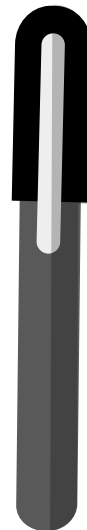
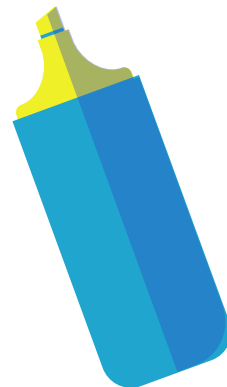
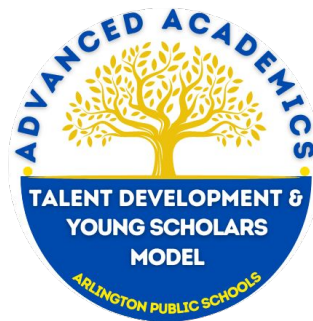
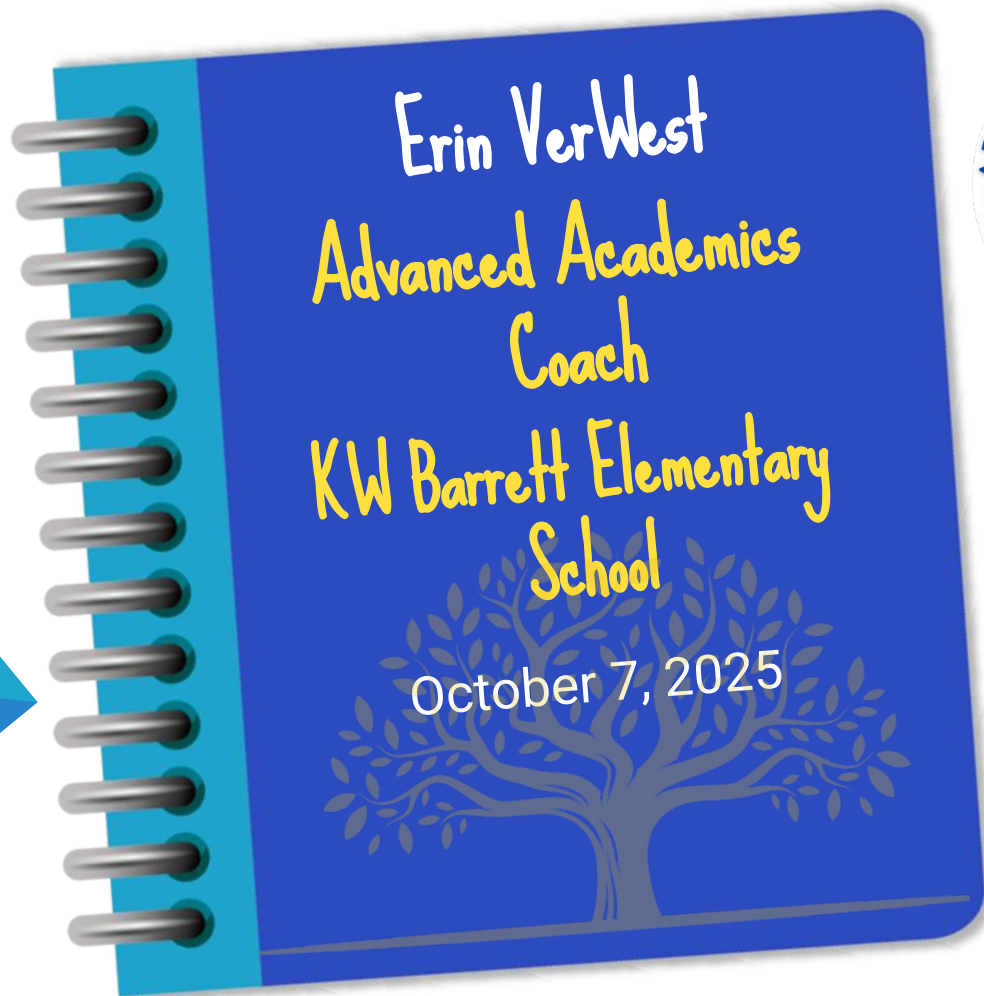




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A bit about me:



Please jot down any questions you may have during the presentation. You may include them in an email or use the QR code to record questions on a Google form.



If I cannot address your question during the presentation, I will follow up:

- please include your name
- your child's name (if applicable)
- your contact information
- the best time for me to reach you.

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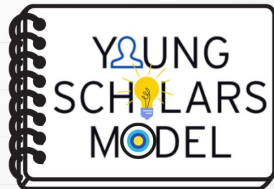
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Objectives:



- Provide an overview of advanced academics at KW Barrett Elementary.



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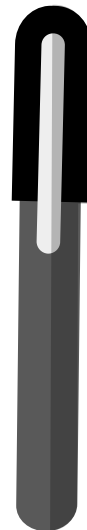
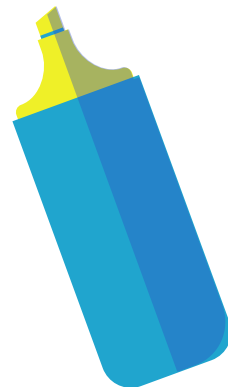
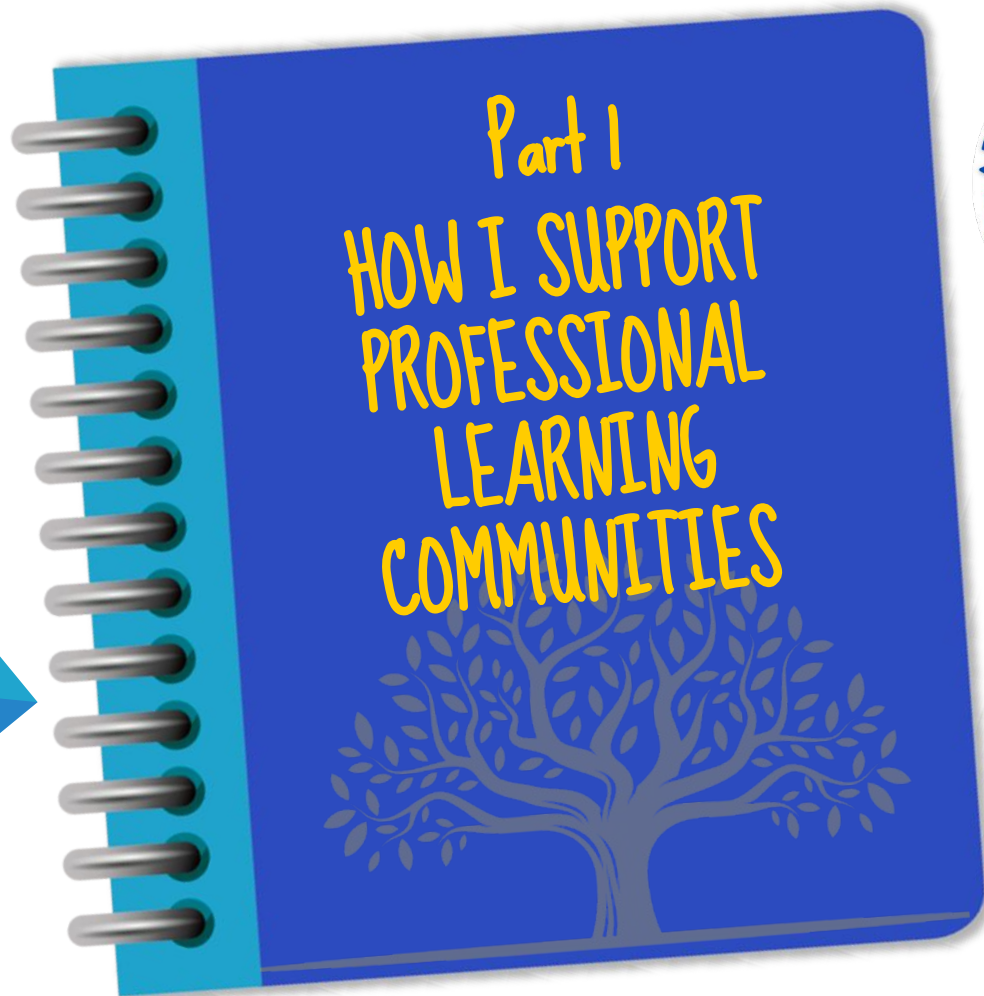
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PROFESSIONAL LEARNING COMMUNITIES



Four Key Questions Focus
Us on Learning-

- 1 What is it we expect our students to learn?
- 2 How will we know when they have learned it?
- 3 How will we provide time and support when they don't learn it?
- 4 How will we extend learning when they already know it or learn it quickly?



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COLLABORATIVE TEACHING



Collaborative Teaching
may involve:



- Whole group team modeling for, and/or teaching with, classroom teachers
- Supporting small groups in classroom, coordinated and co-planned with classroom teacher
- Flexible grouping, which may be determined by
 - Needs of students and/or the classroom teacher
 - Difficulty of unit/topic

Critical & Creative Thinking Framework



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K-12 Critical and Creative Thinking Models & Strategies

Critical Thinking Teaching Models

- Concept Development Model (Change, Patterns, Systems, Perspective, Cause/Effect)
- Future Problem Solving
- Jacob's Ladder
- Paul's Reasoning Model
- Problem-Based Learning
- Project-Based Learning
- Research Model
- Socratic Seminar
- William and Mary Teaching Models (Vocabulary & Literature Web, Persuasive Writing, Analyzing a Historical Situation)

Creative Thinking Models

- Creative Problem Solving (CPS)
- SCAMPER

Categories of Thinking Strategies

Decisions and Outcomes

- Habits of Mind
- PMI
- Visualization

Making Connections

- Analogies
- Encapsulation
- FFOE (Fluency, Flexibility, Originality, Elaboration)
- Mind-Mapping
- Synectics

Point of View (Different Perspectives)

- Debates
- deBono's Hats
- RAFT
- Socratic Seminar/Junior Great Books
- Structured Academic Controversy

Questioning

- Question Formulation Technique (QFT)
- Levels of Questioning
- Revised Bloom's Taxonomy

RESOURCES FOR RIGOR

Math

Hands-On Equations

Project M² and Project M³

Project A³: Awesome, Advanced Activities

William and Mary Math Units

Social Studies

William and Mary Social Studies Units

The DBQ Project

Primary Source Documents (Library of Congress)

English Language Arts

William and Mary Literature Units

Jacob's Ladder Resources

Caesar's English Resources

Schoolwide Enrichment

Model-Reading (SEM-R) Framework

Vanderbilt Interdisciplinary Units

Science

William and Mary Problem-Based Science Units

Project Clarion Science Units

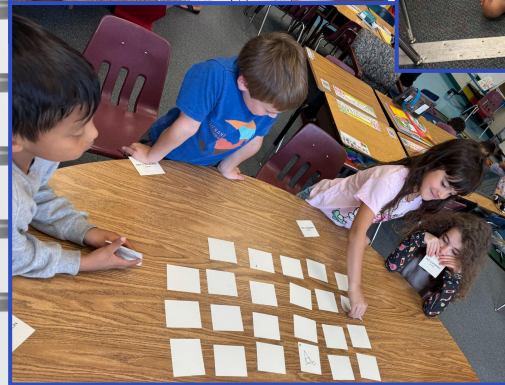
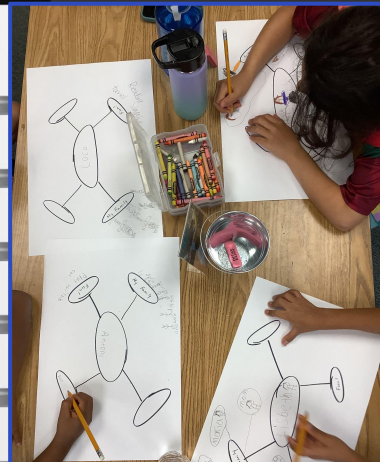
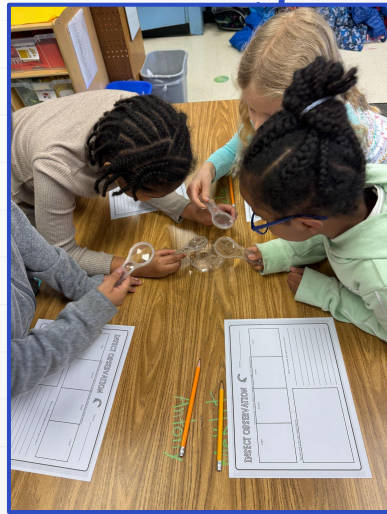
Vanderbilt Interdisciplinary Units

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Advanced Academics & Talent Development at KW Barrett Elementary



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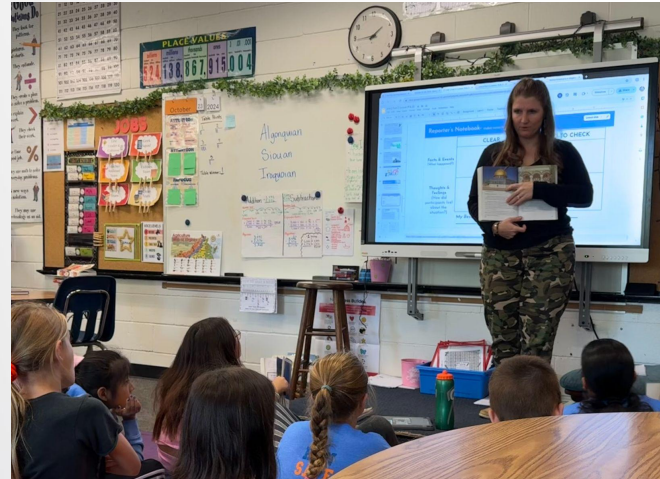
COLLABORATIVE TEACHING

Differentiated Instruction &
Critical and Creative
Teaching Strategy



PROFESSIONAL LEARNING & COACHING

Modeling, Coaching, and
Building Capacity



CLASSROOM SUPPORT GRADES K-5



- Collaboratively plan and model Critical and Creative Thinking (CCT) strategies and Resources for Rigor with teachers
- Build capacity for teachers to replicate similar strategies and resources in the future
- Working with teachers to find and nurture historically underrepresented populations within gifted education (Young Scholars)

COMMUNICATION

- Differentiation Record Form quarterly report to parents for identified students in grades K-5
- Quarterly newsletter highlighting advanced academics work at Barrett

- Family information sessions (at least two: Fall and Spring) & Conferences
- Ongoing collaboration between AAC-classroom-home
- <https://barrett.apsva.us/programs-services/gifted-services/>
- @kwbarrettthinks



Getting Connected: APS Advanced Academics



- APS Gifted Services Website
www.apsva.us/giftedservices



- @aps_advanced_academics



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Parent Advisory Committee for Advanced Academics



Arlington Public School's
Parent Advocacy Group
Part of Advisory Council on
Teaching and Learning

Meets Monthly from
7:00-8:30

If you are interested in
serving on this committee
and/or attending a meeting,
please contact the chairs-
John Schaus & Mary
Wierzbicki

PARENT RESOURCES

- Virginia Association
for the Gifted (VAG)
<http://www.vagifted.org>



- National Association
for the Gifted (NAGC)

<http://nagc.org>



- Supporting Emotional
Needs of the Gifted
(SENG)

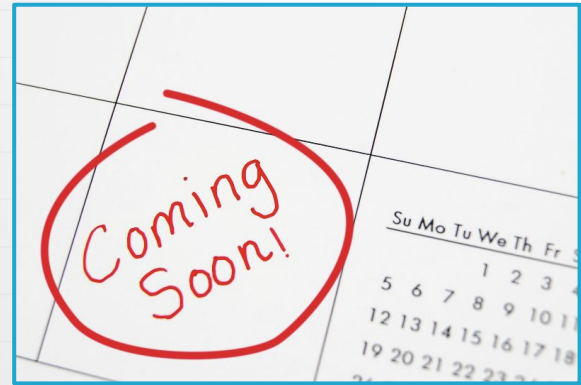
<http://sengifted.org>



Screening and Identification Information Session



I will hold a session about the screening and identification process for gifted identification on February 3, 2026.



Screening and Identification Information Session



- APS screens entire school population by...
 - Universal Screeners
 - Academic Performance
 - Student Conferences
 - Growth Portfolios
 - Products / Process
- Referrals can be made by teachers, parents, community leaders, and students

Screening Timeline

Fall & Winter	Parent Information Meeting Fall - Services, Winter- Identification	AAC
November	Universal Screeners for grades 1 (NNAT), 2 (CogAT) and new to APS without an abilities score (CogAT)	Testing Coordinator, AAC
Ongoing	Communication to parent Collection of student work	AAC, classroom teachers, specialists
February	Communication to staff on process	AAC
February - May	Collection of Data: draft Gifted Behavior Commentary (GBC), work samples	AAC, classroom teachers, specialists
February- May	Collection of Data: testing, parent information forms, letters to parents	AAC
May-June	ID Meetings: Review of data and completions of school GBC	School team: administrator, teacher, AAC, specialists, counselor (etc)
June - August	Appeals Level 1 and Level 2	Level 1: Principal Level 2: County wide

WHAT
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