

SCOTIA-GLENVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOLS



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Opportunities & Programs for Advanced Learners

where students shine

Parent Corner

Each month we will provide you with information regarding community activities for your children and/or information about gifted learners.

Community Events

Empire State Aerosciences Museum
www.esam.org

New York State Museum
www.nysm.nysed.gov

Parent Resources

AGATE(Advocacy for Gifted & Talented Ed in NY) Round table or presentation sessions to expand understanding of giftedness. This year the annual conference is Oct. 23,24 at Long Island University in Brookville, NY.
Agatenyc.ipower.com/index.html

Parent information page

www.hoagiesgifted.org

Leveled book list

Home.comcast.net/~ngiansante/

Student Resources

Smithsonian Museum for Kids

<http://www.smithsonianeducation.org/students/>

Poetry online for kids

<http://www.poetry4kids.com/>

The whole art of teaching is only the art of awakening the natural curiosity of the young mind for the purpose of satisfying it afterwards—Anatole France

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Primary OPAL

Grades 1 and 2: Available to primary teachers again this year will be interdisciplinary learning centers created from themed suggestions by classroom teachers. These centers have been placed in each classroom and will address the need of advanced learners as well as any other students who may move quickly through material.

Pull out services have begun and these children are meeting once a week for one hour. We are studying non-fiction nouns this year. This unit will be interdisciplinary and cover topics such as: Helen Keller, Ellis Island and ladybugs.

Intermediate OPAL

Grade 3: All grade 3 students will be taking the In View test in their schools the week of September 20. This is one piece of data that S-G uses to identify students at this level. Upon return of these scores to us in October, identification will occur and services will begin.

Grade 4: The theme of our year is *Questions*. During the year, students will investigate the nature of asking questions and seeking answers to these questions. They will explore the curiosity of Shakespeare and Socrates. They will ultimately gain an understanding about how our society has evolved because people were bold enough to ask questions.

Grade 5: The theme of our year is *Viewpoints*. During the year, students will learn a variety of critical thinking skills and learn to consider others' perspectives as they learn the process of formal debate. They will be challenged to consider topics such as rich vs poor, animal rights, and hypothetical situations involving difficult decisions.

Odyssey of the Mind

Information nights for this years' Odyssey of the Mind competition will be scheduled very soon. Look for information to be sent home as well as tables at Back to School nights regarding this great opportunity. We are always looking for primary level teams as well, to build longevity within this program. Problems for the 2010-2011 year can be viewed at www.odysseyofthemind.com