



Gifted & Talented News

**September
2017**

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What's Happening

New this year, our gifted high school students are clustered in advisory periods. The gifted advisory program goal is focused on identifying all gifted students and placing them in a gifted advisory where they have twice weekly contact with their advisor teacher and grade-level peers. The student focus this year is going to be understanding our giftedness and setting personal and academic goals that both work with our areas of giftedness and challenge or push us based on our areas of giftedness.

Our gifted and talented class for our 3rd through 5th grade students began the week of August 21st and is off to a great start. Students are meeting twice a week this year. Some of the projects for this quarter include Shark Tank, Economics Chocolate Shop, and Landforms.

CogAT Testing

We begin our fall round of CogAT testing the week of September 18th. We are scheduled to test around 100 students district wide (K-12 grade). Our spring round of testing will be March 1st through the 9th.

AAGT Parent Institute & Student Enrichment Programs Sept. 23rd

AAGT's 2017 Parent Institute is a one-day event geared towards the needs of Arizona's parents of gifted and talented children. Their goal is to advocate, educate, and communicate on behalf of gifted learners in the state of Arizona. Student programs for **grades K-5** are offered for an

additional cost the day of the event. For more information and registration fees, visit the [AAGT website](#).

Arizona Association for Gifted and Talented
September 23rd, 2017 from
9:00 AM—3:00 PM

Location Phoenix Coding Academy, 4445 N Central Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85012

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Gifted Parent Night

September 27th, 2017

5:30p.m. - 6:30p.m.

at

**Saddleback Elementary
School**

18600 N. Porter Rd.

Maricopa, AZ 85138

Room 132

Everyone is welcome to attend.