



# GATE SHOWCASE

# A.E. WRIGHT MIDDLE SCHOOL

FEBRUARY 13, 2024

6:00 – 7:30 PM

**GATE webpage: [lvusd.org/aewright](http://lvusd.org/aewright)**



# OUR TEAM

**Dr. Mike Roberts** - Director, Ed. Services

**Scott Foli** - Principal

**Laila Jorns** - Assistant Principal

**Sherry Miller** - District Psychologist



**Ryan Bostrom** - 8th Science

**Julie Herrera** - 6th Science

**Megan Holman** - 6th & 8th ELA/SS

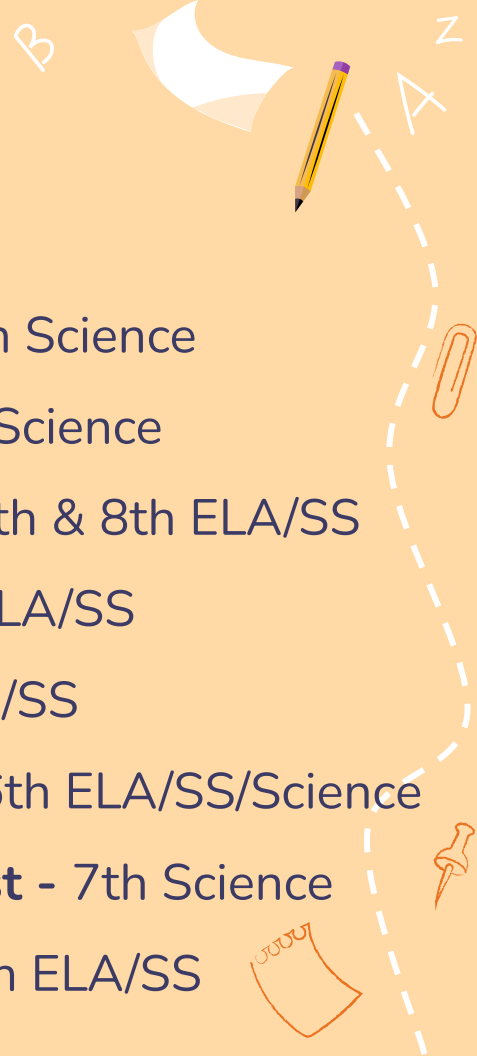
**Darci Miller** - 7th ELA/SS

**Julie Paik** - 7th ELA/SS

**Rebecca Rinaldi** - 6th ELA/SS/Science

**Juliana Servin-West** - 7th Science

**Hayley Tepper** - 8th ELA/SS



# TONIGHT'S AGENDA

6:00-6:30: Program Overview

6:30-7:15: Student Panels

7:15-7:30: Meet and Greet  
(Optional)



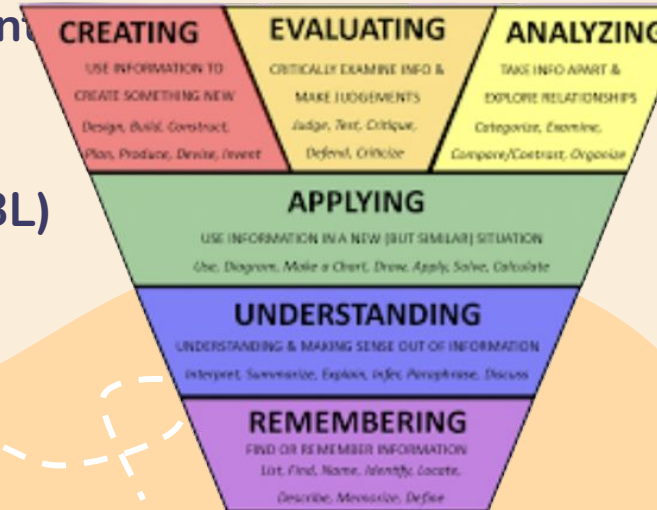
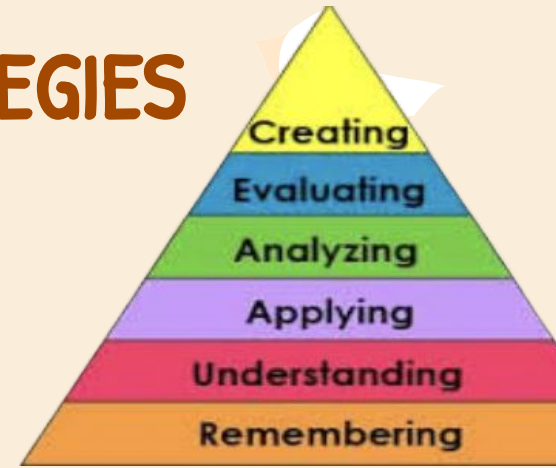


# LVUSD GATE PHILOSOPHY

The philosophy of the middle school GATE program is to provide a learning environment that focuses on the use of depth, complexity, acceleration, and novelty to enhance student learning. By cohorting like-minded peers, intrinsic motivation and positive self-image develop in a safe environment. Students are encouraged to work outside of their comfort zone and take academic risks that create intellectual leadership, courage, resilience, and humility.

# GATE INSTRUCTIONAL STRATEGIES

- Icons of Depth and Complexity
- Integrated courses (Language Arts & Social Science)
- Universal Concepts (change, systems...)
- Independent research
- Complex problem-based student-centered assignments
- Socratic Seminars
- Scholarly Pursuits
- Problem-Based Learning/Project-Based Learning (PBL)
- Bloom's Taxonomy



# CLASSROOM EXAMPLES

Language  
Arts

Social  
Studies

Science





# TYPICAL DAY AT AEW AS A GATE STUDENT



## With your GATE cohort

- English Language Arts
- Social Studies
- Science

## With the AEW population

- Leveled Math
- Physical Wellness (PE)
- Elective



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# EXAMPLES OF RECENT FIELD TRIPS

6th

7th

8th

Natural History  
Museum

Getty Villa



Huntington Gardens

Getty Center

Will Geer  
Theatricum  
Botanicum



Museum of  
Tolerance

USC Physics  
Festival





# FIELD TRIP MONTAGE




Ronald Reagan Library




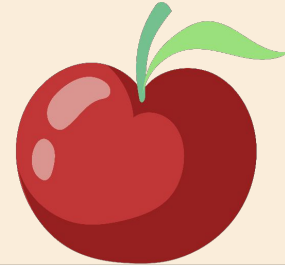
# EXPECTATIONS

- Critical thinking and analysis
- Collaboration
- Daily active participation
- Respect for all
- Atmosphere of curiosity and wonderment



**Challenge and frustration for some as they might have never been asked to think or produce this way before.**


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# STUDENT INVOLVEMENT

## Community within a community

### GATE specific events include:

- Welcome picnic / Carpool coordination
- Holiday get-togethers
- Community service opportunities
- Informational panel with GATE alumni
- Social gatherings /beach trips
- 8th grade graduation party



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# PARENT INVOLVEMENT

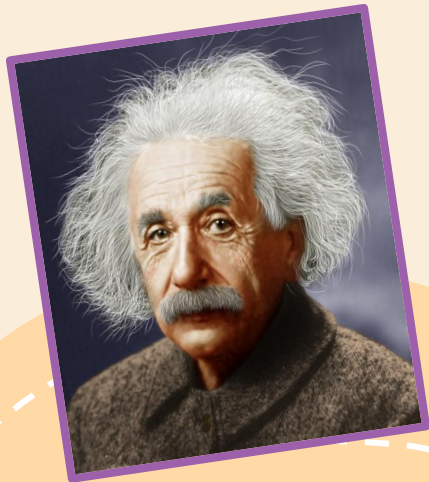
- Association of GATE Parents (AGP) - 2 meetings a year
- Field Trip Chaperones/ Fundraising/ Grade level representatives
- GATE Parent Guest Speakers
- GATE Task Force (2 parent positions - 2 year terms)
- Event Planning/ Committee Membership



Next AGP  
Meeting in  
APRIL!

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**"EDUCATION IS NOT THE LEARNING OF  
FACTS BUT THE TRAINING OF THE MIND TO  
THINK."**



**-ALBERT EINSTEIN**



# NEXT STEPS...

## Commitment to GATE

- March 1, 2024
- Confirm your acceptance by emailing Nina Rawlinson at [nrawlinson@lvusd.org](mailto:nrawlinson@lvusd.org) with your signed letter of acceptance form.

THANKS . . FOR YOUR TIME!



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# STUDENTS SPEAK



I like the unrestrictive nature of most GATE projects, with many of them allowing you to demonstrate your knowledge of a subject in any manner you desire, whether that be creating a song or a 3D model.”

“I like how we talk as a group most of the time. We talk and collaborate a lot.”



“I like the variety of people and how unique you can be. No one will judge you because we are all different.”

I love how we get a lot of choice. On some writing assignments, our teachers give us a broad topic, then we get to choose our specific focus based on our interests”

“I like how I get to know my classmates better because I am in 3 classes with them.”

“I like everything about it but I especially love the teachers, the outside of the box thinking, the community aspect of it, the class discussions/debates, the interactive learning, and the group projects.”



# NEXT STOP

## Parent and Student Panel

\*Last Names\*

## A-G Room S7 (upstairs)

## Follow Jade, Athena, & Lucas

## H-L Room S6 (upstairs)

## Follow Sophie & James

## M-P Room S8 (upstairs)

Follow Bryan & Kinley

## R-Z Room S1 (downstairs)

Follow Caroline, Jordana, & Will

## Optional Meet and Greet

7:15-7:30pm

# Drama Room

