



Dear Parents,

I am Princess Watts-Blount, BPA's Gifted and Talented Teacher. I am thrilled to welcome students back for the 2023-2024 school year! We have an educational program that addresses social, emotional, and academic needs.

At BPA, we currently serve gifted students through the Gifted Resource (5) and the Cluster Grouping (1-4) model. The Resource model means that gifted eligible students will be pulled out of their regular education classrooms for one full day per week. The Cluster Grouping Model serves gifted students daily in a homeroom where the teacher is gifted-endorsed. Students will not be pulled out of their classroom community. As the gifted lead teacher, I collaborate with our gifted endorsed teachers to support gifted instruction in classrooms. As an IB PYP World School, we will move toward full implementation of the Cluster Grouping model in all grade levels beginning the 2024-2025 school year.

Throughout the school year, we will focus on critical and creative thinking, problem solving, and project-based learning. Students will complete instructional activities designed to ensure they develop and demonstrate the expectations of Georgia Standards of Excellence while also incorporating Atlanta Public School Gifted Standards from the following domains:

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

We are looking forward to a wonderful year of learning, growing, and achieving! As always, please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns.

Regards,
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