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Good Afternoon, Gust Families,

The Rockies Game was a day of fun for our 4th and 5th-grade students! The Gust Community was feeling artistic this week with trips to the Denver Art Museum and Clyfford Still!

Upcoming events:

- K-5th Field Day will be on May 23rd
 - 3rd-5th grade - 8:30-10:30 am
 - K-2nd- 12:00- 2:00 pm
- ECE Field Day will be on May 28th
 - 9:00-10:00 am - activities
 - 10:00-10:30 am - picnic
- 5th grade Continuation will be on May 30th
 - Mr. Rocco / Mr. Hermosa - 8:00-9:00 am
 - Ms. Pilon / Ms. Mobarez - 9:00-10:00 am
- Kindergarten and ECE continuations will be on June 2nd
 - ECE - Please see the classroom teacher communication
 - Kindergarten - 12:45-1:30 pm

Don't forget to purchase your Gust Yearbook for the 2024-2025 school year. Yearbooks will be handed May 28. All purchases need to be completed online this year, so please reserve yours today! Login to your [myschoolbucks account](#) to purchase.

Check out our [Facebook page](#) and [Instagram page](#) to see all the fun activities happening at Gust.

Operations

Early Bird window opens May 5th-23rd.

To register online, sign in to the [Parent Portal](#), click on "See All Apps", then click on "Online Registration" to verify or update your student's information. Online registration can only be



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completed by the parent/guardian listed in the primary household of the student record.

Registration fees for the 25/26 school year could be paid [here](#).

[My Spark Denver](#) is now accepting eligible 11-year-old/ 5th graders transitioning into 6th grade! This program offers \$1,000 for summer camps and after-school activities. If you currently have a 5th grader transitioning into 6th grade [CLICK HERE](#). Once you're approved, you will receive your \$1,000 debit card in the mail. Use this debit card to pay for activities at [any of the My Spark Denver providers](#). Your My Spark Card can also be used to purchase equipment if the equipment is sold through the provider! Reach out to them at support@mysparkdenver.org if you have any additional questions.

Instruction

Gifted programming has been bustling this spring at Gust.

In the last few months, Ms. Forington has met with Kindergarten Explorers to learn some strategy games and how a deck of cards is organized. In first grade, we've learned how to methodically program small robots to follow a plan of action. Second Grade Explorers have collected and examined bacteria from different locations around the school. Third grade readers have applied "depth and complexity" tools to their novel study and conducted a Socratic Seminar on two related books. Third grade math students practiced area and perimeter by designing robots. Fourth grader readers have finished their novel study and held a poetry slam where they performed poems from the novel. Fourth grade math students have measured and compared the areas of the auditorium and gym. In fifth grade, the literature study of *Freak the Mighty* is about to conclude where we are analyzing themes of quests, archetypes and mystery. Math students have enjoyed new strategy puzzles and are building a crazy toy called a "hexaflexagon." Mathletes from 3rd, 4th and 5th grades competed in a national math contest and 4th and 5th graders performed in the DPS Shakespeare festival. Currently we have about 50 students formally identified as GT or HGT with about 50 more in our Talent Pool, including "magnet eligible" students. We have a thriving gifted population at Gust and it's growing every day. Thanks for all the support this year.



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Have a great weekend,

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