

Identification

**2017 Fall Parent  
TAG  
Meeting**

Communication

Services

For Parents of TAG Identified Students and  
Those Who Are Interested in Learning About TAG

# Goals of Our Time Together

- Introductions
- Present information on...
  - Identification timelines
  - Building plans
  - Instructional strategies for all students
  - Individualized TAG plan-requests
  - District structure for services

# Important Dates

- ALL 2<sup>nd</sup> graders had the opportunity to complete the Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT7). **Nominations for testing in math and reading are still necessary for this grade level.**  
*Testing Dates were: September 25th-October 22nd*
- *District will provide results prior to Parent Teacher Night in form of letter.*
- All students who qualify with an SBAC score will be notified in September (prior to parent teacher conferences) and IDPF will need to be completed by parent.
- Deadlines for ALL Nomination/Placement Forms (IDPFs)  
*Nov. 13th - To Schools*  
*Nov. 16th - To TAG Dept.*
- TAG Nomination Testing  
*November 2017 - February 2018*
- Complete the K-8 Student Survey (emailed and available at school) and return to teacher as soon as possible.

# TAG ID Process

1. The parent and teacher fill out the front of the Nomination/Permission (IDPF) form, to recommend a PPS K-12 student for TAG testing/identification. TAG Facilitator completes the rest.
2. School submits this form to the PPS TAG Department by November 16, 2017. No IDPFs will be accepted after this date.
3. Proctors will be working with schools to schedule assessment dates.
4. Schools make the final identification decisions after receiving scores.
5. Letters are sent to notify families of eligibility from the PPS TAG Office late spring 2018.

# Communication

1. TAG Bulletin Board in each school, located by office.
2. Newsletters from classroom teachers and school.
3. Gifted Gazette newsletter (emailed from PPS TAG office)
4. PPS.NET/TAG
5. District Parent Night (date TBD)
6. ALL Newsletters and recent Gazette will be posted on Bulletin Board.

# What Questions Should I Ask About My Child's Instruction during Parent Conferences?

- What can you tell me about my child's rate and level of learning?
- How does my child demonstrate learning expectations?
- Do you use pre/post assessments?
- How will you communicate the strategies used to address my child's rate and level of learning?

# Strategies to Address a Student's Rate and Level of Learning

1. Flexible Grouping
2. Tiered Lessons
3. Curriculum Acceleration
4. Compacting - learning a portion in less time
5. Independent Study/Project
6. Cluster Grouping
7. High Level Questioning

Other strategies and interventions for our building...

1. Oregon Writing Festival - May 5th  
(4th/5th) : \$40/each student
2. Science Fair ( 3rd and 5th grade )
3. Late Opening classes (4) - Science related
4. Continued Staff Training



# When Might I Request An Individual TAG Plan?

- If....after a parent/teacher meeting, you still have questions concerning the rate and/or level of instruction/assignments.
- If....you need greater clarity about the TAG services provided in the school or by a specific teacher.

# **TAG**

## **Professional Development**

School staff will participate in ongoing professional development to support their work with students who have been identified.

# Who Do I Contact If I Have a Concern About My Child's Needs?

1. Consult the teacher
1. Consult the TAG Facilitator if you feel your questions have not been answered by the teacher
1. Schedule a meeting with the school's principal
1. Consult the TAG Office 503-916-3358 for additional support
1. Check the TAG Department's web page [www.pps.net/tag](http://www.pps.net/tag) for resources

# District TAG Support

- Andrew Johnson

Director of Talented and Gifted Education K-12

- Kristin Johnson

Sr. Administrative Secretary

(503-916-3358)

- TAG TOSAs

Palmyra McLellarn — Benson, Franklin, and Jefferson

Kim Bertelsen — Cleveland and Lincoln

Tessalie Schulte — Grant and Wilson

Noel Tamez — Alliance/Charters, Roosevelt, and Madison

[WWW.PPS.NET/TAG](http://WWW.PPS.NET/TAG)

# Upcoming Events

- TAG Parent Night
  - Tuesday, Nov. 7th, 6-8PM
  - *Location:* TBD
- TAG Family OMSI Night (Illusions)
  - Mon. Dec. 11th, 6PM-8PM
- TAG Family OMSI Night (Robot Revolution)
  - Mon. April 2nd, 6PM-8PM
- TAG Parent Night
  - Tuesday, April 10th, 6-8PM
  - *Location:* TBD

**Thank you and we look  
forward to another great  
school year!**