



TAG - Talented & Gifted School For Young Scholars Parent Teacher Association

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Dear incoming parents:

Welcome to the G&T program! We are the kindergarten parents of TAG and are honored to have the opportunity to introduce you to our school.

A year ago we were going through the same experience, feeling at times overwhelmed, confused, and uncertain. But by either luck or design, we ended up at TAG and have subsequently formed a very close bond with each other. We love our school and hope that you will join us on this inspirational journey of education. Our children are happy here and every day we are amazed by how much they have learned and grown. This will be evident as you walk down our hallway or peek inside our K classrooms. Our teachers and administrators, with the financial support of our parents, are dedicated to providing dynamic educational programs that help our children achieve their full potential. It is truly a team effort.

Below is a brief summary of our school and our K program.

- TAG has the most diverse student body of the five citywide G&T schools.
- 564 students: 33% Asian, 25% Black, 20% Hispanic, 16% multi-racial, 15% White, 4% American Indian or Alaskan and 1% are Hawaiian/Pacific Islander.
- Our students come from every borough of NYC: 43% Manhattan, 37% Bronx, 14% Queens, 5% Brooklyn, and 1% Staten Island.
- Two K classes; 25 students in each; total enrollment of 50.
- The two K classes share one Assistant Teacher.
- We use Singapore Math.
- In addition to Math and ELA (English Language Arts, aka reading), K students receive instruction in music, art, gym, science, technology, and chess at least once a week.
- Our school day starts at 8:05am and ends at 2:25pm.
- We have a free onsite afterschool program run by the YMCA; it operates from 2:25pm-6pm.
- We established a new swim program this year for grades 1 through 4; students will receive one hour a week of swim instruction at the Dwight School located at 109th St and 1st Ave.
- Public yellow buses provide free service to TAG students who live in select Manhattan locations.
- Private buses operate in Queens, Washington Heights, and the Bronx.
- Students wear uniforms.

If you have further questions, please reach out to us at tagkparents@gmail.com or visit our PTA website at www.tagscholarspta.org. We look forward to meeting you in person and wish you all the best as you embark on this exciting journey!

Warmest regards,

TAG Kindergarten Parents