

NORWALK PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
GIFTED AND TALENTED

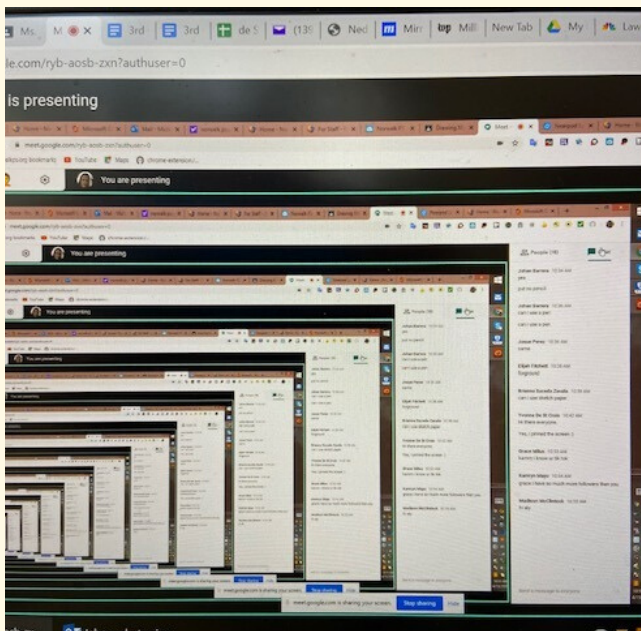
***KENDALL ELEMENTARY  
GIFTED & TALENTED:  
SOCIAL INTELLIGENCE***



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 social intelligence -***

***“Human beings are social creatures.... [S]imply to exist as a normal human being requires interaction with other people.”***

***—Atul Gawande***

## **2020 RECENT EVENTS**

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>

Our Third - Fifth Google Classroom is: <https://classroom.google.com/u/0/c/NzI0NTE0MTE1OTRa>

KES Schoolwide Enrichment Newsletter

Elementary Gifted and Talented Distance

Learning Portal of the Norwalk Public Schools

<https://tinyurl.com/dlnpsgt>

KES GT Creativity Newsletter

KES GT Innovation Newsletter

KES GT Kindness Newsletter

KES GT Gratitude Newsletter

## ***4 Ways to Express Social Intelligence During Coronavirus***

### **NAME OUR EMOTIONS**

WE KNOW THAT PUTTING OUR FEELINGS OUT THERE HELPS US TO MANAGE THEM, HELPS US CONNECT AND SHARE WITH OTHERS WHO ARE FEELING THE SAME WAY, AND NORMALIZES WHAT WE ARE FEELING.

### **SUPPORT CHILDREN IN NAVIGATING THEIR EMOTIONS**

CHILDREN'S FEELINGS ARE REAL, AND AS ADULTS, WE CAN HELP BY RESPECTING THEM.

### **FOCUS ON WHAT WE CAN CONTROL**

THERE IS A GREAT DEAL THAT WE CAN DO TO ALLEVIATE UNNECESSARY RISK BY STAYING FOCUSED ON THE AREAS THAT WE ARE ABLE TO MANAGE IN OUR OWN LIVES

### **MAKE CREATIVE USE OF OUR TIME IN ISOLATION**

LEARNING SOMETHING NEW WILL HELP YOU TAKE BACK SOME CONTROL, AND FEEL THE SATISFACTION OF LEARNING SOMETHING NEW.

# Social Intelligence

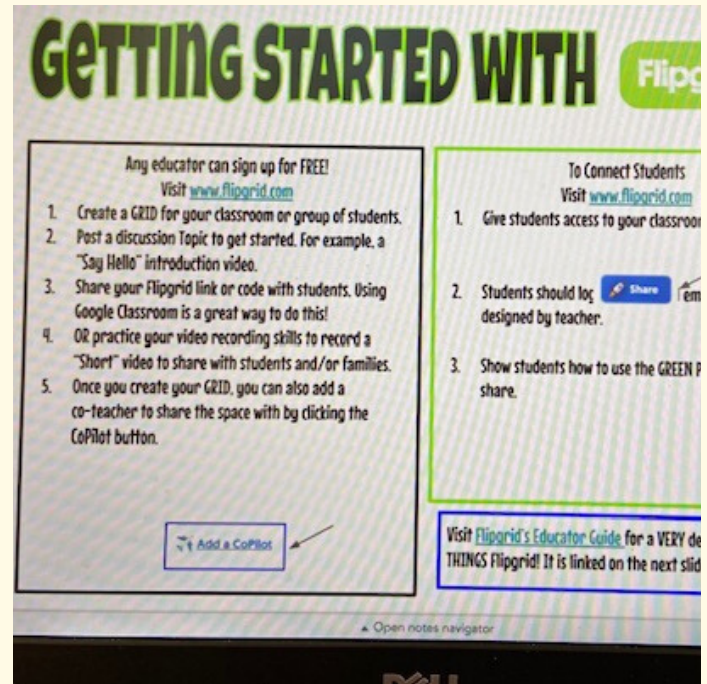
*Strengthen your heart and the heart of others by connecting with other people*

Why does social intelligence matter?

Social intelligence is as important as IQ when it comes to happiness, health, and success.

Empathetic people are less likely to experience anxiety, depression, and addictions later in life.

They are also more likely to be hired, promoted, earn more money, and have happier marriages and better-adjusted children.



## How do I encourage social intelligence?

**Model it:** Wait your turn before speaking, and when you speak, acknowledge others' points of view.

**Celebrate it:** Notice when someone made others feel included and valued.

**Enable it:** Create opportunities to help everyone feel equal by giving family members responsibilities or or allowing students to vote on a classroom activity.

## Social Intelligence Pulse Check for Spring

Think about yourself.

How many of these things are true?

- I have a lot of relationships that are mutually beneficial, enjoyable, and supportive.
- Most of the time, I can tell how other people feel and have a good idea about how to respond appropriately.
- My relationships make me feel good about myself.
- The people in my life help me be my best.
- I encourage teamwork and loyalty and reframe conflict as an opportunity.
- I try to better understand how deeply reasonable people may feel about opposing views

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

## 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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# Social Intelligence Photos

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

