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## GIFTED AND TALENTED PROGRAM AT PEARSON SCHOOL

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Dear Families,

We are pleased to announce the development of a Gifted and Talented Program at Pearson Elementary School. Over the past two years, Winchester Public Schools has worked to increase our continuum of services to support students' instructional and social/emotional needs. After reviewing academic data, it has come to our attention that we have some students that are excelling academically and they require further challenge. To that end, we are expanding our continuum of services to include a Gifted and Talented Program.

The program will be one full day per week. Students will take six classes throughout the day all at an advanced level with an inquiry focus in reading, mathematics, science/engineering, creative writing, art, and music technology. All classes will be multiage.

<u>TIME</u>	<u>COURSE</u>	<u>TEACHER</u>
8:30 AM	Advanced Reading	Myra Desroches (Reading Coach)
9:30 AM	Advanced Visual Arts	Susana Martinez-Bauer (Art Teacher)
10:30 AM	Advanced Engineering and Science	Rachael Manzer (STEAM Instruction Specialist)
11:30 AM	Advanced Writing	Rosie Fields (Dean of Students)
12:30 PM	Lunch	
1:30 PM	Advanced Mathematical Practices	Lori Synder (Math Instructional Specialist)
2:30 PM	Instrumental and Music Technology	Jackie Petriello (Music Teacher)

Over the next few months, we will be working to select students for this program. We would like to make you aware of these criteria before beginning the process:

- Student must be enrolled in grades 4, 5, or 6 during the 18/19 school year.
- Students standardized assessments in reading and mathematics will be analyzed (top 5% of scores from each grade level). We will review spring NWEA and SBAC scores.
- Student must have good attendance habits.
- Student must have a teacher recommendation.
- Parents must be willing to support enrollment into the program.

Additional information can be found on our website at [www.winchesterschools.org](http://www.winchesterschools.org). We invite you to contact Ms. Silverio or Ms. Brady-Shanley should you have any questions regarding the Gifted and Talented Program at Pearson Elementary School.

Sincerely,

Barbara Silverio, Principal

Melony M. Brady-Shanley, Superintendent

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