

August 1, 2025

Dear Parents and Scholars,

Welcome to the Gifted/Talent Development Program at M. Agnes Jones Elementary! I am thrilled to begin another exciting year with your child as we explore advanced learning opportunities designed to challenge and inspire. Students will attend gifted class one day each week. During that time, we will focus on *standards-based, differentiated lessons and activities* aligned with both the **Georgia Standards of Excellence** and the **APS Gifted and Talented Program Standards**, which include:

- Advanced Communication Skills
- Creativity
- Creative Problem Solving
- Global Citizenship
- Higher-Order Thinking Skills
- Leadership
- Advanced Research Skills
- Social-Emotional Learning

Our classroom theme for the year is “**Mind Masters: Unlocking the Power Within.**” This theme reflects our goal of nurturing confident, self-reflecting, creative, critical thinkers who are prepared to thrive in a global society.

Class Schedule (Tentative Start: Week of August 11, 2025):

- **Monday** – 1st Grade
- **Tuesday** – 2nd Grade
- **Thursday** – 3rd Grade
- **Friday** – 4th & 5th Grades

Students are expected to complete all assigned homework, projects, and performance tasks at the end of each unit. These activities are designed to extend their learning beyond the classroom.

You may scan the QR code below to access the **APS Gifted and Talented Program website** for additional information and resources. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns. I look forward to an inspiring and enriching year ahead!

Warm Regards,
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