# The Academy at RosemontFall 2018<br/>Volume 1, Issue 1Home of Ambassadors and Young Scholars

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to the 2018-2019 school year! My name is Kim Walsh, and I'm the gifted resource teacher at the Academy at Rosemont. At the secondary level, I will be working with teachers to provide rigorous and engaging instruction as well as helping guidance support students. I'll also be occasionally meeting with struggling students to help them with organizational, time management, and study skills. I'm here to support students, parents, and teachers.

Feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns. I'm looking forward to working with you and your child!

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## **About Our School**

The Academy is comprised of two programs:

The International Studies Program focuses on World Languages, World Cultures, and Military Science. The program is designed to stimulate curiosity and love of learning while concentrating on the skills of critical and analytical thinking. The program seeks to

develop globally minded citizens.

The Young Scholars Program seeks to train highly-motivated, academically gifted middle school students to become autonomous learners. Through the use of research-based instructional approaches, students are challenged to develop the critical thinking skills and positive habits of mind that sustain a lifetime love of learning. At the end of their three years in the program, Young Scholars can expect to excel intellectually in high school and college and make significant contributions to society in the years to follow.





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#### IMPORTANT DATES

10/2- GEAC Meeting @ 6 PM 10/8- Make Up Day 10/10-PSATs 10/17– Progress Reports Out 11/6- Election Day (Students not in school) 11/9– Quarter 1 Grades Close 11/12- Veteran's Day (No school) 11/13- Quarter 2 Begins GEAC Meeting @6 PM 11/21– Report Cards/Early Release Day 11/22-23- Thanksgiving Break 12/4-GEAC Meeting @6 PM 12/21-1/1– Winter Break 1/21– Martin Luther King Day (No School) 1/25-PD for Staff 1/28– Teacher Work Day (Students not in school) 1/29- Quarter 3 Begins

Education is our passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to the people who prepare for it today. – Malcolm X

# **JOIN GEAC!**

The Gifted Education Advisory Council (GEAC) advises our local school board on the educational needs of gifted and high ability students in Norfolk Public Schools. Anyone can attend.

Meetings are **usually** held the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. at the Rosemont Center.

## How can I support my gifted child?

- Be attentive to your child's comments and observations.
- Create an environment that promotes self-expression.
- Help him to develop skills and interests, for example, in plant science, animal care, electronics, carpentry, mechanics, law, design, and crafts.
- Encourage him/her to explore the beauty of diverse cultures-through language, poetry, story, song, dance, cooking, and crafts.
- Promote exploration and discovery.
- Emphasize effort and progress rather than perfection.
- Show your child how errors can be opportunities to discover and learn.
- Model positive ways to address setbacks and solve problems.
- Instill ways to help your child understand and regulate emotional reactions.
- Promote a healthy lifestyle.
- Demonstrate how to serve your community.

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