



Glen Ridge Middle School G&T Newsletter

OUR G&T PROGRAM

Middle School G&T exposes participating students 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 also further build collaborative skills through teamwork and group projects.

Students participating in MS G&T meet weekly, while period 8 cycle classes have study hall. This schedule means participants are not missing instruction in another class.

8th Grade G&T – Meets Wednesdays Period 8

7th Grade G&T – Meets Thursdays Period 8

Slogans and Logos

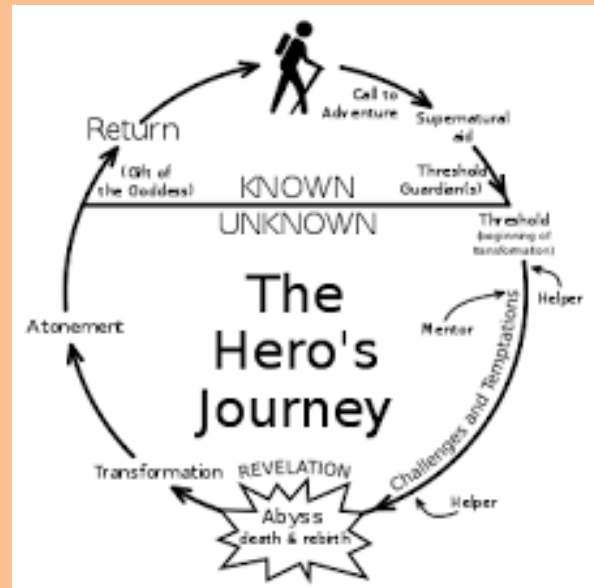
To get things started this year we are learning about logos and slogans. We began by discussing the meaning behind some familiar corporate logos and slogans. This involved examining the imagery and design chosen to convey a certain message.



Students are tasked with designing their own personal logos and slogans. This involves not only coming up with a creative design, but lots of self-reflection on how they wish to be perceived by others and this message can best be conveyed.

THE HERO'S JOURNEY

The Hero's Journey refers to a pattern identified by scholar Joseph Campbell that appears in many literary works. Students will analyze how the hero archetype exists in familiar stories such as Star Wars, Lion King, and Wizard of Oz.



Once familiar with this recurring pattern of a main character who goes out on an adventure, overcomes an adversary and achieves something special, students will be tasked with developing a Hero's Journey story of their own.

Enrichment Opportunities

Gifted students can further enrich their learning via extra-curricular activities. Consider these:

Book Club – Read books of your choice and meet to discuss them and take part in related activities.

Math Counts – Engage in math enrichment involving games and social interaction.

Newspaper – The Journalist, our school newspaper has a Middle School section and is looking for writers & photographers to represent.

See Middle School section of the school website for a full list and who to contact if interested.