

Glen Ridge Middle School

G & T NEWSLETTER

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Our G&T Program

Via the G&T program, eligible middle school students are exposed to accelerated content and diverse learning opportunities that develop creativity and research skills. These enrichment experiences strive to broaden knowledge, stimulate intellectual curiosity, emphasize the process of learning, and encourage critical and divergent thinking through problem solving. Students will also further build collaborative skills through teamwork and group projects.

Pull-Out G&T Schedule

Students participating in pull-out G&T meet weekly, while their period 8 semester elective classes have a study hall. This means participants do not miss instruction in another class.



8th Grade G&T Period 8 Wednesdays Room 214

7th Grade G&T Period 8 Thursdays Room 214

Responsibilities & Expectations

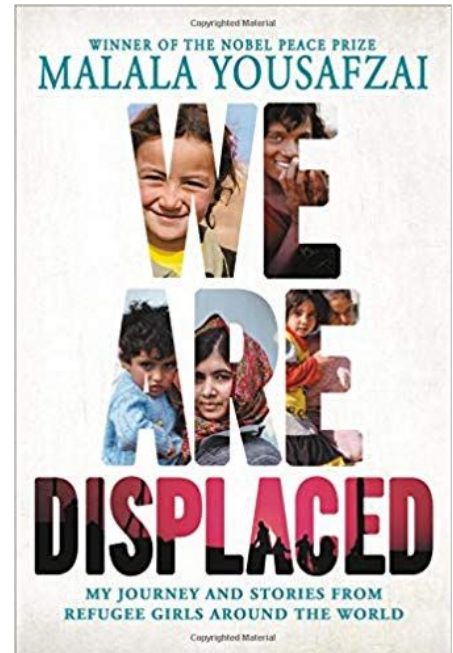
Regular attendance and active participation are essential to getting the most out of the G&T experience. Students are expected to report to all scheduled sessions in a timely manner and to engage in all activities. A portion of the student's G&T grade will be based on this participation.

G&T classwork, homework, and projects will all be graded and these grades will appear in Skyward and on the student's report card. Grades earned in G&T count towards eligibility for Honor Roll and High Honor roll.

An Intro to Human Rights

To provide some background and context for our upcoming Junior version of Model United Nations, we began this year by reading portions of the book *We Are Displaced* by Malala Yousafzai. In this book by Nobel Peace Prize winner and author of *I am Malala*, G&T students have been introduced to a sampling of real life stories of people who have been forced to flee their homes for a variety of reasons beyond their control.

Together we read and discussed the first six chapters, which overview Malala's own experience first as an internally displaced person (IDP) and then as a refugee after being shot for defying the Taliban in her homeland Pakistan. Today Malala works continues to fight for girls' right to an education among other human rights issues.



Next students are focusing in on one of the other stories outlined in the book. These are first person accounts from individuals that Malala came to know in her work as an international activist and in her visits to various refugee camps. Students are preparing short presentations to share their assigned refugee stories with the rest of the group and broaden our understanding.

Things to look forward to in MS G&T this year:

- **Fermi Questions** - Students practice doing fast, rough estimates in response to unusual math questions that are difficult or impossible to measure directly.
- **Escape Rooms** - Students develop and design themed puzzles and challenges for classmates to problem solve, decipher in an effort to “unlock” and “escape.”
- **Junior Model U.N.** - Teams of delegates represent chosen countries and research current issues that they will debate and develop possible solutions.

