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# Talent Development News



## Important Dates

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| School Holiday /Teacher Work-day | 10/31    |
| 2nd Qtr. Begins                  | 11/1     |
| Teacher Workday / Election Day   | 11/8     |
| School Holiday                   | 11/11    |
| Thanksgiving Holidays            | 11/23-25 |

Our bears have been very busy during the first quarter. Students have completed their first MAP testing, for the year and third graders took the BOG. First quarter will be ending, in just a few weeks. I have been busy overseeing the screening of all second graders. I have also been working with teachers to plan lessons and activities, as well as teaching lessons and working with groups of students.

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The Magic Number is 15

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## TD Program

### Wish List

- White Cardstock
- Small dry erase boards
- SET game
- 24 Math game

## Duke TIP Talent Search Program



Students in fourth and fifth grade who score at 95 % or above on a grade level, standardized test (EOG, MAP, etc) are eligible to participate. The TIP program provides online curriculum, publications, optional above-level testing and advanced educational programs. Information about eligibility and registration has already been sent home. Find out more about this program at <http://tip.duke.edu/node/244>

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Young Writers' Academy is an after school creative writing program which provides workshops for children that

are not only fun, but offer the student a chance to explore his or her creative side, while achieving a higher level of academic excellence. An example program consists of six to ten weeks covering short story writing, poetry, stage writing, newspaper reporting, and more. Located at Huntersville Music Academy (HMA) this 2016-2017 school year, 104 Gilead Road.

**Build your Own Professional Board Game** - January 31 - March 28

**Creative Writing in Nature** - April 18 - May 30

**Parent Resources**

**National Association for Gifted Children - [www.nagc.org](http://www.nagc.org)**

**North Carolina Association for Gifted and Talented- [www.ncagt.org](http://www.ncagt.org)**

Both of these organizations provide a wealth of information from parenting gifted students to finding resources for your child.



The fall screening with the CogAT has been completed. We will continue to evaluate students using the ITBS achievement test and through the portfolio process.

Our 4th and 5th graders will take their first Math Olympiad contest in November. Fourth graders were introduced to Math Olympiad and we discussed vocabulary, skills and theorems that all mathletes should

know. Fifth graders have been practicing with past Olympiad problems.



Genius Hour has started for the 3rd and 5th graders. I am working with the teachers to schedule the 4th grade Genius Hour. I am planning to get this started for second quarter.



I invite all families to become members of the Partners for the Advancement of Gifted Education (PAGE) organization. This organization promotes advocacy, awareness and enrichment for gifted education. Yearly membership is \$20. Membership includes a car magnet, newsletters, special adult/student events and member only resources. Adult programs were held Oct. 4th and 10th. A student event is being organized for the Spring. Visit [meckpage.org](http://meckpage.org) for more information.