## Coordinator’s Message

Winter vacation is almost here, and more GATE programs are in store for 2017, including field trips!

### January Event

Mark your calendars and don’t miss the next field trip for our elementary GATE students.

### Columbia Space Center

We had so much fun at our first GATE field trip to the Columbia Space Center. Plan your own trip soon.

### History of Los Angeles Field Trip

We will have our next field trip for our elementary kids in January in Downtown L.A.

### Upcoming Programs

Check out all of the upcoming programs for our GATE students from February to the end of the school year.

### Tips for GATE Parents

Useful and good tips for parents regarding your son’s or daughter’s needs as a gifted and talented child.

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### JANUARY GATE EVENT

**Saturday, January 21st, 2017**

**Union Station and El Pueblo de Los Angeles Field Trip (8 am to 3 pm)**

Get ready to ride the Metro Gold Line train and learn about the historical beginnings of the city of Los Angeles.

### VISIT COLUMBIA SPACE CENTER

A group of 32 students and 10 parents/family members participated in the November field trip to the Columbia Memorial Space Center, located in the city of Downey. Our group got to role play as mission control specialists and as astronauts on a space exploration to Mars in the center’s Challenger Learning Center. Our group also got to program robots as well as enjoy and learn from the aerospace exhibits at the Space Center.

Plan your own trip with your own family! Columbia Space Center is open from Tuesday to Saturday, 10 am to 5 pm. For more information, please go to http://columbiaspacescience.org.

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### HISTORY OF LOS ANGELES TRIP

The second field trip for 4th, 5th, and 6th grade GATE students is taking place on Saturday, January 21st. Our students will learn about the history of Los Angeles by visiting historic Downtown L.A. sites, such as El Pueblo de Los Angeles, Olvera Street, Union Station, and Philippe’s Sandwiches. El Pueblo de Los Angeles Historical Monument is the birthplace of the city of Los Angeles.

We are riding the Metro Gold Line to get to our field trip sites, and the meet-up location is the Sierra Madre Villa Gold Line Station located at 149 North Halstead, in Pasadena. More detailed information, including maps and directions, will be sent out to all students who sign up. As with our first field trip, we will need parent/guardian chaperones for this field trip. Thank you so much in advance to all the parents/guardians who are helping chaperone this event. Please see the included field trip slip in this mailing. Please signup before the deadline, which is before the winter vacation.
UPCOMING EVENTS
4TH-6TH GRADE PROGRAM

Five Saturday Meetings from February to May, 2017: Discovering Rosemead’s Past (Exact Dates to be Announced)
City of Rosemead Sites including Dinsmore House, Savannah Cemetery, Etc.)
In this 5-part program, you will research and learn all about our city of Rosemead, through walking field trips as well as presentations by long time Rosemead residents.

Saturday, March 18th, 2017
Mystery Train Field Trip
(8 am to 5 pm, AMTRAK)
We will meet at Union Station and go on a train ride on an Amtrak train to a mystery location. (Approximately $40.00)

Saturday, May 13th, 2017
Travel Town and Gene Autry Western Heritage Museum Field Trip (8 am - 3 pm)
We will visit these two exciting museums in Griffith Park. Travel Town will let us learn about the railroad heritage of Los Angeles. The Autry Museum will teach us the history of the American west. (Approximately $15.00)

Saturday, June 3rd, 2017
8th Annual Mathletes Challenge
(9 am -12 pm, Muscatel MultiPurpose Room)
Bring your mathematical and problem solving skills and compete at our annual GATE math competition. Team, individual, and school prizes will be awarded.

7TH - 8TH GRADE PROGRAMS

Friday, April 28th, 2017
Disney’s California Adventure
Rollercoaster Physics Field Trip
(8 am - 6 pm)
We will learn the science behind your favorite theme park rides at California Adventure!
(8th Grade GATE Students only)

Friday, May 19th, 2017
Tanaka Farms Tour and UC Irvine Campus Tour (8 am - 4 pm)
We will learn where our fruits and vegetables come from in the morning, and we will visit and tour the campus of UC Irvine in the afternoon. (7th-8th Grade GATE Students)

Friday, June 2nd, 2017
George C Page Museum/ La Brea Tar Pits and Los Angeles County Museum of Art Field Trip
(8 am - 5 pm)
We will learn all about the greatest fossil discoveries in L.A. in the morning, and tour one of the country’s best art museums in the afternoon. (7th Grade GATE Students Only)

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TIPS FOR G.A.T.E. PARENTS

Your child’s classroom teacher is responsible for providing challenging learning opportunities at school. At home, you can contribute to your child’s learning by:

• increasing your own knowledge and understanding about giftedness and intelligence. (Read books and go to websites which discuss giftedness and intelligence.)

• looking into joining the California Association for the Gifted and other G.A.T.E. advocacy groups.

• expecting your child to take responsibility for his or her school learning. (Ask your child to explain what he or she is learning at school and how that learning connects with previous learning.)

• challenging your child to think more deeply, to work persistently and patiently, to revise, to be creative, and to value excellence.

• encouraging the pursuit of individual interests. (G.A.T.E. learners need opportunities to develop passion and expertise in areas in which they possess interest.)

• allowing “down time” for your child. (Remember that he/she is first a child and second, gifted.)

• considering the social and emotional needs and growth of your child, not just the academic ones.

6TH GRADE FUTURE SCIENTISTS & ENGINEERS

If you are a 6th grade GATE student, you can learn exciting engineering concepts through this program. 6th grade participants will have ten meetings taking place Fridays after school, from 2:40 to 4:50 pm. Engineering projects will include boats, towers, bridges, planes, gliders, and catapults. The program flier with more information is going to be sent to all 6th grade GATE students before the first meeting as soon as the dates in the spring for the meetings are finalized.

GATE DISTRICT WEBSITE

For the latest information about the Rosemead School District’s Gifted and Talented Program, such as the latest newsletter and announcements, please bookmark and regularly check the GATE section of our school District website located at www.rosemead.k12.ca.us/domain/49.