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### ***Strong Partnerships Ensuring Success for Exceptional Students*** **Quarter 2 2019-2020 Gifted and Talented Newsletter**

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#### **The FMS Robotics Team attended the FIRST LEGO League North Denver Qualifier on Saturday, November 23, 2019.**



“In FIRST LEGO League, children are immersed in real-world science and technology challenges. Teams design their own solution to a current scientific question or problem and build autonomous LEGO robots

that perform a series of missions. Through their participation, children develop valuable life skills and discover exciting

career possibilities while learning that they can make a positive contribution to society.”



The tournament is comprised of multiple parts including: the project, the robot design, core values and the missions. The students attended three judging sessions in the morning, the project, the robot design and core values, had some time to work on their missions and then in the afternoon they had the opportunity to show off their robot and run their missions within the allotted two and a half minutes.



For their project, the team decided to choose the Weakland Fawks Park in Bailey Colorado. They researched information about the park, took pictures of it, and then discussed all of the problems that the park was facing as well as possible solutions. In the end, the team decided to focus on the problem of drainage. They noticed that all of the runoff from rain was damaging the lower area of the park. Students then combined their ideas together to come up with a solution. The team came up with a drainage system design which would eventually reroute the water to the trees in the park.



The team won 2nd place in the category of Robot Design. The judges said the following: Great job on developing a gear box and quick change motor as well as innovative use of worm drive.

Go Mustangs!!!

## Beyond Giftedness Conference: Parent Information



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## Colorado Association for Gifted and Talented Children (CAGT)

Each year, the Colorado Association for Gifted and Talented host a conference on gifted education. The conference was October 22-23, 2019. Those attending this conference from the Gilpin County School District were: Sunshine Vincent, Gifted Coordinator GCSD, Dusty Newbury, Language Arts Teacher, and Suzanne Diekman, Montisorri Teacher. Those attending from the

Platte Canyon School District were Salomeia Aagur, Gifted Coordinator and Ellie Burgett, Math Teacher. Attending from the CCSD was Heidi Lupinacci, Gifted Coordinator.

Each attendee provided a summary of sessions attended. Here is a snapshot of those sessions.

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Character Practice  
 jot a list describing one of these people. Along with your own thinking, include the following:

- How does this person move?
- How does this person speak?
- If this person was like an animal, what would it be and why?
- If this person was compared to someone famous, who would it be and why?

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Pick your favorite of the two and let's kick it up a notch!

- Add a simile or metaphor
- If you have one, add one more
- Look at your verbs. Can they be stronger?
- Do you have any adverbs? Get rid of them in favor of stronger verbs.
- Are your sentences the same length? Do they all start the same way?
- Are your nouns specific enough?

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a Ubr]U]Y]Uk Uhg]h'U]h="W]b]j]a d'Ya Yb]h's

**G bbn] ]b]W]h's**  
; Ua Yg]c'9i H]b]X@Uf]b]b[ ]b]A Ua Ya U]W]j s  
dfYg]b]h]X'Vh] Uf]Y]c]g]s  
I g]b[ 'a Ua [ Ua Yg]c'Y'd'g]fYfW'cf'Yi H]b]X'g]h XYb]g]s  
h.]b\_]b[ 'W]b]Y'd'bch]c]b'm]ci f[ ]Z]YX'g]h XYb]g]M] hU' 'ci fs  
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g]d]d'Ya Yb]U' W]ff]W'i a 'h.U]h]d]f]c] ]XYg]d]f]c'V]M]U]g]Y]X  
'YU]b]b[ 'U]W]j ]H]Yg]h.U]h]Z'ck 'h.Y'W]da a cb'W]f]Ys  
g]U]b]U]f]X]g]'h]Ugc']b]W] XYg] [ Ua Yg]h.U]h]W]b]W]Y'i g'X'U]g]s  
f]Y]b]Z]cf]W]a Yb]h]c]f'Yi H]b]g]cb]U]W]j ]H]Yg]'A Ubr]c]Z]h.Yg]Ys  
[ Ua Yg]k ci 'X'W]Y[ fYU] [ Ua Yg]c'i g'f]Zcf'7c[ 5H'df]U]W]j]W]s  
Zcf'8b]X[ fUY'g]h XYb]g]s  
Gca Y'c]Za m]Z]j cf]H]Y' [ Ua Yg]h.Ym]g]Uf]YX'UbX'Yh]i g]f]hns  
k Yf]Y.s

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'ck 'a Ubr]X] [ ]H]g]U]j Y'hc'U]j Y]b]h.Y]f]U]b]g]Yf]z  
h.Yb]d]W]U]b]cd]Yf]U]j]cb]W]f]X'h.]g]H'Y' 'h.Ya 'h'cs  
Y]h.Yf'U]X]z]g] V]h]U]M]z]a i 'H]d]m]cf]X]j ]X]Y' 'H'Y]b]s  
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h.Y]f]h]U]g] ]g]H'Y'c]j YfU' [ cU' ]g]a U\_Y'h.Ys  
Yi d]f]Yg]cb]g]Yei U's  
A U\_Y'h]G]h]h]h! '9UW'g]h XYb]h[ Y]h]g]%'\$ X] [ ]H]g]f]h]-L]z  
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h.Y]b]i a W]f'h.Ym]W]U]YX'"9i Ua d'Y. 'A U\_Y'h.Ys  
'Uf] Yg]h]Zci f!X] [ ]h]bi a W]f] ]b]k \]W]h.Y'h]ci g]U]X]g]s  
X] [ ]H]g] ]g]' 'H]a Yg]h.Y'cb]Y]X] [ ]H'G]h]h]h] 'M]ci 'W]b]s  
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**Parent Resources  
Padlet:**

Padlet is an online virtual “bulletin” board, where students and teachers can collaborate, reflect, share links and pictures, in a secure location. Padlet allows users to create a hidden wall with a custom URL. Each school year, the gifted education team creates and sends out at least 4 Padlets.

A link for Padlets is sent via email from your district’s gifted coordinator. If you did not receive the link to the Padlets, please contact your district's gifted coordinator.

October’s Padlet focused on college readiness and can be found here: <https://padlet.com/sazgur/40e2fkwmprc4>

November’s Padlet focused on leadership and can be found here: <https://padlet.com/learninglupi/389fvdx80j1w>

December’s Padlet: Student Opportunities: <https://padlet.com/rodegardsiegele/qclrredpfmwn>

**Library of Resources:**

Each district has parent resource books available for check-out. Book topics include parenting gifted children, understanding perfectionism, emotional intensity, advocacy for gifted children, and executive function skills. Here is the link to view the book titles: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1DLz14UiScKS4V2uWdTe-VMvAjuw63mjJZaLEsEne-4/edit?usp=sharing>



