

The Time of COVID-19



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What an incredible time we are living -- a point that will go down in history books. A time that will be associated to all the major world impacts that have happened through time. Each person has or will have a story to share for years to come about the Coronavirus Pandemic - uncharted territory of the unknown - "learn as we go" time period. Many jobs are "on hold," "stay at home" orders in place throughout the world, an increase in 'essential' jobs, a demand for Personal Protection Equipment (PPE), a disease at least 3 times more contagious than the flu and more deadly, forcing schools to switch to remote learning. Our daily habits, traditions, and activities have had to change or stop altogether. One thing is sure, the more positive we remain, the better we feel. Even in the darkest of times, keep looking forward to the day this pandemic is over. By the end, the whole world will have learned some of the best life lessons that come through experience. The hardest experiences tend to create the greatest depths in knowledge. In the meantime, we adapt while keeping our families and students as top priority. We will do whatever it takes to make sure academic learning continues and at the same time, helping one another keep up good morale to support the social-emotional aspects of life. Our jobs can be daunting, again because of the unknown. Know YOU CAN DO THIS! Learn through mistakes - what works for one may not work for another. Be willing to adjust to meet the needs of your students the best way you can. Stay focused, stay safe, stay healthy, stay POSITIVE! Things in life are temporary and this, too, shall pass.

In this "Special" edition of Pep Talk, you will find resources for information and online instruction, some humor, and ideas for Family Fun Fridays - dinner and a movie! Our monthly game giveaway will continue. We will contact the winners and make arrangements for how to get the game to them. So, go ahead and enter the contest. Everyone who enters, whether winning or not, will be entered in the final contest at the end of May. That award includes a \$50 gifted card to an education store in your area.

Go to: www.ecoesc.org for updated information on COVID-19 as well as new easier to navigate tabs for your education needs. Many resources for online learning have been uploaded to our website. Check it out!

Sincerely,
Lisa Burrell & Rachel Winters, Gifted Coordinators

Students...

**Need a break from
homework?**

**Try a Scavenger
Hunt!**

Indoor Scavenger Hunt

COLLECT ALL OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS
IN A BAG OR BASKET. CHECK THE BOXES
AS YOU FIND EACH ONE.

- A TOY WITH WHEELS
- A BOOK WITH THE FIRST LETTER OF YOUR NAME IN THE TITLE
- A PAIR OF MATCHING SOCKS
- 4 THINGS THAT ARE GREEN
- SOMETHING VERY SOFT
- A TOY SMALLER THAN YOUR HAND
- SOMETHING ROUND
- A BOOK WITH NUMBERS IN IT
- 5 LEGOS THAT ARE ALL DIFFERENT
- A PHOTO OF SOMEONE YOU LOVE
- AN ITEM YOU CAN SEE YOURSELF IN
- AN ITEM THAT MAKES YOU FEEL COZY
- A TOY THAT HAS 3 DIFFERENT COLORS
- A MOVIE THAT HAS "S" IN THE TITLE
- YOUR SNUGGLIEST STUFFED ANIMAL

Ready for snack? Make sure everything gets put back where it belongs!

Outdoor Scavenger Hunt

COLLECT ALL OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS
IN A BAG OR BASKET. CHECK THE BOXES
AS YOU FIND EACH ONE.

- 5 LEAVES THAT LOOK DIFFERENT
- A STICK THAT IS LONGER THAN YOUR HAND
- A ROCK WITH SPOTS ON IT
- A FLOWER
- A FLAT ROCK
- 10 BLADES OF GRASS
- SOMETHING YOU LOVE TO PLAY WITH
- A PIECE OF TRASH YOU CAN RECYCLE
- SOMETHING THAT IS BROWN
- SOMETHING THAT IS HEAVY
- SOMETHING THAT IS VERY LIGHT
- SOMETHING THAT NEEDS SUN TO LIVE
- AN ITEM SMALLER THAN YOUR THUMB
- SOMETHING THAT STARTS WITH "M"
- SOMETHING THAT SMELLS GOOD

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Scavenger Hunt Challenge:

**Make your own: but
each item must start
with the same letter!**

Remote Learning: Recommended Resources by Gifted Coordinators

criticalthinking.com, you can sign up for a weekly puzzle in one or all of the levels of PK, K-2, 3-5 and 6-8.

Byrdseed.com - has many articles, lessons, weekly puzzles, some free some for a fee

Art at Home activities -

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Mw56seneERble2TqiBrR4eXqr7mp102BIY-HXgocK0s/edit?usp=sharing>

<http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Student-Supports/Coronavirus/Ohio%E2%80%99s-Remote-Learning-Resources>

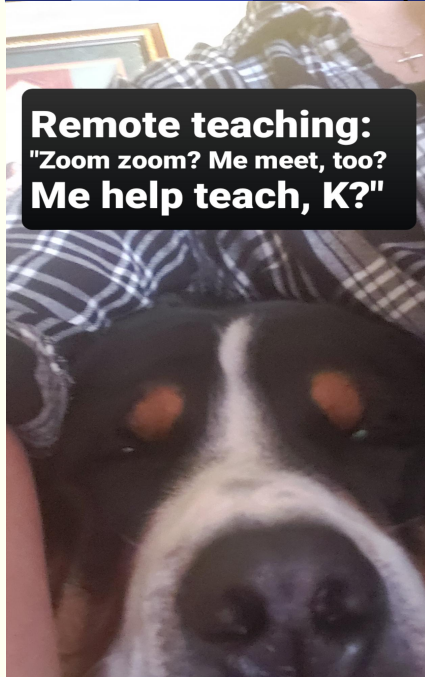
<http://blog.prufrock.com/blog/2012/11/1/>

[Stretch-your-gifted-students-brains-with-logic-puzzles](#) - includes links to logic puzzles and more!

Don't forget your own self-care!

Mindfulness exercises for educators:

<https://freespiritpublishingblog.com/2017/10/30/mindfulness-strategies-for-educators/>



Remote teaching:
"Zoom zoom? Me meet, too?
Me help teach, K?"



Fun Fridays Movie List

"October Sky:" John Hickam (Chris Cooper) is a West Virginia coal miner who loves his job and expects his sons, Jim (Scott Miles) and Homer (Jake Gyllenhaal), to follow in his footsteps. But Jim gets a football scholarship, and Homer becomes interested in rocket science after seeing Sputnik 1 crossing the sky. John disapproves of his son's new mania, but Homer begins building rockets with the help of friends and a sympathetic teacher (Laura Dern). Rocketry, he hopes, will prove his ticket to a better life.

"August Rush:" A musically gifted orphan, Evan (Freddie Highmore), runs away from his orphanage and searches New York City for his birth parents. On his journey, he's taken under the wing of the Wizard (Robin Williams), a homeless man who lives in an abandoned theater. After discovering his talent, the Wizard gives Evan the name "August Rush" and devises a plan to profit from his talent. Little does Evan know that his parents, Lyla (Keri Russell) and Louis (Jonathan Rhys Meyers), are searching for him too.

"It's the Easter Beagle, Charlie Brown!" - A short classic film to celebrate Easter.

"Billy Elliot" - Billy, son of a miner in England, never expected to like ballet dancing, but when he finds himself attending ballet class at the local gym instead of boxing, he's hooked. Set during the mining strikes of the 1980s, Billy finds the courage to follow his dream in the midst of chaos.

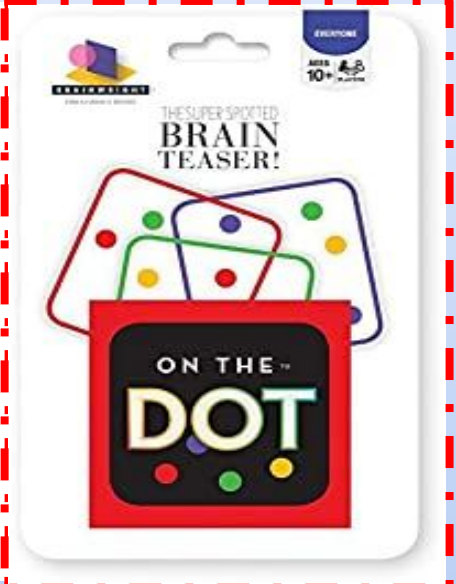
More here: <https://www.hoagiesgifted.org/movies.htm>



Monthly Game Giveaway! "On the DOT"

The Super Spotted Brain Teaser

A card representing a combination of several colored dots is placed on the table. Each user has 4 transparent plastic cards also with colored dots in different positions and has to superimpose them to obtain the same combination as the card on the table. This is done by rotating and flipping the cards and trying them in different orders. One difficulty is that you will have to hide some of the dots on cards you placed underneath, to obtain the right combination. The first player to match the pattern shouts 'Vitrail!' (or 'On the Dot!' or 'En el Punto!') and if their copy is correct they win the card. The game can also be played solo, by seeing how many cards you can re-create in a set amount of time.



Register to Win!

the monthly game giveaway...
Email your name and school
district by:

April 24
to:

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Or

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Just for Fun: Classroom Bloopers

3rd grade science:

Teacher: "If you had a dog and he lost his sense of smell, how could he find his food?"

Gifted Student: "Well, two things would happen: 1. He would have to look for his food, and 2. He wouldn't have any friends because, you know, dogs have sniff backends to make friends."

4th grade:

Teacher: Ohio's mineral is Flint.

Gifted Student: I thought flint is what you find in your belly button.

Gifted Student to orchestra teacher:

"Did you know modern electronics allow orchestra leaders to work part-time? They are called 'semi-conductors.'"

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Congratulations!

To Our MARCH
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Kim Wheeler
From East Guernsey
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As schools across the country move to remote learning, the ECOESC is hosting weekly Peer-to-Peer Zoom meetings. This is an opportunity to share ideas and resources, engage in dialogue, and hear best practices from your colleagues across our five county ESC—from your own home! Click the link below then click to register: [Peer to Peer Network Meetings](#)

Primary (K-2) – Thursday, April 23, 1:00-2:00pm (weekly thereafter)

Intermediate (3-5) – Tuesday, April 21, 2:00-3:00pm (weekly thereafter)

Middle School (6-8) – Thursday, April 30, 1:00-2:00 (later dates TBD)

High School (Math, Science, and Technology) – Thursday, April 23, 1:00-2:00 (later dates TBD)

High School (ELA and Social Studies) – Tuesday, April 21, 12:30-1:30 (weekly thereafter)

Visual and Performing Arts (K-12) – Wednesday, April 22, 12:00-1:00pm (later dates TBD)

Health and Physical Education (K-12) – Thursday, April 23, 12:00-1:00pm (later dates TBD)