



Quarterly Parent Meeting

Our third quarterly parent meeting is **Wednesday, February 23, 2022 from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.**
Unwrapping the Gifted: Anxiety and Gifted Students [LINK](#):



Recording from parent night- November 11, 2021 [LINK](#)



Update on the WESD Parent Gifted Committee

Would you like to be involved?

A group of WESD parents have begun to meet virtually and discuss plans for a gifted parent group. They are currently working on goals and mission statement, talking about what kind of programs they would like for their gifted students, and how to support new parents and families in gifted education. They are still looking for more parents and family members who are interested in contributing to the gifted parent group. rowe.vanmeter@wesdschools.org to be connected with the WESD parent group.

Gifted Testing:



Our Spring Gifted Testing Window will occur from March 1-April 8. Each school will have their own test dates in this window. If you have questions please contact your schools' gifted teacher or the gifted coordinator at rowe.vanmeter@wesdschools.org.

If you would like to refer a child for testing, talk to the gifted teacher on your campus or complete the screening form and permission located on the [Gifted Services webpage](#).

Applications for the GLC/ Flex Gifted Programs

Did you know WESD has self-contained gifted programs for highly-capable gifted learners? If your child has gifted scores of 95th percentile in one area (gifted) and has a second score above the 90th percentile and a third

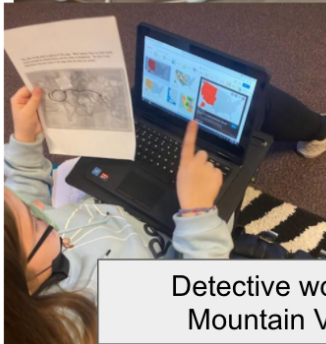
score above the 80th percentile, he/she is eligible for our K-6th grade Gifted Learning Center at Sahuaro Elementary or our 7th-8th grade Flex Program at Cholla Middle School. In these programs students receive instruction at their ability level instead of at grade level. Gifted students thrive in learning environments with faster-paced instruction, choice, project-based learning, and other high-ability gifted learners.



Marshmallow and toothpick towers (Manzanita)



Mural at Sunburst created by students and a former WESD gifted student/artist



Detective work at Mountain View



Dissecting owl pellets at Abraham Lincoln Traditional



Applications are due by April 15, 2022. You will receive notice of acceptance by May 6, 2022. If all the spaces are not taken, we will continue to accept applications throughout the year. On the other hand, if necessary, a wait list will be created. Applications will **open March 1, 2022**. Link to applications on district website and below.

- * [Gifted Learning Center Application](#) (GLC) Kinder-6th grade in the 2022-23 school year
- * [Flex Gifted Program](#) 7th-8th grade in the 2022-23 school year
- * [Teacher recommendation form](#) (one required per student application)

Please be aware that daily transportation to the GLC at Sahuaro Elementary and Cholla Middle school are not provided, however before-school and after-school care is available. Sahuaro school hours are 7:30 a.m. -2:30 p.m. and Cholla Middle school hours are 8:15 a.m.-3:15 p.m., except for early release Wednesday.

If you would like to know more about the GLC, please contact Rowe Van Meter with any questions. rowe.vanmeter@wesdschools.org or 602-247-2651. Also, check out the [WESD gifted website](#).

Gifted Summer School 2022



It's time to start thinking about summer programs already! This year WESD will host a "Mysteries of our World" summer session for grades 1st-6th. *We will be exploring mysterious people, places, and events such as the Bermuda Triangle, Big Foot, urban myths, and mythical creatures. Younger students will explore fairy tales, folktales and legends from different cultures.*

Our big questions are: "How do we know what to believe? How do we know what is real?"

Each lesson will have an engineering project connected to it.

Who: Any student who qualifies as gifted in WESD or is a temporary placement student in the program may register. There will be a session for students entering 1st-3rd grade and 4th-6th grade group at each school.

Where: Chaparral School and Lookout Mountain School

When: May 31-June 23 (Mondays- Thursdays for 15 days)

Start/End times: 8:00 am-11:30am Breakfast and Lunch included

Cost: \$99 per child a limited number of (Scholarships are available)

Registration: Please complete both steps.

Step 1: [Registration Google form link](#)

Step #2: Payment (\$99.00/ 15 days)

Go to the district homepage <https://wesdschools.org/>

Select "Quick Links: in top right corner.

Select "Online Payments" in drop down menu.

You will be directed to Gifted Program Payment Option.

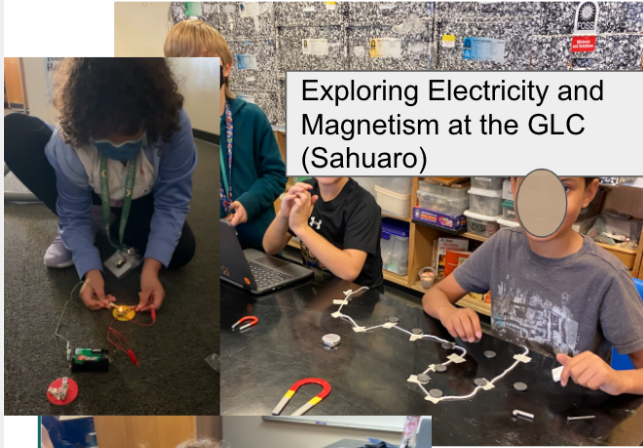
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Click on the Gifted Program icon.

You will then go to this link to pay.

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Great Gifted Happenings



Exploring Electricity and Magnetism at the GLC (Sahuaro)

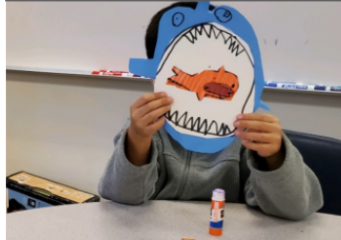
Physics and mini golf at Sunnyslope



Cryptology: encoding and decoding secret messages at Ironwood



Modeling Food chains at Sunnyslope

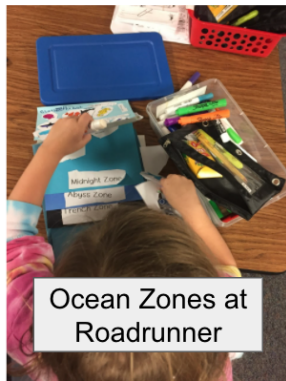


Creativity at Sahuaro GLC

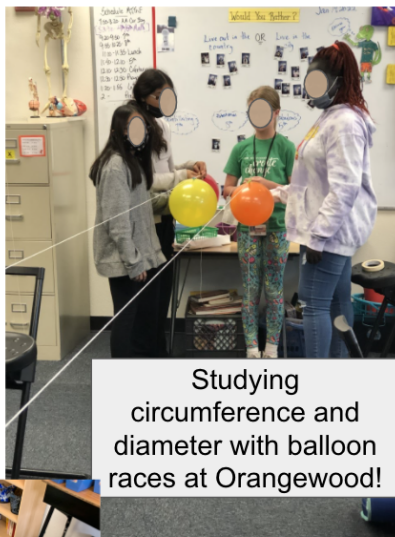
Cactus Wren Primary thinking like a scientist



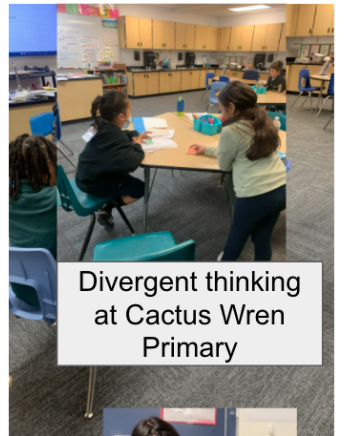
Ocean Zones at Roadrunner



Studying circumference and diameter with balloon races at Orangewood!



Divergent thinking at Cactus Wren Primary



Students at John Jacobs building spatial thinking with SET game



Creating at Moon Mt.



Presenting a new toy creation at REM

