

Neptune City School District Board of Education Meeting November 24, 2020

Gifted and Talented Program Presentation

Dr. Raymond J. Boccuti – CSA, Principal

Lisa Emmons – Interim Supervisor of Special Services

Kevin Henry – Gifted and Talented Teacher

Rafael Kassin – Gifted and Talented Teacher

Lisa Meyer – Gifted and Talented Teacher

Identification Process

Mrs. Emmons

- Students identified in the 2019-2020 school year will continue in the G&T program in grades 3-8.
- Identification process for top 5% of students:
 - All grade 2 students will be assessed with the NNAT3 cognitive ability test with a required score of 120 or above.
 - Teacher recommendations
 - Parent/guardian permission
 - Classroom performance/grades
 - ELA and Math benchmark assessments
 - Student interview

Description of 2019-2020 G&T Program

G&T Teachers

- Mr. Henry (Grades K-2)
 - Art and STEAM provides for large quantity of enrichment subjects
 - Exploration of weather phenomena, 3D diorama
 - Wood kit animal, habitat exploration, 2D representation of animal's biome
 - <http://storyboardthat.com/> - Virtual storyboard
 - STEAM kits utilizing pulley systems to human anatomy

Description of 2019-2020 G&T Program

G&T Teachers

- Mrs. Meyer (Grades 3-5)
 - Road trip centered around decision making math activities
 - Creation of tiny houses, focus on architectural design
 - Class logo design representative of class personality, purpose, and goals

Description of 2019-2020 G&T Program

G&T Teachers

- Mr. Kassin (Grades 6-8)
 - Choice of area of enrichment study (e.g. Oceanography, physics, Portuguese, French, etc.)
 - Design a lesson for lower grades
 - Two competitions:
 - Math League Competition – Hosted by Neptune City
 - MakerFest – Hosted by Wall Township
 - Rocket design through 21st Century Classroom and the 3D printer

G&T Program Next Steps

Dr. Boccuti

- New Jersey Strengthening Gifted and Talented Education Act (N.J.S.A. 18A:34-39)
- G&T program inclusive of gifted and twice exceptional special education students
- Updated Board policies and regulations posted on website:
 - Continuum of services
 - Identification process
 - Complaint policy
- PreK-1 will have whole class enrichment opportunities once each week for all students

Thank you!

