

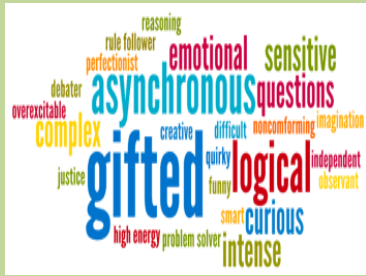


# Keeping the PACE

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## SPRING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

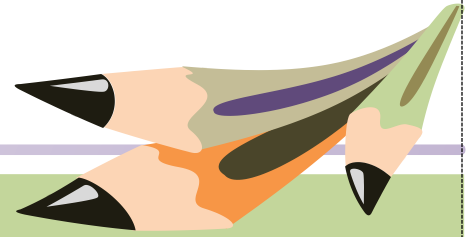
- **PACE Summer Camp Expo:** Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 11 am- 12:45 pm, Imperial Park Recreation Center, 234 Matlage Way, Sugar Land, 77478. Registration and more information soon to come!
- **PACE Member Gatherings at Quail Valley Middle School:** Fridays this spring from 9 am to 10 am, April 26<sup>th</sup>, and May TBA, Quail Valley MS, Room 213.
- **PACE Board Meeting Workshop:** Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 12-1:30 pm, Location TBA. This workshop is for PACE Board members and general members who are interested in providing ideas and planning events for the 2019-2020 school year. We invite all members to attend.
- **2019 Summer GT Evaluation:** Referral window July 8<sup>th</sup>- 19<sup>th</sup>, summer testing August 3<sup>rd</sup> at Quail Valley Middle School. This is for students who currently attend private or home school but who live in the FBISD attendance zone and who plan on enrolling in FBISD in the 2019-2020 school year. Find more information at: <https://www.fortbendisd.com/Page/208>



## LEARN ABOUT HOUSE BILL 3 (HB3)

- TAGT, **The Texas Association for the Gifted and Talented**, has the following to say about **HB3**: “On March 5, 2019, [House Bill 3](#) was filed by the House Public Education Committee. The G/T allotment ([TEC Section 42.156](#)) is repealed in House Bill 3, Article 3, Section 3.001 (p. 184). TAGT recognizes the leadership of Representative Dan Huberty and State Representatives who have worked on House Bill 3, increasing funding for our public schools. In many ways, House Bill 3 appears to be a positive step forward for public education. However, the repeal of the G/T allotment will further deemphasize the importance of gifted education in Texas. TAGT asks Texas legislators to remove the G/T allotment (Section 42.156) from the list of allotments being repealed in HB3. This will allow for the G/T allotment to continue to support G/T students in Texas.”
- It is important for all of us to **be proactive** about HB3. Contact your local legislators. Share this information with your contact list. Write a letter. Visit: [https://www.txgifted.org/blog\\_home.asp?Display=37](https://www.txgifted.org/blog_home.asp?Display=37) for more information from TAGT on how you can help.





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## PACE QUICK TAKES

- **Thank you** to the PACE members who braved the cold and joined us at our members-only open forum in January! We learned so much from each other through our discussions, and congratulations to **Nandini Sarkar** for winning a Lifetime PACE membership!
- Is it time for you to **renew your PACE membership**? Please email us at [pacefbpres@gmail.com](mailto:pacefbpres@gmail.com) to check your status. Some of the benefits to membership include PACE communication, including our quarterly newsletter, as well as invites to all PACE events. Don't let your membership lapse!

## TALK TO PACE!

- Is **your school** implementing something unique for its GT learners or do you have an **idea** you would like to include in our next issue? **Let us know about it!** We'd love to hear from you! Send all correspondence to: [pacefbpres@gmail.com](mailto:pacefbpres@gmail.com).

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

- “Identity, Purpose, and Happiness: Helping High-Achieving Adolescents Find All Three:”  
<https://www.nagc.org/blog/identity-purpose-and-happiness-helping-high-achieving-adolescents-find-all-three>
- TED Talk- “Why some of us don’t have one true calling:”  
[https://www.ted.com/talks/emilie\\_wapnick\\_why\\_some\\_of\\_us\\_don\\_t\\_have\\_one\\_true\\_calling?language=en#t-729200](https://www.ted.com/talks/emilie_wapnick_why_some_of_us_don_t_have_one_true_calling?language=en#t-729200)
- “How Texas School Finance Reform Could Erase Funding For ‘Gifted and Talented’ Students:”  
<https://www.houstonpublicmedia.org/articles/news/education-news/2019/03/11/324873/how-texas-school-finance-reform-could-erase-funding-for-gifted-and-talented-students/?fbclid=IwAR1B16ZCRKitX1rUrvHtRzHGwjxjDZGq9LoBcTpZc37Jkx4tHXEYThmrivQ>
- “What Gifted Kids Want Their Parents To Know:” [http://www.nagc.org/what-gifted-kids-want-their-parents-know?mc\\_cid=6b86eead2a&mc\\_eid=b eb9a8of69](http://www.nagc.org/what-gifted-kids-want-their-parents-know?mc_cid=6b86eead2a&mc_eid=b eb9a8of69)
- Visit our new and improved **PACE website** at [www.pacefortbend.org](http://www.pacefortbend.org)!
- **Special thanks** to Nadine Skinner, PACE Treasurer and Newsletter Editor, and to PACE Board Members who contributed to this issue.

