

Highlights

Five local northwest Arkansas school districts are scheduled have their GT Programs monitored by the ADE in late October. This is an opportunity for these schools to validate and showcase what strong programming and services for gifted students in grades K – 12 are being delivered in our region of the state; no matter what size of district!

The districts are Fayetteville, Huntsville, Pea Ridge, Rogers, and Springdale.

There are multiple options in Northwest Arkansas for students to challenge themselves by participating in academic competitions. In the next three months there are Chess, Robotics, World Trade Expo, Stock Market, Quiz Bowl and ACE tournaments going on in our area. Add to this list the formation of Odyssey of the Mind, AGQBA, and CAAS teams preparing for spring 2015 tournaments and it is even more impressive. It is essential that gifted students test the limits of their abilities beyond their local school’s curriculum. Participation in academic challenges broadens a student’s range of impact as well as exposure to team work, application of self-motivation, and the discovery of winning and /or losing gracefully.

Calendar

Oct. 7 AP Coordinators CIV meeting

Oct. 14 NWA MATH DAY event

Oct. 18 Fall Open Chess Tournament

Oct. 18 BEST Robotics 1st competition

Oct. 21 - 31 5 NWA districts / GT Program

 Monitoring visit

Oct. 23 ACE 4 practice games

Nov. 13 – 16 NAGC Convention in Baltimore, MD

Nov. 21 JBU World Trade EXPO Live Event

 Bentonville, Walmart Headquarters

Nov. 26-28 Thanksgiving Vacation

Dec. 1 NWA Middle School Quiz Bowl

 Tournament@ CUMC

Dec. 2 NWA Elementary Quiz Bowl

 Tournament @ CUMC

Dec. 4 ACE games 1 & 2

Dec. 5 & 6 BEST Robotics State Championship

Dec. 9 ACE game 3

Dec. 15 Monthly GT Program Coordinators

 Meeting for December

Dec. 20 Winter Break Vacation

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