



Gifted & Talented

November 2017 Newsletter

2017 National Association for Gifted Children Conference



A team of Knox County's GT Coaches will be attending The National Association for Gifted Children Conference November 9th-11th. NAGC is the largest gathering devoted to gifted and talented education. Our Coaches will join nearly 3,000 individuals from around the world in Charlotte, NC, to learn the latest research and strategies in gifted education. Knox County's GT coach, Tiersha Adkins, will be presenting at NAGC on the amazing things that are happening with GT in our county through the use of Canvas and our Hub and Satellite program.



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Primary GT Services in K-2 Elementary Classrooms

We are excited to be serving your teachers and your advanced students through our new GT initiative this 2017-18 school year. Some services GT Primary Coaches have been experimenting with are modeling, co-planning and co-teaching, teaching advanced small groups in classrooms, planning and teaching Core Extension enrichment groups, and creating and providing Tier 1 resources. Currently, in schools where we have in house primary coaches, second graders are learning about brain development and growth mindset to set the tone for learning this year. Acting out a scenario, students participated as neurons making connections through repeated repetition and practice. Students experienced a visual of what is happening in their brains when they are learning something new that they may not understand. Students related their own experiences to the scenario. We will continue to focus on growth mindset and using mistakes and failures during our learning to reflect on and grow from. If there is not a primary coach in your building, look for resources sent from the GT Coach at your school.

The GT department website <http://knoxschools.org/gt> join the course by clicking the link. Lessons are organized in grade level folders by Standard for easy searching.

TIER 1 TEACHER RESOURCE PAGE HIGHLIGHTS THIS MONTH STANDARDS ADDRESSED:

3rd ELA: 3.RI.KID.2

3rd Math: 3.NBT.A.1

4th ELA: 4.RI.CS.5

4th Math: 4.NBT.A.1

5th ELA: 5.RL.CS.6

5th Math: 5.NBT.A.4

The Tier1 Teacher Resource page is for YOU!! Ask your GT Coach about these valuable resources to use with your advanced learners!



NOVEMBER SHOUT OUT

Megan Burnette teaches 5th Grade Advanced Math at Amherst Elementary School. She was the Literacy Coach at New Hopewell before coming back to the classroom. Mrs. Burnette plans and co-teaches weekly with the GT Coach at the school to provide rigorous tier 1 instruction for her students. She works tirelessly to make sure that her students are actively engaged in productive struggle and grapple with real-world problems on a daily basis. Thank you, Ms. Burnette! YOU ROCK!!

Professional Development Across the District For 2017 Fall Semester:

The GT Department regularly offers professional development opportunities.

Upcoming Fall Semester PDs:

- 11/14/17 AL Lotts Elementary- Utilizing Canvas with Advanced Learners 3:30pm
- 11/16/17 Amherst Elementary- Building Fluency in K-5th 3:30pm
- 12/7/17 SSPDC Room 209- Writing in ELA