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## Bellflower Unified School District GATE Enrichment Program for Students (Grades 3-6)

The Bellflower Unified School District is proudly offering a six week Gate Enrichment Program for the second and third trimester this school year. Students have the opportunity to participate in one of the enrichment classes listed below per trimester.

The classes are held at sites throughout the district. Parents are responsible for transporting their student to and from the class. Students will be accepted on a first come, first served basis. You may return the enclosed permission slip for both sessions to your school office or log onto <http://goo.gl/cTuV5i> by Friday, December 12, 2014.

During the winter session, classes will be held January 26, 2015 through March 6, 2015 with a make-up week to accommodate holidays or instructor absence (if any) during March 9-13, 2015.

During the spring session, classes will be held March 16, 2016 through May 1, 2015 with a make-up week to accommodate instructor absence (if any) during May 4-8, 2015. No classes will be held during Spring Break, April 6-10, 2015.

**Exploring Computer Science, Grades: 4-6: An introduction to computer science using drag and drop programming. Students will also use video games and to illustrate programming concepts.**

**Location:** Mayfair High School, Room 704.

**Winter Session Dates:** Monday, January 26, February 2, 9, 23, March 2, & 9. All classes will be held from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**Spring Session Dates:** Thursday, March 19, 26, April 2, 16, 23 & 30. All classes will be held from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**Learning History through Board Games, Grades: 5 & 6: Students will increase their knowledge, vocabulary, and geography of historical events and eras.**

**Winter Session Location:** Washington Elementary, Room 703.

**Winter Session Dates:** Thursday, February 5, 12, 19, 26, March 5 & 12. All classes will be held from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**Spring Session Location:** Craig Williams Elementary, TBD.

**Spring Session Dates:** Thursday, March 19, 26, April 2, 16, 23 & 30. All classes will be held from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**Mandarin Language & Chinese Culture, Grades: 3-5: Learn the most widely spoken first language in the world, Mandarin. Explore the interesting ancient Chinese Culture.**

**Winter Session Location:** Esther Lindstrom Elementary, TBD.

**Winter Session Dates:** Tuesday, January 27, February 3, 10, 17, 24 & March 3. All classes will be held from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**Spring Session Location:** Frank E. Woodruff Elementary, TBD.

**Spring Session Dates:** Tuesday, March 17, 24, 31, April 14, 22 & 28. All classes will be held from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**Rockin Recorders, Grades: 4-6: Students will learn to correctly play over 30 songs, with a mini concert to be performed at the end of the 6 weeks.**

**Winter Session Location:** Stephen Foster Elementary, Room 42.

**Winter Session Dates:** Monday, January 26, February 2, 9, 23, March 2, & 9. All classes will be held from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**Picture Writing, Grades: 3 & 4: Through the study of quality picture books and hands-on art experiences, students will learn to visualize, “paint pictures with words,” and create their own artistic and literary work.**

**Winter Session Location:** Albert Baxter Elementary, Room 33.

**Winter Session Dates:** Thursday, February 5, 12, 19, 26, March 5 & 12. All classes will be held from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**Mad Science, Grades: 5 & 6: Become a Lab Scientist-in-Training as you study Electricity, Mineral Mania, Photosynthesis, Body Basics, Wacky Weather and much more.**

**Winter Session Location:** Intensive Learning Center, Science Lab

**Winter Session Dates:** Wednesday, January 28, February 4, 11, 18, 25 & March 4. All classes will be held from *2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. (please note difference in time)*

**Spring Session Location:** Ramona Elementary, TBD

**Spring Session Dates:** Wednesday, March 18, 25, April 1, 15, 22 & 29. All classes will be held from *2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. (please note difference in time)*

**Science to Go, Grades: 3 & 4: Hands-on adventure in science, including Engineering Practices, Structures Building, motors, circuits and Magnetism.**

**Winter Session Location:** Ramona Elementary, TBD

**Winter Session Dates:** Wednesday, January 28, February 4, 11, 18, 25 & March 4. All classes will be held from *2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. (please note difference in time)*

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**Bricks4Kidz, Grades: 3-5: Explore architecture, engineering and technology using LEGO bricks while studying space, inventions, famous buildings and natural disasters.**

**Winter Session Location:** Craig Williams Elementary, TBD

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**Spring Session Location:** Albert Baxter Elementary, TBD

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**Spanish Explorers, Grades: 3-6: Learn to count, identify colors and objects, memorize days of the week, verbalize vowels and consonants while learning to read and practice basic salutations such as “Hola” and “Adios.” More advances students will expand their understanding of Latin culture.**

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**Spring Session Dates:** Tuesday, March 17, 24, 31, April 14, 21 & 28. All classes will be held from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**Chess Masters, Grades: 3-6: This course teaches the general rules of play along with advances tactics and strategy for the game of chess. This class is for beginners and advanced players.**

**Winter Session Location:** Ernie Pyle Elementary, TBD

**Winter Session Dates:** Tuesday, January 27, February 3, 10, 17, 24 & March 3. All classes will be held from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**Creative Kids Studio, Grades: 3-6: This program promotes self-expression, interest in the arts, decision making skills and creativity.**

**Winter Session Location:** Thomas Jefferson Elementary, TBD

**Winter Session Dates:** Thursday, February 5, 12, 19, 26, March 5 & 12. All classes will be held from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**Spring Session Location:** Washington Elementary, TBD

**Spring Session Dates:** Friday, March 20, 27, April 17, 24, May 1 & 8. All classes will be held from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**Comic Creators, Grades: 3-6: Explore the wonders of the imagination while going the process of creating your own comic book from start to finish.**

**Spring Session Location:** Thomas Jefferson Elementary, TBD

**Spring Session Dates:** Monday, March 16, 23, 30, April 13, 20 & 27. All classes will be held from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**Spotlight Kids Theatre, Grades: 3-6: This is an acting class that does not use scripts, costumes or props, but instead relies on enhancing the student's imagination, creativity and speaking skills using fun improvisational theatre games.**

**Spring Session Location:** Ernie Pyle Elementary, TBD

**Spring Session Dates:** Monday, March 16, 23, 30, April 13, 20 & 27. All classes will be held from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**OR**

**Spring Session Location:** Esther Lindstrom Elementary, TBD

**Spring Session Dates:** Friday, March 20, 27, April 17, 24, May 1 & 8. All classes will be held from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.



**Bellflower Unified School District**  
**Gate Enrichment Program for Students in grades 3-6**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate your choice below. Use 1 (one) as your first choice and 2 (two) as a second choice. **Return this permission slip to the school office by Friday, December 12, 2014 or you may log onto <http://goo.gl/cTuV5i> and your permission slip will be submitted through a private document.**

**Winter Session Choices: (please indicate first (1), second (2))**

\_\_\_ **Exploring Computer Science, Grades: 4-6.** Mayfair High School, Room 704.

\_\_\_ **Learning History through Board Games, Grades: 5 & 6.** Washington Elementary, Room 703.

\_\_\_ **Mandarin Language & Chinese Culture, Grades: 3-5.** Esther Lindstrom Elementary, TBD.

\_\_\_ **Rockin Recorders, Grades: 4-6.** Stephen Foster Elementary, Room 42.

\_\_\_ **Picture Writing, Grades: 3 & 4.** Albert Baxter Elementary, Room 33.

\_\_\_ **Mad Science, Grades 5 & 6.** Intensive Learning Center, Science Lab.

\_\_\_ **Science to Go, Grades 3 & 4.** Ramona Elementary, TBD.

\_\_\_ **Bricks4Kidz, Grades 3-5.** Craig Williams Elementary, TBD.

\_\_\_ **Spanish Explorers, Grades 3-6.** Frank E. Woodruff Elementary, TBD.

\_\_\_ **Chess Masters, Grade 3-6.** Ernie Pyle Elementary, TBD.

\_\_\_ **Creative Kids Studio, Grades 3-6.** Thomas Jefferson Elementary, TBD.



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\_\_\_\_ **Bricks4Kidz, Grades 3-5.** Albert Baxter Elementary, TBD.

\_\_\_\_ **Spotlight Kids Theatre, Grades 3-6.** Ernie Pyle Elementary, TBD. **OR**

\_\_\_\_ **Spotlight Kids Theatre, Grades 3-6.** Esther Lindstrom Elementary, TBD.

\_\_\_\_ **Mandarin Language & Chinese Culture, Grades: 3-5.** Frank E. Woodruff Elementary, TBD.

\_\_\_\_ **Mad Science, Grades 5 & 6.** Ramona Elementary TBD.

\_\_\_\_ **Creative Kids Studio, Grades 3-6.** Washington Elementary, TBD.

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\_\_\_\_ **Spanish Explorers, Grades 3-6.** Stephen Foster Elementary, TBD.

\_\_\_\_ **Comic Creators, Grades 3-6.** Thomas Jefferson Elementary, TBD.

## WHAT PROGRAMS ARE AVAILABLE FOR MY CHILD?

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### Winter Trimester

Monday: Spanish Explorers (Frank E. Woodruff)  
Monday: Rockin' Recorders (Stephen Foster)  
Monday: Spotlight Kids Theater (Ernie Pyle)  
Monday: Exploring Computer Science (Mayfair HS)  
Tuesday: Chess Masters (Ernie Pyle)  
Tuesday: Mandarin Class and Culture (Esther Lindstrom)  
Wednesday: Discovery Science Center, Grades 3 & 4 (Ramona)  
Wednesday: Mad Science, Grades 5 & 6 (ILC)  
Thursday: History through Board Games, Grades 5 & 6 (Washington)  
Thursday: Picture Writing: Artist/Writer Workshop (Albert Baxter)  
Thursday: Bricks for Kids (Craig Williams)  
Thursday: Creative Kids Studio (Thomas Jefferson)

### Spring Trimester

Monday: Spotlight Kids Theater (Ernie Pyle)  
Monday: Comic Creators (Thomas Jefferson)  
Tuesday: Spanish Explorers (Stephen Foster)  
Tuesday: Mandarin Class and Culture (Frank E. Woodruff)  
Wednesday: Mad Science, Grades 5 & 6 (Ramona)  
Wednesday: Discovery Science Center, Grades 3 & 4 (ILC)  
Thursday: Bricks for Kids (Albert Baxter)  
Thursday: History through Board Games, Grades 5 & 6 (Craig Williams)  
Thursday: Exploring Computer Science (Mayfair HS)  
Friday: Creative Kids Studio (Washington)  
Friday: Spotlight Kids Theater (Esther Lindstrom)

**More information can be found on each class:**  
[www.busd.k12.ca.us/parents.htm](http://www.busd.k12.ca.us/parents.htm)



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## GATE ENRICHMENT PROGRAM



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With regard to excellence, it is not enough to know, but  
we must try to have and use it. – Aristotle

# WHAT IS THE GATE ENRICHMENT PROGRAM?



The BUSD GATE Program is for students in third through sixth grades.

The Bellflower Unified School District proudly offers the GATE Enrichment Program for all BUSD GATE identified students. GATE students throughout the district will have the opportunity to select an enrichment class on a first come, first served basis. This program

allows our highest achieving students the opportunity to extend their regular classroom learning and engage in rich meaningful educational experiences. The program may also generate early interest in specialized or elective programs.

## HOW CAN MY CHILD PARTICIPATE?

Each student identified in the GATE program may participate in the Enrichment Program. Classes are offered during the second and third trimesters of the school year. Students may choose to attend a class at their own elementary site or to join a class from another elementary school site. Students may take one class each trimester. Please note that district transportation will not be provided.

## HOW CAN WE SIGN UP?

Parents or guardians submit a permission slip for students to participate in the program. Completed permission slips will indicate student's first, second and third choices for each trimester and emergency contact information. Permission slips will be accepted on a first come, first served basis. Please turn in this permission slip to your child's school office.

Alternatively, you may submit your form online. Please enter <http://goo.gl/cTuV5i> into a web browser and follow the directions. Your answers will be recorded and time stamped on a confidential form.

## WHERE CAN WE OBTAIN A PERMISSION SLIP?

Permission slips can be picked up from your child's elementary school office. They are also available on the BUSD website: [www.busd.k12.ca.us/parents.htm](http://www.busd.k12.ca.us/parents.htm). Class registration will close on **December 12, 2014**.

You may also sign up at <http://goo.gl/cTuV5i>

## WHAT ARE CLASS DATES?

Winter Trimester: 6 Week Class Schedule

January 26, 2015-March 6, 2015

Make Up Week: March 9-13, 2015 (if a class is cancelled due to instructor illness or holiday)

Spring Trimester: 6 Week Class Schedule

March 16, 2015-May 1, 2015

Make Up Week: May 4-8, 2015 (if a class is cancelled due to instructor illness)

## WHAT ARE CLASS TIMES?

Each session is six weeks long. Classes held on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday are 3:30 pm -4:30 pm. Wednesday's class sessions are 2:00 pm -3:00 pm.

It is essential that your child be on time to class. If students arrive late or do not attend class, students on the waiting list will be given priority.

## HOW WILL I KNOW IF MY CHILD IS ENROLLED INTO AN ENRICHMENT CLASS?

Parents or guardians will receive a confirmation letter by January 10, 2015. School offices will also have enrollment lists for your information.

Unfilled classes will be cancelled.

## WHAT ARE THE CLASSES AVAILABLE?

Please refer to the GATE Enrichment Class Handout for more detailed class information. Information is also listed on BUSD website.

## HOW WILL I BE NOTIFIED IF A CLASS IS CANCELLED?

Parents will be notified by phone call or email if the class is cancelled. It is BUSD's expectation that all classes will be held. If a regularly scheduled class is cancelled, it will be held during the make up week.

## WHAT SHOULD I EXPECT FOR THE FIRST DAY OF CLASS?

Teachers will take attendance and begin immediately. Any students on the waiting list will be admitted if there are no shows and there is space in the class.

## PARENT/GUARDIAN PICK UP

It is expected that students will be dropped off and picked up from class on time.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

October 13, 2014: Registration begins

December 12, 2014: Registration closes

January 10, 2015: Letters sent home with Enrichment Class Schedule

January 26, 2015: Winter Session begins

March 16, 2015: Spring Session begins