



## Gifted & Talented News

Welcome back Centennial Community! I'm excited to return to Centennial as the GT Itinerant Teacher (at Centennial each Friday). As our 2017-18 school year begins, I'd like to share some information with you.

### Fall NNAT3 Testing

All 2nd graders and Kindergarteners will take the NNAT3 test during their specific testing window. If you have a child in one of these grades, you will receive an "Intent to Test" letter before testing.

→ 2nd grade: September 18th - 29th.

→ Kindergarten: October 2nd - 25th.

These tests are considered "universal screeners" as all 6th, 2nd and K students in the district will take this test to screen for potential giftedness. A score in the 95th percentile or higher counts toward one of the three data points necessary for formal identification. Score reports will be sent home within a month of the testing date. If you'd like more information about the test and for example test questions, visit: [www.testingmom.com/tests/nnat-test/what-is-the-nnat-test](http://www.testingmom.com/tests/nnat-test/what-is-the-nnat-test)

### Advanced Learning Plans (ALPs)

Advanced Learning Plans are for students who have been formally identified as Gifted. ALPs will be completed at (or before) November 3rd conferences. You'll be receiving the parent and student input forms to be completed before ALP meetings. I'll be reaching out by email to coordinate meeting times. *If you have a student who is new to Centennial and has been previously identified as Gifted, please feel free to reach out to me to confirm I have him/her on my updated list.*

### Destination Imagination

Destination Imagination is for all students! It is run by volunteer coaches (parents or teachers) who meet with teams once a week in an after school club format with a culminating competition in March. Check out the Centennial website for more information. <http://centennial.dpsk12.org/destination-imagination/>

I will be out on Medical Leave until the end of September due to surgery. In the meantime, I will have access to email and will happily answer questions. Please feel free to contact me regarding Gifted and Talented programming and identification. You can also find more information on the district's website:

<https://studentequity.dpsk12.org/gifted-talented/>

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