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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Do you want to nominate your child for Gifted and Talented Art? Testing for possible entrance into the Gifted Visual Arts Program is scheduled for each school in the district during the month of May. Any student who has been nominated (either by his/her teacher or parents) during the month of April and has a signed parent permission form will be considered for testing following the process below:

1. Parents or teachers complete the "GTA Visual and Performing Arts Nomination Form" found on the website, sign the form and send it to your child's school principal.
2. A "Behavior Scales Checklist for Artistic Characteristics" will be completed by the art teacher. This checklist is developed and approved by the state of Ohio.
3. Those students who receive a qualifying score on the "Behavior Scales Checklist for Artistic Characteristics" are then invited to test for Visual Arts Giftedness, which means that students will be asked to demonstrate their artistic giftedness by completing a portfolio assessment - three different drawings and a small sculpture - for evaluation by a panel of art teachers. Parents will be notified of the testing dates at each school.
4. The portfolio (3 drawings and a small sculpture) is assessed by district art teachers using the state rubric.
5. All parents who signed permission will then be notified if their child qualifies for GTA.

Ohio law requires that school districts identify students who are gifted in visual or performing arts and notify their parents. Gifted services will be provided based on availability of funding, however we may not be able to provide services for the 2012-2013 school year. Parents of students who qualify will be notified as to the availability of GTA services by the end of June of each school year.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Dr. Terri L. Holden, Executive Director of Teaching and Learning at holden.terri@wintonwoods.org or 513-619-2320.

Sincerely,

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