

Giddings ISD

GIFTED AND TALENTED NEWSLETTER

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SENIORS 2021

We would like to honor our GT graduating seniors. It takes perseverance, dedication and commitment to stay with our program throughout your high school career and we want to extend our best wishes for your future!

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8 Ways to Bolster Executive Function in Teens and Tweens

Middle and high school students suddenly face more complex schedules, tougher academic work, and an expanding network of friends. How can we help them manage it all? [Read More.](#)

<https://www.edutopia.org/article/8-ways-bolster-executive-function-teens-and-tweens>

TAGT Student Scholarship Application Now Open!

TAGT With the help of our generous donors, TAGT offers four student scholarships. The 2021 TAGT scholarships are now open! The deadline for all applications is March 31, 2021. Please read the scholarship general information prior to beginning your application. [Read More.](#)

<https://www.txgifted.org/scholarships>

Summer Activities

In partnership with the National Inventors Hall of Fame® (NIHF), La Grange ISD is excited to offer the nationally acclaimed Camp Invention® program to K-6 children! In this weeklong summer adventure, children rotate through several hands-on activities and use creative thinking, collaboration and problem-solving skills to bring their biggest ideas to life. Featuring take-apart microphones, robotic crickets, duck-launching devices and morphing vehicles, this summer's program, Recharge, is packed full of super fun, confidence-boosting STEM activities! Camp begins on June 21, 2021 with Mrs. Ellison(ellisons@lgisd.net) serving as Director. Our local educators will facilitate the program and enthusiastic high school students will serve as Leadership Interns.

*3D CAD MASTERS Grades K-5, 6-8, 9-12 *STEM / Other (3D CAD, Circuits & Coding)*

Houston, TX info@3dcadmasters.com 3dcadmasters.com The mission of our unique STEM program is to provide students the opportunity to take their ideas and concepts and turn them into products by using the state-of-the-art 3D CAD engineering software (design), as well as 3D printers and interactive coding on electronic circuits and robots (reality).

Aquatic Science Adventure Camp Grades K-5, 6-8, 9-12 *STEM | Other Environment*

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<https://www.eardc.txstate.edu/camp.html>

During this week-long camp at Texas State University, campers will have the chance to learn through exploration and hands-on activities related to water and the environment. Caving, river rafting, scuba diving, snorkeling, and aquatic chemistry and biology labs are just some of the exciting opportunities for campers.

Perfectionism is a common gifted trait, mentioned repeatedly throughout gifted literature. Perfectionism, properly channeled, can be an asset as it can drive a child to be motivated and to work hard. However, perfectionism has a dark side, too. Perfectionism and its partner-in-crime, fear of failure, can contribute to task avoidance, underachievement, and a reduced self-concept. Gifted children are often said to have a heightened awareness of the world around them, and that includes an awareness of their risk of failure in a given situation.

- Watch for signs of unhealthy perfectionism and intervene if necessary
 - Adults should model a healthy approach and be aware of their own predispositions toward compulsive excellence
 - Refrain from setting high, non-negotiable standards
 - Emphasize the effort and process, not the end-result
 - Do not withhold affection, support, or encouragement if goals are not met
 - Teach your gifted child to manage perfectionistic behaviors and focus on positive self-talk
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Supporting Your Gifted Child During COVID-19 from National Association of Gifted Children

AS A PARENT OF A GIFTED AND TALENTED STUDENT YOU MAY NEED SUPPORT YOURSELF!
TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF GIFTED AND TALENTED HAS FREE PARENT WEBINARS YOU CAN WATCH
SO YOU WILL KNOW "OH I AM NOT THE ONLY ONE"! <https://www.txgifted.org/webinar>

