



Welcome to The RFSD PEAK Newsletter

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The purpose of the PEAK program at RFSD is to advocate for, challenge, and inspire students who show exceptional potential by providing appropriate opportunities and support in order to ensure that they thrive both academically and socially-emotionally.



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Welcome to the first edition of our quarterly PEAK Newsletter for parents! We hope this newsletter is an efficient way to provide you with information and resources on parenting gifted children. Look for a new edition each quarter via email.

Advanced Learning Plans (ALPs)

Your child's PEAK Teacher (or for high school, PEAK liaison) will be contacting you before Fall Conferences in order to get your input on and then finalize your child's Advanced Learning Plan. The purpose of ALPs is to set (and then monitor) academic and affective (social-emotional) goals for this school year in order to ensure growth for each student. These goals are set alongside students and appropriate teachers who work with your student in their area(s) of giftedness.

If you have questions or concerns, never hesitate to contact your school's PEAK staff member or you can reach me at khamilton@rfschools.com.

What Does it Mean to be Gifted?

This is a question teachers and parents struggle with so I'd like to share some of my favorite articles that may shed some light on giftedness.

[Ian Byrd: Gifted vs. Smart](#)

[Gifted Challenges: How to Explain Giftedness to Your Child](#)

Parenting Gifted Kids by “The Gifted Guru”

I also recommend this article (and website) by Lisa Van Germert entitled [The Seven Essential Tools for GT Parents](#)

Find More Parent Resources on the [RFSD PEAK PARENT RESOURCES](#) Webpage!



Welcome back to school! We look forward to another great year of learning with your students.