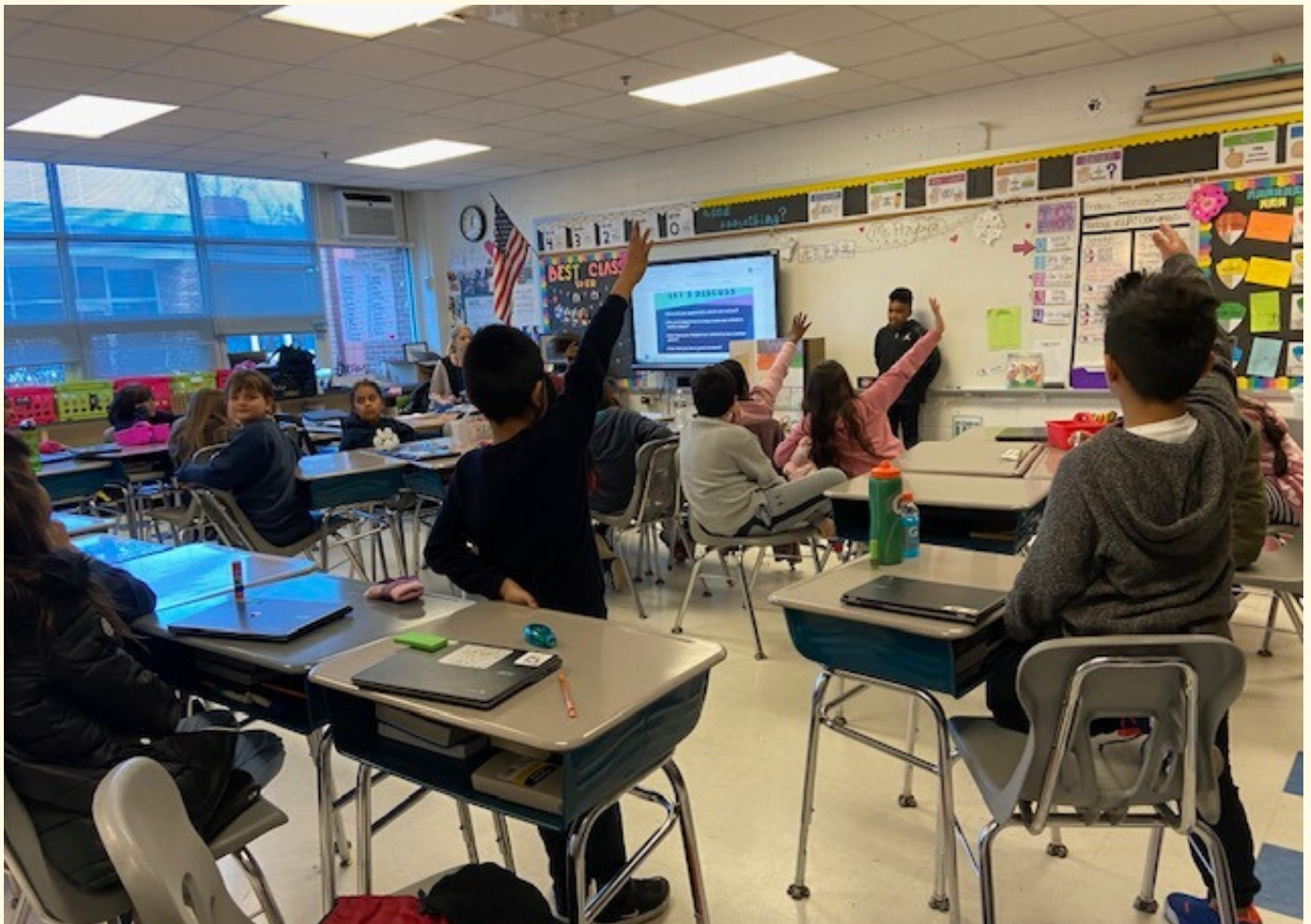


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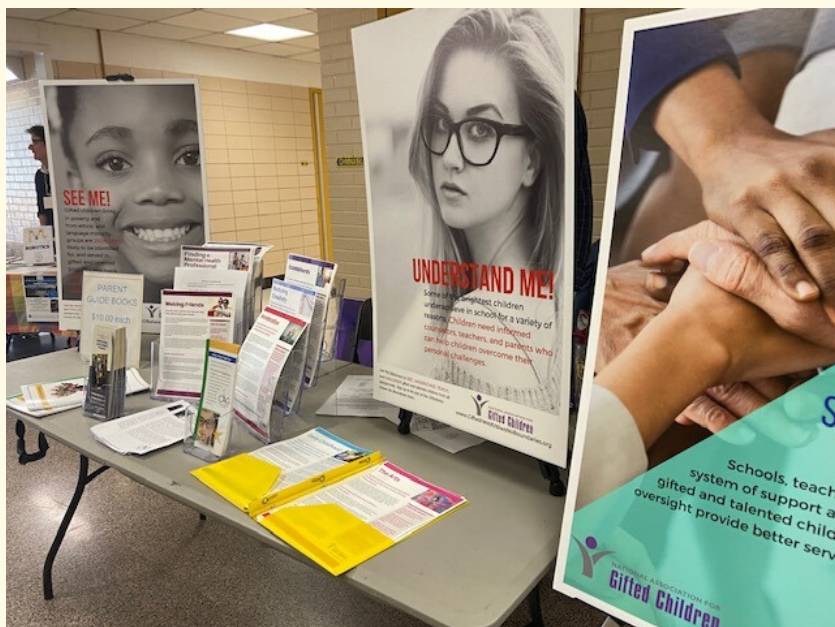
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*For our Norwalk students, our KES GT program will plan interactive, engaging, enriching activities and programming to promote the diverse and distinct talents exhibits by our student population. With student input, our program will provide appropriately challenging learning opportunities to allow student opportunities to interact with each other in order to develop connections and bonds. We look forward to meeting and working in collaboration with parents and stakeholders to share relevant information, concise facts, informed data, and current policies.*

*Mission: We are committed to nurturing the whole child's distinct and diverse strengths, talents, and passions in order to develop student-driven critical thinking, authentic learning, individual responsibility, and global citizenship.*

*Vision: We believe gifts and talents are present in all children. Through the cultivation of enjoyment, engagement, and enthusiasm for learning, we will nurture students' unique social-emotional needs and creative thinking practices. As a result, students will contribute to their school, community, and society as constructive and innovative global citizens.*



***On being proactive -***

***“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it’s the only thing that ever has.”***

***—Margaret Mead***

## **2020 RECENT EVENTS**

March

For everyone, especially 5th grade: How to craft a podcast

For everyone, especially grades 3-5: Dear Poet writing letter project

For everyone, especially 3rd grade: MI Creature

For everyone: Renzulli Learning access link

KES GT Inventors Newsletter

On the Gifted and Talented Learning Portal, all district GT teachers have shared our contact information and Google classroom sites.

Our K- Second Google Classroom

is: <https://classroom.google.com/u/1/c/NzI0NTcwMzQ3NTNa>

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KES Schoolwide Enrichment Newsletter

Elementary Gifted and Talented Distance Learning Portal of the Norwalk Public Schools  
<https://tinyurl.com/dlInpsgt>

KES GT Creativity Newsletter

# Innovation

## Strengthening your Will - Taking Initiative

Being innovative comes with being proactive. Proactive people don't accept the world as it is or wait for direction from others to initiate change.

Instead, they take matters into their own hands, acting to make the world better for themselves and others.

They speak truth to power, take charge to solve problems, and champion new ideas.

It's a trait you have, and can develop.



### How do I encourage innovation in others?

**Model it:** When something isn't working, question why.

**Celebrate it:** Applaud proactivity when you see it to help others recognize the behavior and associate it with a positive response.

**Enable it:** Invite young people to point out problems even if they don't have a solution.

### Innovation Pulse Check

Think about yourself.

How many of these things are true?

- I am always looking for better ways of doing things.
- I love to challenge the status quo.
- I enjoy being a champion for ideas, even against opposition.
- I like to be the one to take initiative.

### Innovation Exercises for Spring

Ask a question and give everyone in the room a chance to answer, so they all have a voice.

Criticize yourself out loud, which shows people you're open to being challenged.

Replace "that's the way we've always done it" with "what if we tried it a different way?"

find more info at: <https://characterlab.org/playbooks/proactivity/>

## KES Gifted & Talented Portal

Norwalk Public Schools created a distance learning portal which includes choice boards, booklists, and other links that will be helpful if students are seeking additional challenges. Choice boards will be added every two weeks.

<https://sites.google.com/view/npsgiftedandtalented/home>

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# Innovation Photos

KES GT would like to share these images to express the innovative learning opportunities offered because GT exists and thrives in our district.

