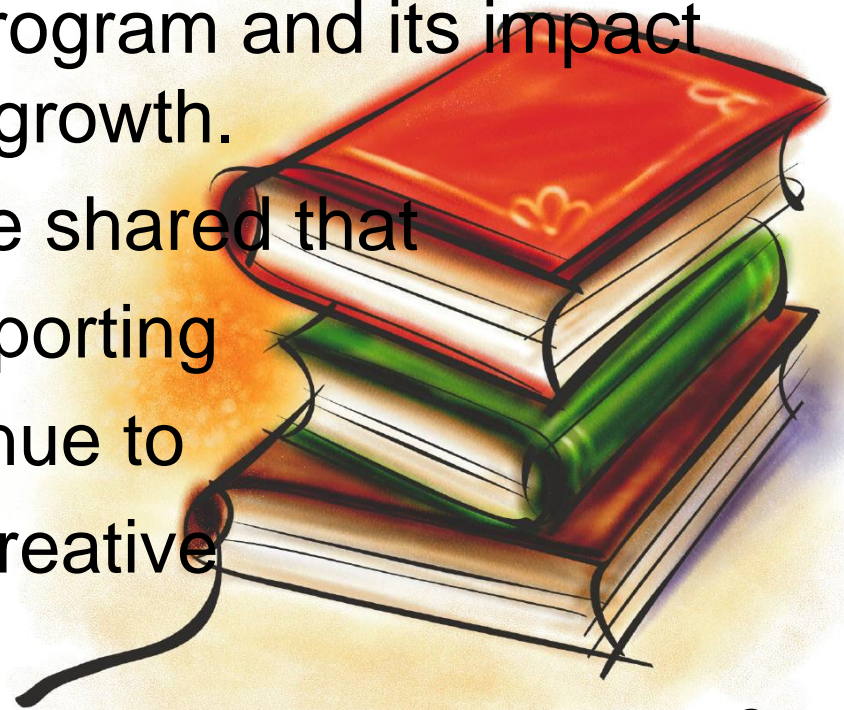


Parkside Elementary School

**Gifted and Talent Development
Parent Informational Meeting
Thursday, August 25, 2022**

Purpose:

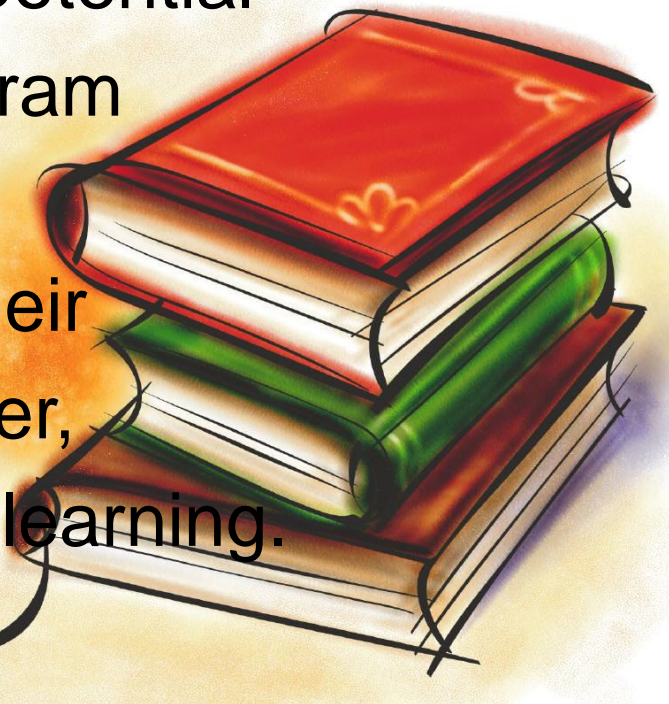
- This meeting is for parents of identified gifted and talent development students for the 2022-2023 school year.
- This meeting is intended to inform parents of what to expect from the gifted program and its impact on your child's intellectual growth.
- Valuable information will be shared that will serve as a tool for supporting your scholar as they continue to develop their critical and creative thinking ability.



Vision Statement

- **What is the vision for the Gifted and Talented Program?**

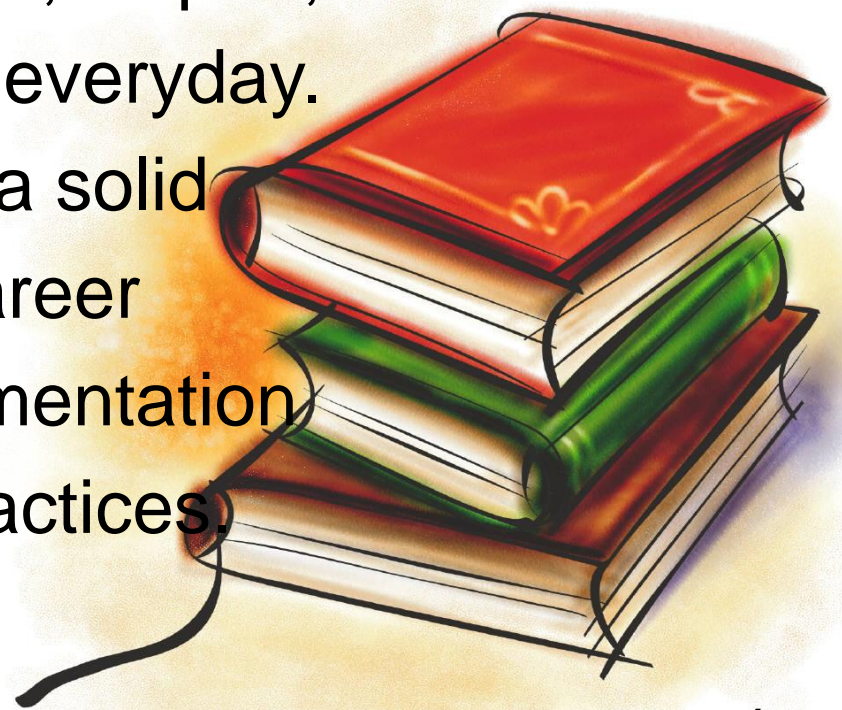
The vision of Gifted and Talent Development is to provide identified gifted and high potential students with a differentiated program designed specifically to challenge their academic abilities, support their emotional needs, develop character, and encourage a life-long love of learning.



Mission Statement:

- How will we move forward in seeing the continuation of the vision come into existence?

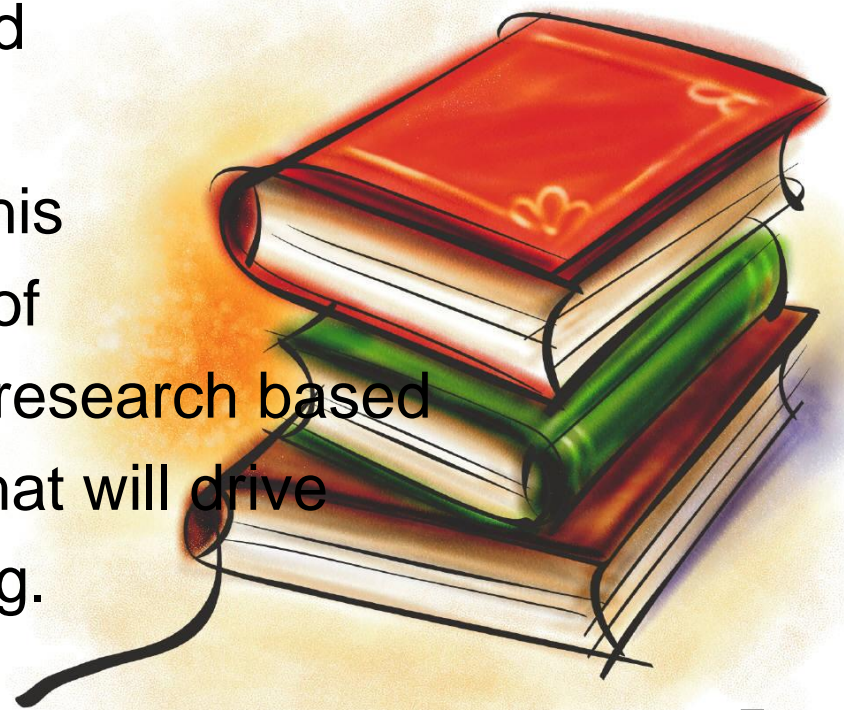
As a school, we will embrace, inspire, and challenge every student everyday. We will prepare students for a solid foundation for college and career readiness through the implementation of gifted standards-based practices.



The Role of the Gifted Program

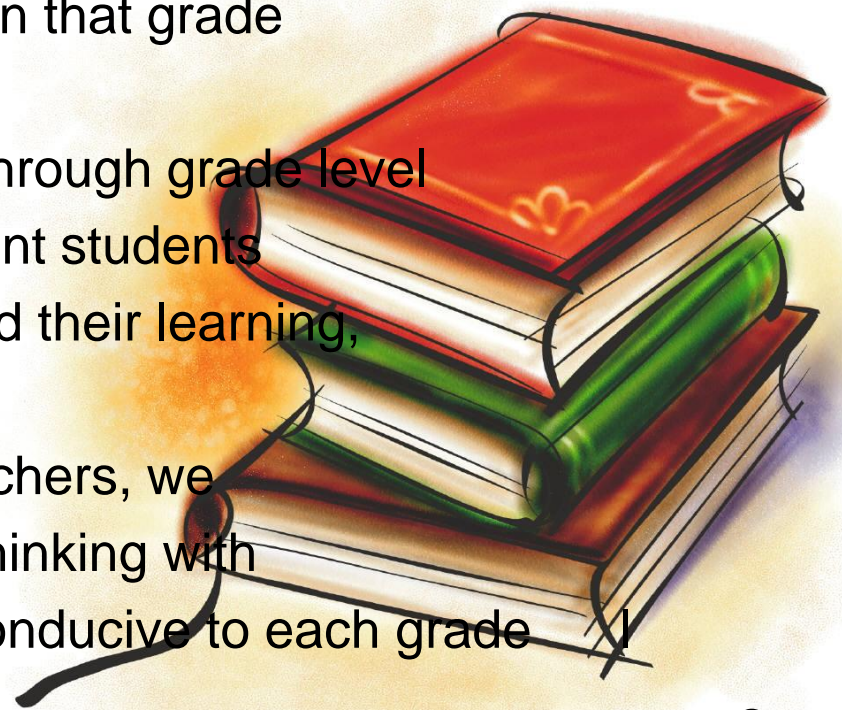
- **What is the role of the gifted program?**

The gifted program is designed to meet the very specific needs of gifted and talented students, and extend a system of instruction and assessment in the areas of cognitive learning, research, reference, and communication skills within and beyond the regular classroom. This will take place with the utilization of unit studies with an emphasis on research based strategies, and gifted standards that will drive the development of critical thinking.



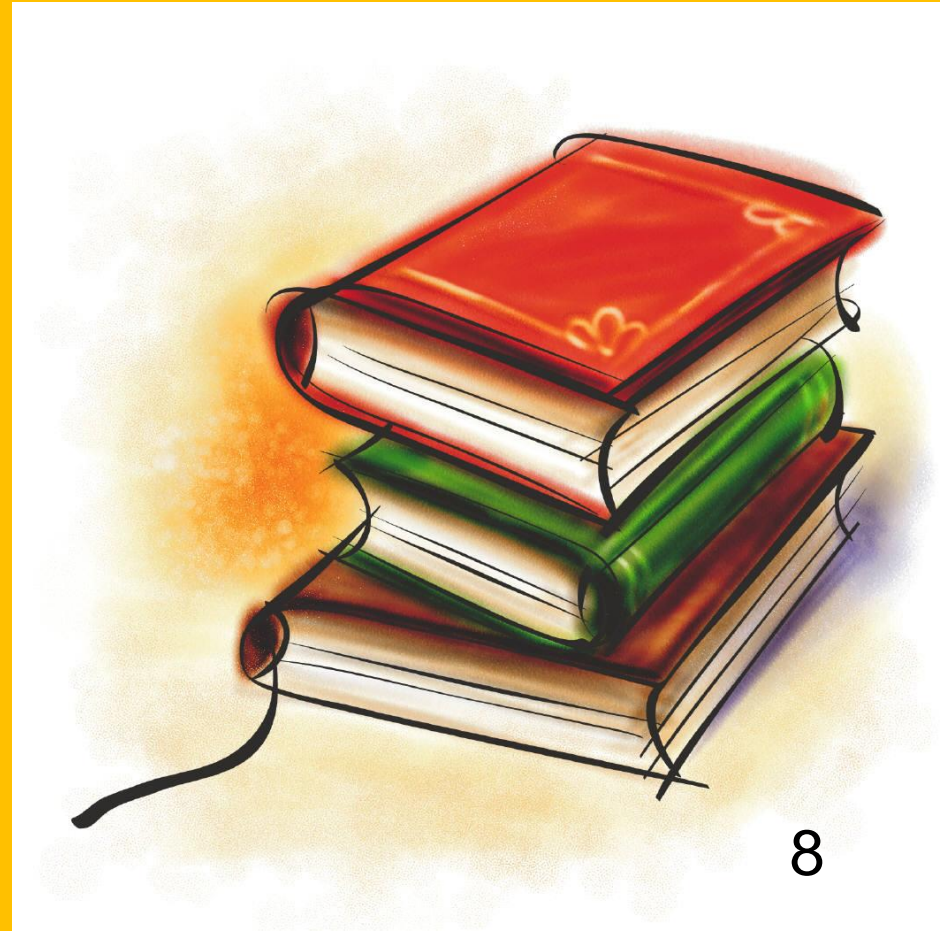
How will Parkside maximize and differentiate the learning for Gifted and Talent Development students?

- Under the IB (International Baccalaureate) signature program, Gifted and Talent Development students will be provided support within their classrooms using the collaboration model. With a collaborative model service, gifted content is delivered through core subjects (differentiation of lesson and activities) in collaboration with a gifted teacher on that grade level.
- In addition to service being provided through grade level lessons, Gifted and Talent Development students will also have the opportunity to extend their learning, once a week, with Dr. Donerlson and Mrs. Andrews. As endorsed gifted teachers, we will continue to build a foundation of thinking with the use of resources and strategies conducive to each grade



Grade Level(s)	Day of Service	Time Frame	Teacher
2 nd grade	Monday	8:30- 2:00pm	Dr. Donerlson
3 rd grade- Breakstone/Goens	Tuesday	8:30-2:00pm	Dr. Donerlson
1 st grade- M. Miles	Tuesday	8:30-2:00pm	Mrs. Andrews
3 rd grade- Bowie/Dottery	Wednesday	8:30-2:00pm	Dr. Donerlson
1 st grade- Herndon	Wednesday	8:30-2:00pm	Mrs. Andrews
4 th grade	Thursday	8:30-2:00pm	Dr. Donerlson
1 st grade- Haynes/Moore	Thursday	8:30-2:00pm	Mrs. Andrews
5 th grade	Friday	8:30-2:00pm	Dr. Donerlson

Talent Development



FAQ-Talent Development

The Talent Development Program in the Atlanta Public School System provides differentiated instruction for the intellectually advanced students. Talent Development students are also considered 2nd-look students. As a 2nd-look candidate, you are offered an opportunity to take additional assessments, in the fall, toward gifted qualification.

What are the benefits of the Talent Development Program?

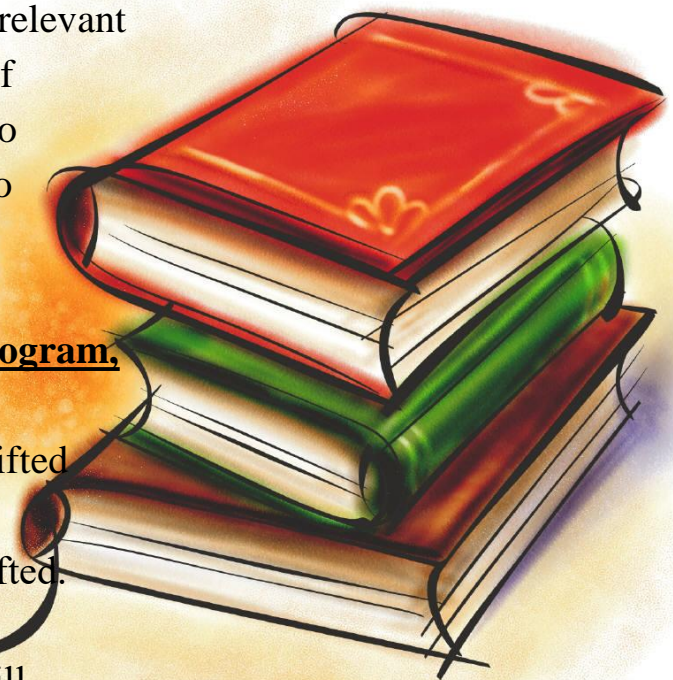
The Talent Development Program is designed to deliver rigorous and relevant curriculum to students in grades 1-8 to accommodate for their range of academic and intellectual needs. This program creates opportunities to expose high ability learners to gifted and talented pedagogy in order to increase critical thinking skills.

If my child is selected to participate in the Talent Development Program, how and when would their schedule change?

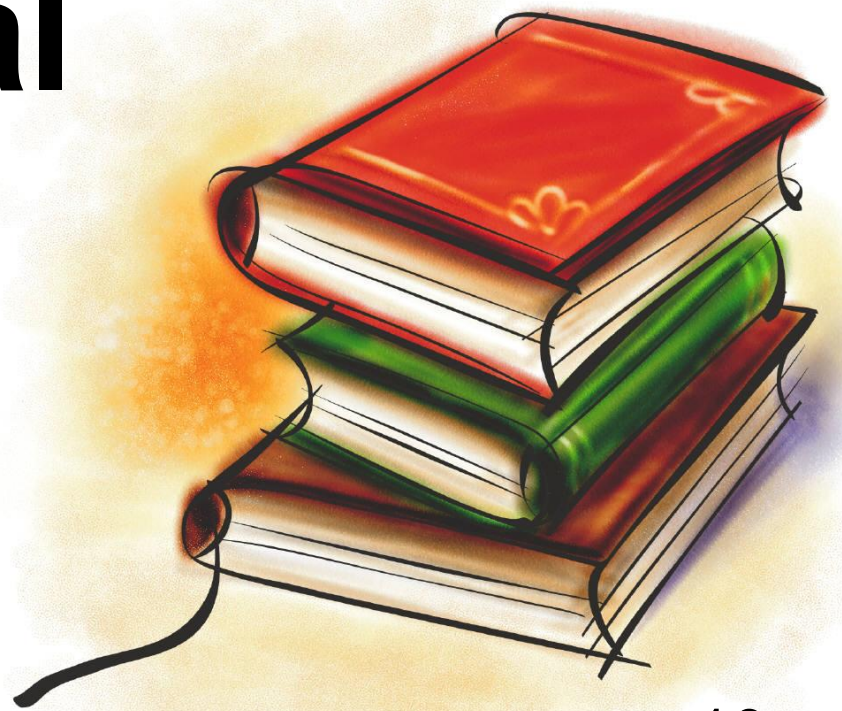
In elementary school, gifted students will receive instruction from a gifted endorsed teacher. If additional assessments are given and passed during the 2nd-look window, students' identification will change to gifted.

The talent development program is a “one” year program. Students will remain in the program until the end of the school year.

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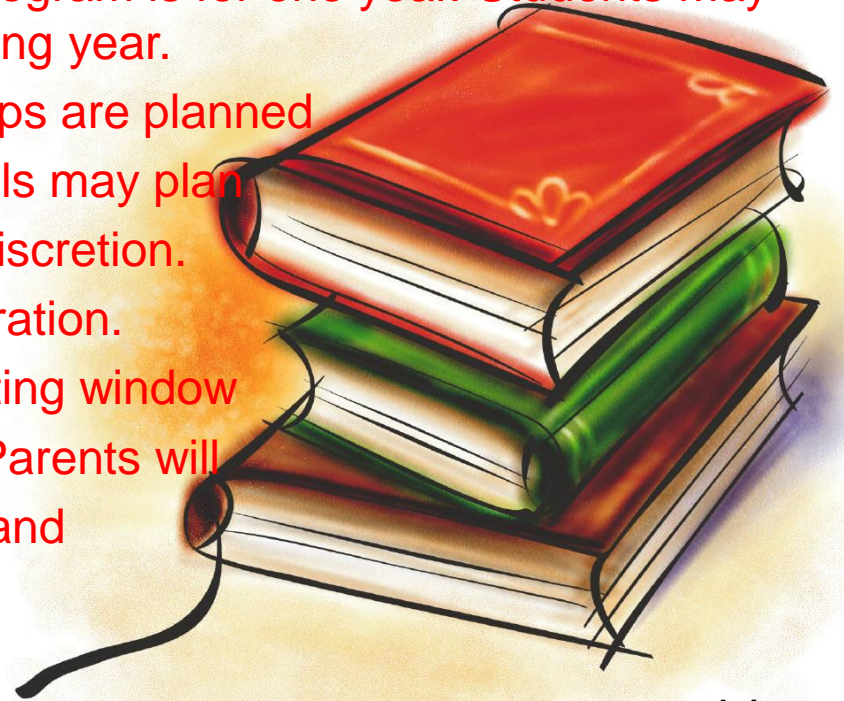


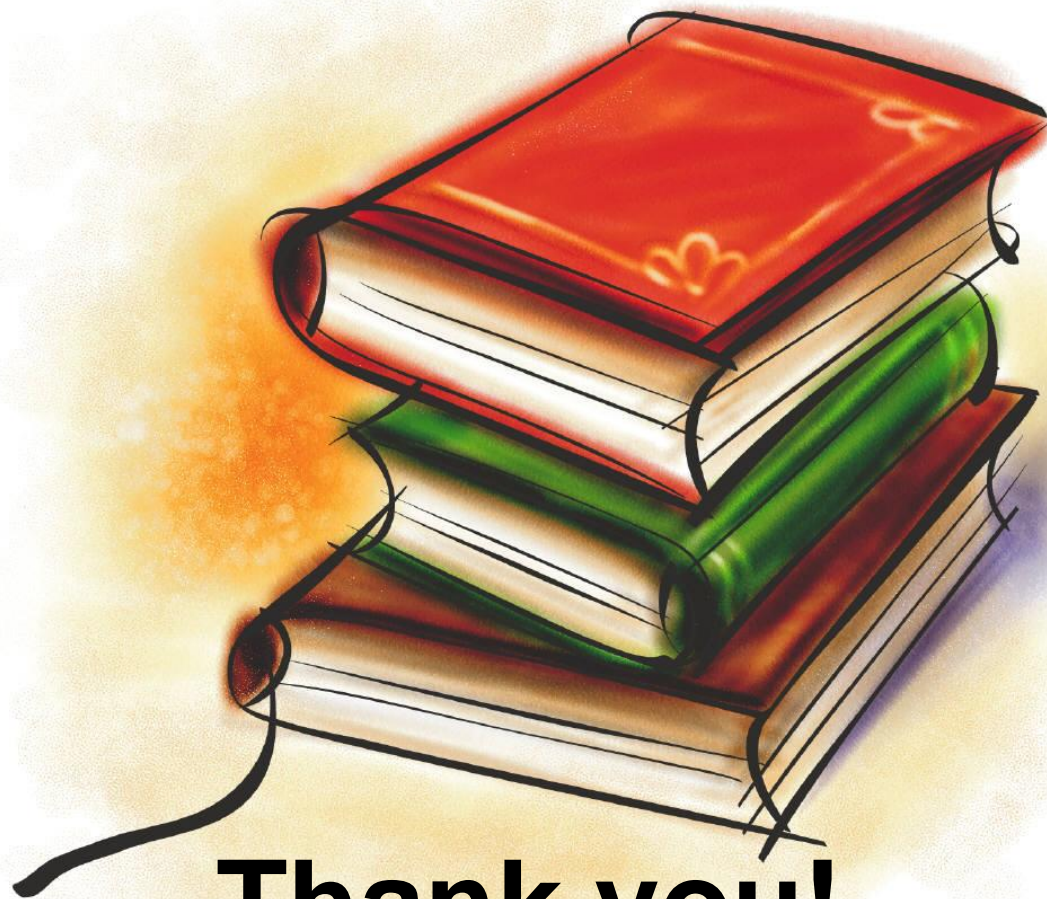
Gifted and Talented Program Instructional Standards



Additional FAQs

- Will my child receive a grade for gifted on their report card? Grades are not given in gifted, as it serves only as an additional resource of learning. However, students will receive a progress report at the end of each unit study.
- Are additional supplies needed for gifted and TD? Students are only required to have a binder and their pencil pouch.
- May we opt out of 2nd-look testing and still remain in the talent development program? Yes. The talent development program is for one year. Students may be considered for gifted testing the following year.
- Are field trips taken in Gifted/TD? Field trips are planned by the local district. However, local schools may plan trips (off campus and in-school) at their discretion. Covid protocols will be taken into consideration.
- When will 2nd-look testing begin? The testing window will be from September 9th-October 31st. Parents will be notified when their child will be tested and what assessment will be given.





Thank you!

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