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Dear Parents/Guardians of Fourth and Fifth Grade Students,

The Manhattan Beach Unified School District's Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) services begin formally in fourth grade. The goal of these services is to provide a challenging curriculum to students capable of achieving significantly beyond the level of their peers. Gifted fourth and fifth grade students will be grouped into clusters during instructional time and will be taught by either a GATE certified teacher or a teacher who is in the process of attaining his/her GATE certificate. The GATE certified teachers have been trained in the use of GATE strategies such as critical and creative thinking techniques, acceleration, depth, complexity, and novelty to differentiate the curriculum for their gifted students..

MBUSD uses the Otis-Lennon School Ability Test (OLSAT) as a key component to qualify students for GATE services. The OLSAT assesses verbal and nonverbal abstract thinking and reasoning abilities. If you wish to have your child considered for GATE identification, he/she needs to take the OLSAT. We will administer the test in the classroom on May 19 at 2:45pm at Robinson.

As we all know, there are many ways to be gifted. Thank you for your support of the MBUSD GATE program.