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Talent Development News

Important Dates

End of 2nd quarter	1/23
Regular school day	1/24
Report Cards	2/2
Regular school day	2/17
Teacher Workday	2/20

TD Program Wish List

- Kleenex

Our second quarter is coming to an end. It has been eventful, with our Winter break and a few snow days. Our school is continuing to build upon our Personalized Learning implementation, focusing on the whole child and student choice.

Mastery-based learning, also called competency-based or proficiency-based learning, is a program of personalized, differentiated education where students' progress is based on their successful achievement of learning objectives, rather than prescribed "seat time" in a specific grade level. Typically, these programs require students to demonstrate proficiency through frequent assessments before advancing to the next learning activity or objective. Several states, such as Iowa and New Hampshire, are currently exploring the implementation of competency-based education programs in their districts, which will improve educational opportunities for gifted children in the regular classroom—but only if administered properly.

Taken from *Parenting for High Potential*. Read more @ <http://bit.ly/2kuurRG>

Solution:



Write the numbers 1-9 so that each row, column and diagonal add up to the magic number.

The Magic Number is 15

4	9	2
3	5	7
8	1	6

New Puzzle:

Ben says, "All of my pets are rabbits but two, all are parakeets but two, and all are dogs but two. How many animals do I have?"

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The annual North Carolina Association for Gifted and Talented conference will be held March 2-3rd at the Winston-Salem Marriott and Embassy Suites in Winston-Salem, NC. The conference is for educators and parents. The cost includes membership in the NCAGT organization, for one year. Here is the link:

<http://www.ncagt.org/conference/overview>

Please see the **attached** information regarding the International Baccalaureate program. There will be an informational session, for parents. It is sponsored by PAGE.



Portfolios are being scored this month. Results from the portfolio process will be shared in March. Be on the lookout for information regarding a parent meeting with Mrs. Hurst regarding services and programming information. This will be held in February.

We have now completed two of our Math Olympiad Contests in 4th and



5th grade. We will be inviting our top 15 Math Olympiads to the Lake Norman Steam

Tournament, which will be held in May, at Huntersville Elementary. We will identify our top 15 after our 3rd contest has been completed.



It is not families to

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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 for more information.