Dear Parents of Galactic Students,

It is an honor to introduce myself as the new Coordinator of Gifted Education K-12.  I hope this note finds you enjoying rejuvenating days of summer and enjoying time with your family.  I am thrilled to have the opportunity to join this amazing program and meet you, the incredible parents who have given this program its strength and vitality.

 My background falls into three main areas:

Administration: I was a building principal for a gifted magnet school and an administrative intern in a year-long program.

Higher Education: I co-designed an online gifted certification program and have served as a practicum supervisor, course designer, professor and professional development leader in higher education for 8 years.

Teaching: I have served as gifted specialist for 22 years and a classroom teacher for 6.

I have led and taught in Title I. urban schools, a rural school and schools in several suburban areas.  My passion has been urban education. The districts I have led or taught in include: University City, Parkway, St. Louis Public, Francis Howell and Kirkwood.  I hold two graduate degrees (Ed. Specialist – Ed. Leadership, M.A. Educational Processes-Gifted Ed) from Webster U and Maryville and I have about 9 hours toward my doctorate.

I am passionate about education.  I am a strong believer in relationship building and positive discipline strategies.  I truly believe in shared leadership.  My focus is very centered on curriculum and differentiation. I believe in open communication and engaging parents and the community. We are always open to ways we can involve parents in our program and would love for you to share your thoughts, ideas, careers, interests, and hobbies with us.

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to us. We look forward to meeting you and your wonderful children very soon.

Your Partner in Education,

Ms. Melanie I. Bloom, Ed. Spec., M.A., B.S. Ed.