



Dear Parents/Guardians,

I am Princess Watts-Blount, BPA's Gifted and Talented Teacher. I am thrilled to welcome students back for the 2024-2025 school year! We have an educational program that addresses social, emotional, and academic needs.

At BPA, The GATE program serves students in grades 1st - 5th who have been identified as gifted in accordance with the GADOE's multiple criteria process. As an International Baccalaureate PYP World School, we implement the Cluster Grouping Model in all grade levels.

The Cluster Grouping Model serves gifted students daily in a homeroom where the teacher is content certified and 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.

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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