

Parents of 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students

Identification for the Center for Accelerated Studies, the district full-time gifted program, is now in progress. This Center serves about 80 gifted students who have demonstrated high proficiency in mathematics, science, and language arts.

ALL THIRD GRADERS WILL BE CONSIDERED FOR PLACEMENT AT CAS:

Provo School District third grade students have taken the Iowa Test of Basic Skills (ITBS) and the Naglieri Nonverbal Abilities Test (NNAT) at their neighborhood school. Scores from these tests, as well as parent and teacher input will be used to identify students who are most in need of the full-time gifted instruction available through this program. **A parent who wishes to provide input concerning his/her 3rd grader may pick up a copy of the *PSD Accelerated Learner Parent Input* form at their neighborhood school office, or download a copy from the district website**

(<http://www.provo.edu/qt/pdf/qt-alpnform.pdf>), and return it to their school office by

Friday, February 26.

Identification for next years' 5th and 6th grade CAS class The current 4th and 5th grade CAS classes are presently full, which means that there may not be many openings for new students to join those classes for the 2010-2011 school year. However, openings may occur for a variety of reasons between now and August 2010. All current 4th grade students who attended Provo schools before February 2009 have already taken the NNAT at their neighborhood school so additional testing will not be necessary.

Parents of 4th grade students who believe that their child would qualify for and benefit from alternative placement at the CAS are invited to fill out a parent input form in reference to their child and return it to their school office by February 26th. The form is available as described above.

Parents and guardians of current 5th grade students, or, 3-5th graders who are not currently attending Provo School District elementary schools,

who believe that their child would qualify and benefit from alternative placement at the CAS are invited to have him/her participate in a NNAT testing session at the Provo School District Office (280 West 940 North), room 38, on Wednesday, February 10 or Thursday, February 25th at 4:00 or 4:30 p.m. The test requires 40 minutes. In order to reserve your child a place in one of those testing sessions, you will need to contact the Learning Curriculum and Assessment office at 801-374-4868.

Updated information about district gifted services for Provo students, including CAS and the new **Provo Accelerated Learning Services (PALS)** pullout classes, is available on the district website on the following link: <http://www.provo.edu/dep/curriculum/>.

Parents will be notified regarding their child's qualification to participate in classes at the CAS by April 30, 2010.