
NEW MILFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
TALENTED AND GIFTED
BRIDGES
QUARTERLY

SHIMMER OF THE SEASON - 2018



Happy 2018 from NMPS TAG 2017-2018.

For our New Milford Public Schools students, our TAG program plans interactive, engaging, enriching activities and programming to promote the diverse and distinct talents exhibits by our student population.

This month's cover image features students engaged in origami practices that connected to geometric principles we have been discussing. Students created these folded paper "trees" from collected magazines. Folded projects were decorated with metallics. This projects ties to art, math, and engineering standards. If you would like to try a similar art exploration at home, visit <http://bit.ly/2DhRRAq>. For additional information, please visit the current events for 2017-2018 on nmpstag.com

With student input, our TAG program provides appropriately challenging learning opportunities to allow student opportunities to interact with each other in order to develop academic connections and interpersonal bonds.

We look forward to meeting and working in collaboration with parents and stakeholders to share relevant TAG information, concise facts, informed data, and current policies. Contact Dr. Yvonne de St. Croix at destcroixy@newmilfordps.org any time or visit nmpstag.com. Thank you for supporting new Milford Public School's Talented and Gifted. We appreciate you!



*Students, want more great accelerations,
extensions, and enrichments?
Parents, want more information on TAG in
CT?
Teachers, need latests TAG resources?
Visit nmpstag.com for curious ideas!*

2017-2018 RECENT EVENTS

For November

CodeCombat
MakeyMakey

Interesting for middle grades students to check into - class intros from StrongMind
Middle grades November Novel Writing - from the office of letters and light (if under 13,
try; <https://ywp.nanowrimo.org/>)s

Multiple Intelligence Quiz - what are you?
Some questions that can be choosey - enjoy!
Geminid meteor shower is coming up

Looking for a good story over the holidays to tell, enjoy, or create? Try Story Corps
SEM is going to be featured on Xploration Station, a science-based television network
working to inspire students to pursue careers in STEM-related fields

Thinking pay it forward for the new year? Here are options holding a birthday drive:
<https://www.kidscangivetoo.com/> or <https://thebirthdaypartyproject.org/>

Wondering how you can assist as you wander worldwide: <http://www.giveadayglobal.org/>
8th grade writers - Promising Young Writers Program competition

Google Code-in begins 11/28 - enjoy 8th graders!

Most up-to-date info on TAG in CT: <http://bit.ly/2mhlmJt>

Back to the Future housing

Aiden recommends (December) Math Tanks - tanks a lot, Aiden

For December

5th grade music enrichment
Mock Trial 2017-2018
Good dog! Enjoy reading
SMS Holiday Geome-trees

Happy 2018!
For January

Discover Your World With NOAA
NOVA's Cloud Lab
Sanctuary Sam & Games
Marine Debris!

Hands-on science activities

Engineering Week is coming - enjoy some of the activities here! Let me know what you
need!

Data graphics on academic testing performance and socio-economics from Stanford

Current Winter TAG Enrichments

Math Olympiads

The SMS Math Olympiads Program sponsored by Mrs. Sarah Herring. Meetings will be held in Room 228 on Thursdays after school until 3:30.

This enrichment is offered through NMPS talented and gifted program to students in grades 6-8. Students must be able to commit regularly attending this program over the course of its duration.

Meeting dates for 2017-2018 are: November 9, 16,30, December 14, 21, January 11,18,25, February 8,15,22, and March 8, 15,22.



4th grade Music Enrichment presented to SNIS stakeholders Dec. 12th.
Thank you students, parents, and educators

4th grade Electronic Instrument Construction and Composition

4th grade Electronic Instrument Construction and Composition will be held at SNIS and is sponsored by Ms. Allison Parke. Meetings will be held in Ms. Parke's Room on Mondays from 7:45 to 8:30.

Dates will be:

JAN 22 FEB 26

JAN 29 MAR 5

FEB 5 MAR 12

FEB 12 MAR 19

This enrichment is offered through NMPS talented and gifted program to students in grade 5. Students must be able to commit regularly attending this program over the course of its duration. Students should bring a pencil and headphones.

Upcoming Enrichments and Events

Stock Market Game Program

Using The Stock Market Game, students will explore the fundamentals of personal finance and investing, while practicing content and skills in math, English Language Arts, economics, social studies, and other subjects. Working together to build and manage an investment portfolio in a real-world, dynamic marketplace, students will analyze and make decisions, explore the consequences of their choices, and seek new ways to strategize for success.

5th graders are invited to participate in the Stock Market Game Program. Meetings will be held in Ms. Kivela's Room 146. Dates planned to teach this after school program from 3:15-4:15 on Thursdays are: Feb. 8, Feb. 15, Feb. 22, March 1, March 8, March 15, March 22, March 29, April 5.



Minds in Motion Events – sponsored by CAG

Minds in Motion™ offers exciting, fast-paced, interactive workshops for every student with every interest. Adults can attend a keynote and thought-provoking, special-interest workshops, free of charge at every MiM™ event.

At Minds in Motion™ you'll also receive free literature, network with fellow parents, and learn about resources, after-school programs, camps, books, and other educational tools beneficial to your child. Space is limited, so be sure to register early for any event you choose.

The Connecticut Association for the Gifted's website is <http://www.ctgifted.org>.

2017-2018 Minds in Motion™ schedule:

- February 24, 2018 - Shepaug (Washington) - Shepaug Valley School
- March 3, 2018 - Milford, Jonathan Law High School
- March 10, 2018 - Bridgeport, Discovery Magnet School
- March 17, 2018 - Westport, Bedford Middle School
- March 24, 2018 - Middletown, Middletown High School
- April 7, 2018 - Litchfield, Litchfield High School

TAG Meeting Days and Times

SNIS TAG meets during WIN time in Rm. 190 on days 1 and 5.
SMS TAG meets during study hall in the LMC on days 4 and 6.