

GEMS

Gifted Education for Marlinton Students



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A Note From Mrs. Wilson

As the year comes to an end, a few of our elementary gifted reading groups are finishing up their novels. We have enjoyed reading several novels this year, including *Island of the Blue Dolphins*, *The Mysterious Benedict Society*, *Maniac Magee*, and *The Twenty-One Balloons* in 5th grade, and *Survival Guide for Gifted Kids*, *The Phantom Tollbooth*, and *Because of Winn Dixie* in the 4th grade. It has been an enjoyable year working with students and their teachers, providing enrichment to challenge them beyond the regular curriculum. I hope everyone has a great summer! I encourage each student to keep reading, and consider attending one of the many camps offered throughout the area this summer. If you'd like to keep in contact with me over the summer, feel free to email me at m_wilson@marlingtonlocal.org. See you in the Fall! Thanks for another great year! Mrs. Wilson

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News From Mrs. Bucheit's Class

The sixth graders finished writing their first research paper! It was a struggle but they lived through it. Now they are masters of MLA, Modern Language Association, which is commonly used to write papers and cite sources within the liberal arts and humanities.

Seventh grade students finished a unit on mystery and critical thinking by solving the "Mystery Disease". The set up was after a county fair when many people became ill. Students had to discover the source of the infection, name the disease and make a plan so it wouldn't happen at next year's fair. Finally they had to create a presentation to educate students about the disease and its prevention. (The disease was E. Coli)

Eighth graders created a presentation about their favorite book and had to "sell" it to other readers. The last presentation was a life size Quidditch field from Harry Potter. Maria Hoebke built it and ran the game. The students had a blast!



So here it is Day 2 of summer vacation and your gifted child is already bored. Hopefully these links, places to visit, and camps help a bit...at least for a day or two!!

WEBSITES/LINKS

<http://www.thekidstory.com/websites-for-gifted-children/>

Books to read, recipes to make, websites to search

http://giftedkids.about.com/od/nurturinggiftsandtalents/tp/summer_fun.htm

Five fun summer activities for gifted kids

<http://sengifted.org/archives/articles/loris-top-ten-summer-activities-for-gifted-kids>

From SENG: Lori's Top Ten Things to do with gifted kids this summer

<http://txgifted.org/fun-things-do/>

From Texas Association for Gifted Children: Many websites with activities and ideas galore for kids

<http://www.nagc.org/resources-publications/resources-parents/planning-summer>

NAGC : Parents guide to planning for summer with gifted children

http://www.hoagiesgifted.org/hoagies_kids.htm

As always, Hoagies has unlimited links to books, games, movies, activities, etc., that appeal to gifted children

PLACES TO VISIT/SEE

<http://consumer.discoverohio.com/#>

For interesting things to do and see around Ohio, including tours, day trips, etc.

<http://www.factorytoursusa.com/state/ohio/>

From Airstreams to whistles, factory tours around the state

Courtesy of Diane Oplinger, Stark County ESC



Meet Marlinton's New Gifted Coordinator

We would like to welcome Pam Kraft, Marlinton's new gifted coordinator. Pam spent thirty-one years at Canton City Schools teaching in the gifted classroom and as gifted coordinator. Pam is a graduate of The Ohio State University and has a masters degree in gifted education from Kent State University.

Welcome Mrs. Kraft!



Looking for Some Summer Reading?

Every Good Book

- Has a customizable reading list. You can search historical period, genre and more. Access the link at:

<http://www.everygoodbook.com/>



Camp Invention Coming to Marlinton!

Camp Invention is coming to Marlinton June 22 through June 26. Students will participate in the week long adventure in creativity that immerses children entering grades one through six in exciting, hands-on activities that reinvent summer fun.

Led by local educators, boys and girls are challenged to explore connections between science, technology, engineering and innovation.

Don't miss out on all new challenges. Spaces are limited-register today! For more information, call 800-968-4332 or visit: www.campinvention.org.



Gifted Coordinator: Gretchen Wearstler

Elementary GIS: Meredith Wilson

Middle School GIS: Susan Bucheit

For more information about gifted please go to our webpage:

<http://www.marlingtonlocal.org/SpecialServices.aspx>

Resources for Parents of Gifted Children (from the Ohio Department of Education)

Raising a gifted child can be both exciting and challenging. Gifted children may develop at a faster rate cognitively than they do physically or emotionally. Parenting gifted children means understanding their unique development and providing them with extra attention and support.

The following are resources that will help parents recognize if a child shows signs of being gifted, understand the gifted child's unique development, and help parents create enriching environments at home and in school.

Ohio Association for Gifted Children
www.oagc.com

National Association for Gifted Children
www.nagc.org
