



September 18, 2008

Dear Parents of MBUSD Fifth Grade GATE Students,

I am thrilled to be supporting your sons/daughters in their classrooms this year. They are an amazingly bright and creative group of students, and I am confident they will have a very successful fifth grade experience.

The District is pleased to offer a new twelve-week after school enrichment opportunity for all fifth grade **GATE students in MBUSD** through a partnership with the Manhattan Beach Athletic Foundation (MBAF). In planning these after school classes, I have pulled the most intriguing, inquiry-based lessons from my previous fifth grade program. The overarching theme for the lessons is Identity, and the individual topics and specific dates for each session are noted on the attachment to this letter.

The MBAF-sponsored after school enrichment classes will be held on **Wednesdays from 1:45 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Pacific Elementary School in Room 27**. This twelve consecutive week experience for fifth grade GATE students includes a full day educational excursion to the Huntington Library. The cost for this voluntary after school enrichment program is \$250 per student. No additional fees will be required.

Parents of participating GATE students are responsible for providing transportation to and from Pacific Elementary School. I encourage all students to pack a healthy snack and a bottle of water for each session. The class size will be limited to the first 25 fifth grade GATE students who return the registration form below and full payment to **MBAF GATE After School c/o Alyse McDonald, 1200 Pacific Avenue, Manhattan Beach, CA 90266**. Please note your student's first and last name in the memo section of the check. No cash will be accepted. Participants will need to fill out the appropriate field trip consent form at a later date prior to the Huntington Library excursion. All of the information contained in this letter is also available on the GATE webpage at [www.mbusd.org](http://www.mbusd.org) should you need additional copies.

Parents will be informed as to their child's status in the program no later than Monday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>. A waiting list will be developed should requests for participation exceed the class size limit.

During the second half of the school year, a similar program will be offered to parents of fourth grade GATE students. Information regarding that program will be communicated to parents in the next few weeks. In addition to seeing all of your students in their classrooms during the school day, I look forward to working with many of them on Wednesday afternoons this fall term. Thank you for your continued support of the District's efforts to meet the needs of your gifted child, and thank you to MBAF for sponsoring this program.

Sincerely,

Alyse McDonald  
GATE Specialist



## GATE AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Please fill out and return this form below along with your \$250 check made out to MBAF GATE After School to MBUSD GATE c/o Alyse McDonald, 1200 Pacific Avenue, MB, CA 90266.

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Student Last Name	Student First Name	Home School/ Teacher
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Emergency Contact Information:

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Parent//Guardian Last Name

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Parent/Guardian First Name

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Daytime Phone Number

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Parent Email Address

**Please attach a check for \$250 made out to MBAF GATE After School. Add your child's first and last name in the memo section of the check. Thank you!**

*I understand that I am responsible for providing transportation to and from Pacific School for this program and that normal school rules apply. I am responsible for picking up my child promptly at 3:00 p.m. at the conclusion of each class session. There will be no student supervision associated with this program after 3:00 p.m.*

*After the first session begins, fees associated with this program are not refundable. Please indicate by placing your initials on the blank if your child has permission to walk or ride a bike home from Pacific at 3pm. \_\_\_\_\_*

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Parent Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\*Applications will be accepted by Susie in the Pacific School office on a first come basis starting at 8:00 am on September 22, 2008. NO EXCEPTIONS

