



This newsletter is to convey information and opportunities about Gifted and Talented services. For questions about elementary services, please contact [Lindsay Arnett](#). For questions about middle/high services, please contact [Kathy Carver](#).

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Elementary GT Spotlight - Gauge Clark

Primary Talent Pool student, Gauge Clark was the youngest student published in PressPoint- Journal of Creativity (Issue 3, 2017) with his entry- If I Were President. This is not surprising as Gauge has demonstrated his creative writing abilities at a young age with back to back wins at the annual Young Authors Festival, winning at both the school and district level for his grade.

His interests include writing, drawing and anything sports related, especially baseball, football and basketball. Gauge is the 8 year old son of Phillip and Heather Clark of Madisonville and is currently a 3rd grader at Hanson Elementary School.

Middle-High GT Spotlight - Abigail Center

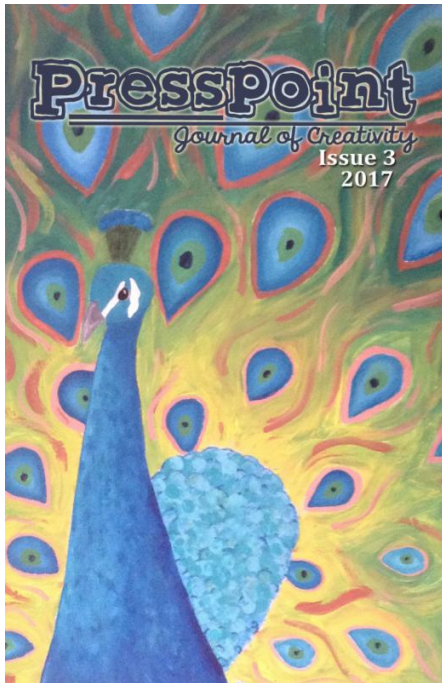
Abigail Center said she became interested in drawing at home. Her interest in the area grew over time, but it wasn't until the end of her 6th grade year that she realized she had some talent. Her teachers realized it earlier as she was identified in GT Art in elementary school. Carrying around her sketchpad proved that practice was, indeed, valuable. "She has a creative brain that allows her to draw unbelievably," said Mr. Jeremy Gobin, BSMS Yearbook Advisor.

Abigail submitted three pieces of art for the 2017 edition of PressPoint, all three were chosen for publication, one piece was selected for the honor of cover.



Mr. Jason Clark, Principal, made the official announcement during lunch at Browning Springs last May. He called her up and congratulated her publicly on the achievement where she received a round of applause and received her copy of PressPoint. When asked how that made her feel she responded with a shy-like, "embarrassed!" Abigail is multi-talented and juggles a jam-packed schedule. She currently plays soccer for Madisonville North Hopkins High School girls' team, serves as the President of BSMS BETA Club, BSMS Yearbook Staff, and has an array of other activities. Abigail devotes time to helping others with Math and doesn't mind to explain how she uniquely understands the concepts if that means others can relate.

Abigail is the 13 year old daughter of Doug and Stacy Center of Madisonville and is currently an 8th grader at Browning Springs Middle School.



PressPoint

PressPoint is a journal of creativity by students, age 18 and under, in the Hopkins County School System. Submissions are accepted annually via the convenient online [form submission](#) feature. Please complete all areas completely.

We seek original submissions that are bold, unique, and highly detailed. We encourage all ages to submit work. A review panel will select pieces for publication and a copy of the publication will be provided to those whose work is published.

Distribution of copies will be in late April and will be delivered to Language Arts teachers. Remember to send only original work and beware of copyright laws. Questions?

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Deadline: January 31, 2018

For more information, visit [PressPoint on the Hopkins County Schools Website](#)



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We need you to come up with a challenging, yet fun course to teach at MCC for two Saturdays in January. You will even **GET PAID!**

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Don't Forget the Areas of Giftedness

Primary Talent Pool (K-3)

General Intellectual Ability

Specific Academic Aptitude

Language Arts, Math, Science, and Social Studies

Creative and Divergent Thinking

Leadership ability

Visual and Performing Arts

Art, Dance, Drama, and Music



[Learn more about the Hopkins County Schools Gifted Program](#)

Gifted Student versus High Achieving Student

- A bright child knows the answer; the gifted learner asks the questions.
- A bright child works hard to achieve; the gifted learner knows without working hard.
- A bright child enjoys school; the gifted learner enjoys self-directed learning.
- A bright child has a fine imagination; the gifted learner uses the imagination to experiment with ideas and hunches.



[Click here for the entire article](#)

Taibbi, C. (2012, January 29). The "Bright Child" vs. the "Gifted Learner": What's the Difference? Retrieved September 01, 2017, from <https://www.psychologytoday.com/blog/gifted-ed-guru/201201/the-bright-child-vs-the-gifted-learner-whats-the-difference>



Gifted Education Blogs

According to his website, Ian Byrd taught gifted students in Garden Grove, California where he grew up as a gifted kid. On his journey to become a teacher, he earned a degree in Computer Science, briefly played bass in an almost successful rock band, and married a fashion designer. He writes about gifted education at Byrdseed.com to an audience of over 30,000 monthly visitors and develop videos at Byrdseed.TV.

[The Gifted Guru](#). Her real name is Lisa Van Gemert (pronounced "gammert"). She is an educator by training, and she is a Giftedland native - she was a gifted student, she has raised three gifted kids, and she has taught gifted students. The gifted trifecta!

Useful Links

[Methods of Differentiation](#)

[Serving Gifted Students in Regular Ed Classrooms](#)

Differentiated Instruction: Resource Roundup

Differentiation at Different Points in the Lesson

Examples of Ways to Differentiate - Database (Multiple Grade Levels)



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