

Welcome!
GT Back-to-School Night!!

HCMS 2017-2018

Tell Me About It!

Scan the QR code or type in the web address to fill in an online form:

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OR



Fill out an index card:

- On one side of an index card, please print your name, phone number, and email address.
- On the other side, please write your child's name and anything you'd like me to know about him or her! Special interests? Learning needs? Personality traits? Fun facts?

About Me

- I have lived in several different places, but have been in Austin since 1980; Graduated from UT Austin
- Began full time teaching in 1998, 6th grade Language Arts. I have also taught 4th and 5th grades and have always had GT students in my classes. I'll do all I can this year to encourage my students' intellectual and social/emotional growth!
- Personal belief: Kids don't care what you know if they don't know that you care! I want your kids to know that Room 315 is their home away from home! 😊
- Married to Gary, a math teacher at WRMS, and I have 2 kids who attend CCE; Kenneth is a 5th grader and Celia is a 2nd grader
- Fun Facts: I lived in Madrid, Spain for 3 years in elementary school. I taught French to grades K-8 for ½ a year. I love to travel, read, and learn!!

About Our Course Format

Students come to GT once per week from their Social Studies class

Fall Semester: Explore “Global Perspectives” Theme

Generalizations:

Global Perspectives may have positive or negative effects; can inspire/motivate change; can change over time; allow for synthesis, creativity, and entrepreneurial efforts.

Key Questions:

- How might global perspectives lead to shifts in thinking in core subject areas, technology, and the fine arts?
- How do varied global perspectives influence possibilities for future generations?
- How have past global perspectives influenced innovation or proven to be catalysts for change?

Spring Semester: Independent Study Projects on Topics of High Interest (Student Choice of Topic)

- Key Checkpoints Along the Way
- End of Year GT Exhibition of Student Work

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- Word of the Week
- Mind Bender
- Thought Provoker
- Activity/Lesson



Open Door Day

- Fridays are Open Door Day
- Available during periods 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6
- Students must sign in each time they enter.
- It should be a productive learning time.
- Classroom teachers must give students permission to attend; students must meet all obligations in their other classes.

Enrichment

- “TEDgt” speakers – parents willing to speak to kids at lunch periods for 15 minutes per period
- TedxYouth@Austin - February 17
- Science Day – middle school kids develop science lessons to teach elementary level kids
- Debate Club -- Meets Tuesdays, beginning October 3
- Student Stock Tournament – Trading begins October 2
- Destination Imagination – District-wide parent meeting (Date TBA) at Board Room. Regional Tournament March 3, 2018 at WHS
- Future City Engineering (UT Arlington) January 2018 (Date TBA)
- Model UN – Meets every other Wednesday, beginning November 1
- Field Trips – 6th Grade Chemistry demo, GT Night at the Opera (all grades), and other social get-togethers!

Travel

- **Spring Break Travel**: Croatia
- **Summer Travel**: South African Safari
- Please let me know if you are interested in either or both of these opportunities! We will host a meeting in September with more information!
- *These private travel opportunities are open to all students, families, and friends in the community and are not school or district sponsored trips.

Communication

Please check your Family Access account info and include the email address you check most frequently.

My “GT E-News” messages are sent through our school Message Center which pulls address info from Family Access.

I am unable to add or delete addresses.

I am here to help you/your kids in any way!!

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