director before the school year is over. Our next meeting (TBD, approximately first week of February 2018) will include student representatives from each grade level. We will be adding a focused mission statement and more concrete program goals. Unofficially, our goals have been to educate parents on the needs of their gifted child, fundraise to enhance curriculum and instruction, communicate between teacher-parent-student-administrator and be activists in the broader gifted community. Listed below are a few highlights from this school year thanks in part to the exceptional work of the parents of Barton's GATE kids. We can't do this without YOU!

Purple Easel Paint Day

Inside the Outdoors Science Programming specific to each grade level

Various Art Stars programming

Imagination Machine

Rancho Santa Ana Botanical Gardens

GATEKeeper student team

GPAC student representatives

California Association for the Gifted

56th Annual
California
Association
for the Gifted
Conference

MARCH 2-4,
2018
SAN DIEGO
SHERATON
HOTEL AND
MARINA

SHINING A
LIGHT ON
GIFTED
EDUCATION

Keynotes:
Carolyn Callahan, Ph.D.
University of Virginia
William McComas, Ph.D.
University of Arkansas

Diversity in Gifted
Education

STEM Education
for Gifted
Learners

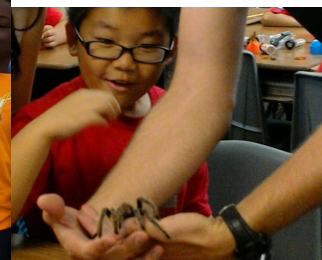
Interdisciplinary Learning
Experiences

Featuring:
Sunday Parent Day
Tijl Koenderink
CEO-School of Understanding
Amsterdam, Netherlands

FOR REGISTRATION
www.calgifted.org

- Pre-Con \$100, Early Bird deadline 12/20/17, Member \$145 Non-Member \$445
- Group Rates 10 or more \$145 per person
- After 12/20/17, Member \$195 Non-Member \$495
- Travel Day \$50 for one \$75 for two
- Conference Rate available for the hotel

Friday Demonstration Classes Saturday and Sunday Break-out Sessions Sunday Parent Day



TEACHER HIGHLIGHTS

3rd Grade P. Williams

"Third grade presented their first Expert Reports presented. Topics included were Pinhole Cameras, Oxygen vs. Hydrogen, Medicinal Benefits Provided from our Natural Rainforests, How Eco-Cities Work and the Benefits to us all, Arthroscopy Surgery and its Advancements. This group is on fire!!! 'WOW!' is the only word I have."

4th Grade J. Garcia

"October has been an incredibly busy month of parent conferences and projects. The Fourth graders welcomed Inside the Outdoors for an onsite 'field trip' discovering the properties of magnets. As a bonus, we got a 'mini-lesson' on insects and pet Rose the Tarantula. We participated in Fourth Grade Science Day and started our Science Fair projects in anticipation of district competition. Our Art Smarts lesson created some terrific seasonal decor. On Halloween, we made treats for the Norco Animal Shelter as part of our ongoing emphasis on community service."

5th Grade C. Ogden

"October was an engaging month for 5th Grade. We completed our Explorations project and participated in the 5th Grade Science Day ... lots of fun learning! We will now begin a unit on Earth's Water. Art Smarts visited our class and we spent a morning learning about our internal organs and systems of the body when Inside the Outdoors Science Education dropped by. Finally, we are finishing up our Genius Hour projects and will be presenting them in November. Happy Thanksgiving!"

6th Grade C. Leonard

"THIS MONTH WE WERE VISITED BY INSIDE THE OUTDOORS SCIENCE EDUCATION! WE GOT THE OPPORTUNITY TO 'TALK TRASH' WITH OUR VISITOR AND TAKE A CLOSER LOOK AT OUR GLOBAL IMPACT. AS ONE INDIVIDUAL, IT DOESN'T SEEM AS THOUGH WE ARE HURTING THE ENVIRONMENT, BUT AS A COLLECTIVE IT IS EYE-OPENING TO SEE HOW MUCH WASTE CAN BE PRODUCED! WE TOOK PLEDGES TO TRY AND DO MORE FOR OUR ENVIRONMENT AND OUR FUTURE. WE ALSO CREATED OUR CLASS MISSION STATEMENT: 'WE ARE A GROUP OF HARD-WORKING INTELLECTUALS WHO ARE UNIQUE, MULTI-TALENTED, AND PROUD. WE PRACTICE EFFICIENCY IN ALL THAT WE DO FOCUSING ON GRIT, DEDICATION, RESPONSIBILITY, AND THE POWER OF YET. OH, AND WE ARE AWESOME!'"

STEM lessons, engineering and marketing carnival games for fundraising, Community Service projects in costume, anti-bullying march, Art Stars painting- Is there anything these kids CAN'T Do?

Please contact Tara J. Glenny @ 951-743-6029 or Tara.Glenny@yahoo.com for any questions.



RESOURCES

California Associated for the Gifted
<https://cagifted.org/>

Museum of Tolerance
9786 W Pico Blvd, Los Angeles
90035
Recommended age 11+
\$11.50-\$15.50 admission

Griffith Park Observatory
2800 E Observatory Rd, Los
Angeles 90027
\$7.00 admission, planetarium
separate cost

ERHS drama presents "Grease"
11/10 & 11/11 @ 7pm
Mustang Theater
\$15.00 admission

Riverside Ballet
"The Nutcracker"
<http://www.brava-arts.org/>
12/16 & 12/17 RCC Riverside
\$18-\$40 admission

