

ASTUMBO ELEMENTARY SEPTEMBER GATE NEWSLETTER WELCOME BACK!!

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GATE Fundraiser

GATE will be sponsoring a dance on Friday, September 25, 2015.

In addition to sponsoring the dance, we would like to sell healthy snacks and provide face painting for the kids. To make this a success, we need your support by providing Gogurt, fruit drinks, fruit snacks, and bottled water. Please send any and all donations to room B103. Funds raised will go to our field trip activities as well as to science and math supplies for our classroom. Thank you for your continued support.

UPCOMING DATES

Thursday, Sept. 3—PTO meeting

GATE will be showcasing some work from the class.

Friday, Sept. 18—Full Day Professional Development; NO SCHOOL

Monday, Sept. 21—GATE Meeting
No GATE classes (classes will be made up in the following days.)

Wednesday, Sept 30—Half-Day Professional Development

Welcome back to a new school year and to the GATE room. This year we will be focusing on STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math). To make this a productive year, we will need the following items:

New or transferred students:

- flashdrive
- Folder (preferably plastic)
- Composition notebook
- Bottle of glue that will stay in the GATE room
- Earphones or headphones for computer activities and tutorials in a zip-locked baggie labeled with student name

Returning students:

- **bottle of glue that will stay in the GATE room**
- **Earphones or headphones for computer activities and tutorials in a zip-locked baggie labeled with student name (ONLY IF THEY TOOK THEIR EARPHONES OR HEADPHONES HOME LAST YEAR)**
- **Folder (ONLY IF THEY TOOK THEIR FOLDER HOME LAST YEAR)**

ALL STUDENTS (these are donations and are not required, but are highly appreciated)

- a roll of paper towel for experiments and paper mache'
- Duct tape for art projects
- Bottle caps and plastic lids
- Binder clips (any size will do)

GATE MATH VISITS

Ms. Ophelia Orak, our resident GATE math specialist, will be conducting math classes for our 4th and 5th grade students. 4th grade is scheduled for every 3rd Friday of the month and 5th grade will have classes with her every 1st Wednesday of the month. She will be focusing on math strategies rooted in Common Core math standards for 4th and 5th grade levels but will teach it GATE style.