

SCOTIA-GLENVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOLS



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OPAL

where students shine

Opportunities & Programs for Advanced Learners

Parent Corner

Each month we will provide you with information regarding community activities for your children and/or information about gifted learners.

Community Events

Empire State Aerosciences Museum
www.esam.org

New York State Museum
www.nysm.nysed.gov

Parent Resources

AGATE(Advocacy for Gifted & Talented Ed in NY) Round table or presentation sessions to expand understanding of giftedness. This year the annual conference is Oct. 23,24 at Long Island University in Brookville, NY.
Agatenyc.ipower.com/index.html

Parent information page

www.hoagiesgifted.org

SENG (Supporting Emotional Needs of the Gifted)

<http://www.SENGifted.org>

GT World (online support community for parents)

<http://www.gtworld.org/index.html>

Student Websites

NASA for Kids

<http://nasascience.nasa.gov/kids>

Kids Mysteries

<http://kids.mysterynet.com/>

TIME for Kids

www.timeforkids.com/TFK/

The wisest mind has something yet to learn. – George Santayana

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Primary OPAL

Grades 1 and 2: Available to primary teachers for the second year will be interdisciplinary learning centers created from themed suggestions by classroom teachers. These centers have been placed in each classroom and will address the need of advanced learners as well as any other students who may move quickly through material. Topics for October include Explorers (Gr 2) and The Giving Tree (Gr 1).

Intermediate OPAL

Grade 3: Upon return of the TCS2 scores to us in early November, identification will occur and services will begin for identified third graders.

Grade 4: Questions—Students have investigated famous questions from Shakespeare and Socrates. We have looked at the importance of posing the "right" questions and discovered "what did he mean by that." The children wrote sonnets, echoing the work of William Shakespeare. The classes have also begun reading Because of Winn Dixie by Kate DiCamillo.

Grade 5: Viewpoints—The students have already begun looking at problems from a different point of view. They role-played tenants and landlords through a mediation session, and pondered what the world would be like if everyone had the same point of view. The children have also begun reading novels like Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of Nimh by Robert C. O'Brien and Black Beauty by Anna Sewell, both of which were written from the animals' point of view. They are keeping response journals to track the changes in their perceptions.

Odyssey of the Mind

Information nights for this years' Odyssey of the Mind competition will be held at 7 PM on the following evenings in the LMC/cafeteria of that building:

Lincoln: Wed. 9/30; Glendaal Wed. 10/7; Sacandaga Tues. 10/13; and Glen-Worden Wed. 10/14

