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NEW! Arts & Innovation Magnet Program For 5th & 6th Graders

WINDER, Georgia - The Barrow County School System is expanding the use of its Center for Innovative Teaching located at 84 W. Midland Avenue to include an Arts & Innovation Magnet Program for four classes of 5th and 6th grade students during the 2018-19 school year. This program will focus on student learning through arts integration, project-based learning, and other research-based and innovative teaching practices. For this inaugural year, applicants to this program are limited to students who will be in 5th grade at either Statham or Yargo Elementary School, and students who will be in 6th grade at either Bear Creek or Westside Middle School during the 2018-19 school year. Students will be selected for participation in the magnet program through a public lottery process.

Prior to the lottery, informational meetings for interested families of eligible students will be held from 6:00pm to 7:00pm on Wednesday, May 9, and on Monday, May 14 at the Barrow County School System's Professional Development Center. During these meetings, families will be able to find out more details about the curriculum and expectations of the Arts & Innovation Magnet Program. Families may come to the BCSS Professional Development Center to obtain a lottery application or download one online at www.barrow.k12.ga.us. Completed lottery applications must be turned in to the BCSS Professional Development Center by Friday, May 18, 2018. Students whose applications are received after May 18 will be placed on the program waiting list and will not be eligible to participate in the lottery. Submission of an application does not guarantee that a child will be enrolled in the program, but ensures that the child will be assigned a number in the Program Lottery. Beginning at 9:00am on Tuesday, May 22, four separate lotteries will be held to determine class lists and waiting lists for each of the program's four classes: Statham Elementary School 5th graders, Yargo Elementary School 5th Graders, Bear Creek Middle School 6th graders, and Westside Middle School 6th graders. These drawings are open to the public and will be held at the BCSS Professional Development Center.

For more information or to access an online lottery application, visit www.barrow.k12.ga.us