

NORWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL  
NORWOOD, NEW JERSEY

To: Parents, Teachers, Students

Fr: Mrs. Ricco

**Re: TAG Enrichment Happenings and TAG Pullout Program  
Outreach Dates (January 2012 - March 2012)**

**JANUARY**

**\*TAG Congratulations\***

Congratulations to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade TAG student **Julia Labita** and 4<sup>th</sup> grade TAG student **Cooper Levine** whose team **craft won** the Fly-Off at the Dare To Fly Aviation Convocation. Great job!

Congratulations to the following 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade TAG students for exhibiting leadership and serving as team captains at Bergen Brain Busters Meet #1: **Foster Conklin, Candace Cohen, Kellie Hageman, Alexia Lee, Matthew Carney**. Congratulations also to **Paul Guirguis, Brent Cagen, Alexia Lee and Foster Conklin** whose teams made it to the Semi Final Rounds, and to **Foster Conklin** whose team progressed to and won the Final Round of the morning. Great job!

Congratulations to 8<sup>th</sup> grader **Seo Choe** for **winning second place** in the *International Torrance Legacy Creative Writing Contest*. Seo's short story entry, "Saturdays on that Dirt Road," was selected from among those submitted by students **all over the world**, including Singapore, South Africa, and Australia.

Congratulations to our **6<sup>th</sup> grade and 5<sup>th</sup> grade TAG students** whose Bridges captured **1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place** respectively, in the field of 18 bridges designed and structurally tested during the 7 district Invengineering Expo Convocation.

Congratulations to our **7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade TAG students** who captured **5<sup>th</sup> place in the state** for their impressive Knowledge Master Open

score of 1417. It was an impressive 210 above the international mean score. Students will receive special awards at the year's end.

### **\*TAG Enrichment Happenings\***

**Voluntary Enrichment Homework Calendars** continue to be distributed in **Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade**. Students are doing a terrific job!

**Kindergarten students are currently enjoying Alphabet Books** created by our 1st graders as a **Voluntary Enrichment Project**.

**First grade students** are participating in enrichment activities in their regular classrooms, as appropriate.

**Second grade students** are finishing up their Whole Class Enrichment Lessons Series and will be taking home a special folder of **Tangram Activities** with a Bonus Packet of challenges to pursue at home. They will also be introduced to the **Little Black Enrichment Boxes**. Students are encouraged to try these activities when and if they have completed their regular classwork.

The **Little Black Enrichment Boxes** continue to be available in **3<sup>rd</sup> grade and 4<sup>th</sup> grade**. Students are encouraged to try these activities when and if they have completed their regular classwork.

Our **7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Academic Pentathlon Team** will have it's first team meeting on January 27. Students are nominated and selected based on specific criteria.

### **\*TAG Pullout Program Outreach Dates\***

**January 4, Wednesday, C Day - p.m. Bergen County Consortium for Teachers of the Gifted meeting and Convocation Planning meeting.** Westwood Middle School, Westwood. Whenever possible, regularly scheduled TAG students should report to scheduled make ups.

**January 5, Thursday, D Day (Snow/Delayed Opening Day 1/6)** full day. **Valley Interdisciplinary Approach Committee Planning and Set-up meeting** in Norwood. Whenever possible, students will report to scheduled make ups.

**January 9-12, Monday - Thursday, (Friday 1/13 and Tuesday 1/17 are our Snow Days.)** **Valley Interdisciplinary Approach Program Mini Convocations** for all 7th, 8th, and 9th grade TAG students in the Northern Valley. **7th and 8th grade TAG students** will trade in their regularly scheduled TAG periods to participate on **Monday, A Day, from 8:30 - 11:30**. **3rd-6th grade TAG students are invited to attend and observe**. Mrs. Ricco is the VIA Coordinator/Host and will be attending every day and will have hosting and coordinating duties to perform each afternoon. Students only.

**January 20, Friday, D Day - Evolution Earth/World Game Convocation.** **5th, 6th and 7th grade TAG students** will represent Norwood in this Global Problemsolving Convocation sponsored by the Bergen County Consortium for Teachers of the Gifted and Dwight-Englewood School. Students only.

**January 25, Wednesday, B Day. Knowledge Master Open -** Elementary Division Meet. **5th and 6th grade TAG students**, TAG room, periods 1,2,3. Regularly scheduled **3rd and 4th grade TAG students will observe and support our team**. 5th and 6th grade TAG students will trade in their 3 regularly scheduled TAG periods to participate in the KMO. Students only.

**January 26, Thursday, C Day, pm. Invenengineering Expo Committee meeting.** Whenever possible, students will report to scheduled make ups.

**January 27, Friday, D Day.** First **Academic Pentathlon Team** meeting. **7th and 8th grade team members** will meet in the TAG room, room 107.

**January 30, Monday, E Day. Battle of the Books Deadline** for **4th and 5th grade TAG students:** The Dark Stairs, A Week in the

Woods, My Teacher is an Alien. Keep up the good work and keep reading!

**January 31, Tuesday, A Day, a.m.** Wednesday, 2/1/12 is our Snow/Delayed Opening Day. **Bergen Brain Busters Division V Meet** in Harrington Park. **7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade TAG students** will trade in their regularly scheduled TAG periods to represent Norwood, periods 1-4. Regularly scheduled TAG students should report to scheduled make ups. **Parents are invited to attend 9:15 - 11:00.**

## **FEBRUARY**

### **\*TAG Enrichment Happenings\***

**Voluntary Enrichment Homework Calendars** continue to be distributed in **Kindergarten ,1<sup>st</sup> and 2nd grade.**

**1st and 2nd grade TAG students will be introduced to our 2nd Voluntary Enrichment Projects.**

The **Little Black Enrichment Boxes** continue to be available in **3rd grade and 4th grade.** Students are encouraged to try these activities when and if they have completed their regular classwork.

**Olympics of the Mind begins for our 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students.** Students are nominated and selected based on specific criteria.

Our **7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Academic Pentathlon Team** competes in the Essay Event of February 4.

### **\*TAG Pullout Program Outreach Dates\***

**February 1, Wednesday, B Day.** Snow/Delayed opening day for **7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade TAG Bergen Brain Busters Division V Meet** at Harrington Park. **7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade TAG students** will trade in their regularly scheduled TAG periods to represent Norwood, periods 1-4.

Regularly scheduled TAG students should report to scheduled make ups. **Parents are invited to attend 9:15 – 11:00.**

**February 3 Friday, D Day, a.m. Academic Pentathlon Team – Essay Event.** 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade team members will meet in the TAG room, period 4. Students only.

**February 3 Friday, D Day, p.m.** (Snow date, Friday, February 11.) **Valley Interdisciplinary Approach debriefing meeting** with participating districts. Students should report to scheduled make ups.

**February 7, Tuesday, A Day.** First **Olympics of the Mind Enrichment** classes. **6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students** will report to the APR/Lunchroom (TBD) period 2. **3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade students** will report to the APR/Lunchroom (TBD) period 3.

**February 14, Tuesday, A Day, p.m. Bergen County Consortium for Teachers of the Gifted meeting** at Westwood Middle School in Westwood. Mrs. Ricco will represent Norwood and make a presentation regarding research in Gifted Education.

**February 29, Wednesday, B Day, a.m. Bergen Brain Busters Division V Meet** in Northvale. **7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade TAG students** will trade in their regularly scheduled TAG periods to represent Norwood, periods 1-4. Regularly scheduled TAG students should report to scheduled make ups. **Parents are invited to attend 9:15 – 11:00.**

## **MARCH**

### **\*TAG Enrichment Happenings\***

**Voluntary Enrichment Homework Calendars** continue to be distributed in **Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade.** Good work!

**1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade TAG students** will share their **Voluntary Enrichment Projects** with their classmates.

**Grade 1** will share **Thursday, March 29.**

**Grade 2** will share **Monday, March 19.**

The **Little Black Enrichment Boxes** continue to be available in **3rd grade and 4th grade**. Students are encouraged to try these activities when and if they have completed their regular classwork.

**4th grade students** will be introduced to their **Voluntary Enrichment Project: AQUA Colony**.

**7th and 8th grade Academic Pentathlon Team** members will participate in the **Science Event** on March 2 and the language and **Literature Event** on March 20.

### **\*TAG Pullout Program Outreach Dates\***

**March 2, Friday, D Day. Academic Pentathlon Team – Science Event.** 7th and 8th grade team members will participate in the event in the TAG room, period 4. Students only.

**March 5, Monday, E Day. Battle of the Books Deadline** for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade TAG students: Alvin Ho Allergic to Girls, School, and Other Scary Things, A Dog’s Life: The Autobiography of a Stray, The Ghost Belonged to Me.

**March 7, Wednesday, B Day, a.m. Snow/Delayed Opening Day** for **Bergen Brain Busters Division V Meet** in Northvale. 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade TAG students will trade in their regularly scheduled TAG periods to represent Norwood, periods 1-4. Regularly scheduled TAG students should report to scheduled make ups. **Parents are invited to attend 9:15 - 11:00.** Remember, this is only if Feb 29 is disrupted by weather.

**March 7, Wednesday, B Day, p.m. Hovercraft Invitational planning meeting** in Norwood. Whenever possible, regularly scheduled TAG students should report to scheduled make ups.

March 8 and 9, Thursday and Friday, C and D Days, full days. 6<sup>th</sup> grade TAG students will represent Norwood in the **Crime Scene Investigation/Forensics Convocation** sponsored by the Meadowlands Education Center in Lyndhurst, NJ. Students only.

March 12, Monday, E Day. **Knowledge Master Open** - Elementary Division Meet. 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade TAG students, TAG room, periods 1,2,3. 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade TAG students are invited to **observe and support our team**. 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade TAG students will trade in their 3 regularly scheduled TAG periods to participate in the KMO. Students only.

March 16, Friday, D Day, full day. Snow/Delayed Opening Day 3/23. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> grade TAG students will represent Norwood in the **Decisions! Decisions! Environmental Problemsolving Seminar and Pringles Physics Challenge** Convocation here in Norwood. Whenever possible, regularly scheduled TAG students will report to scheduled make ups. Students only.

March 30, Friday, D Day. **Academic Pentathlon Team - Language And Literature Event**. 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade team members will meet in the TAG room, period 4. Students only.

