Academy Planning

(25 minute Session)

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Our Goal

Build on our successes to become the

National Model for Gifted Programming in an Urban District

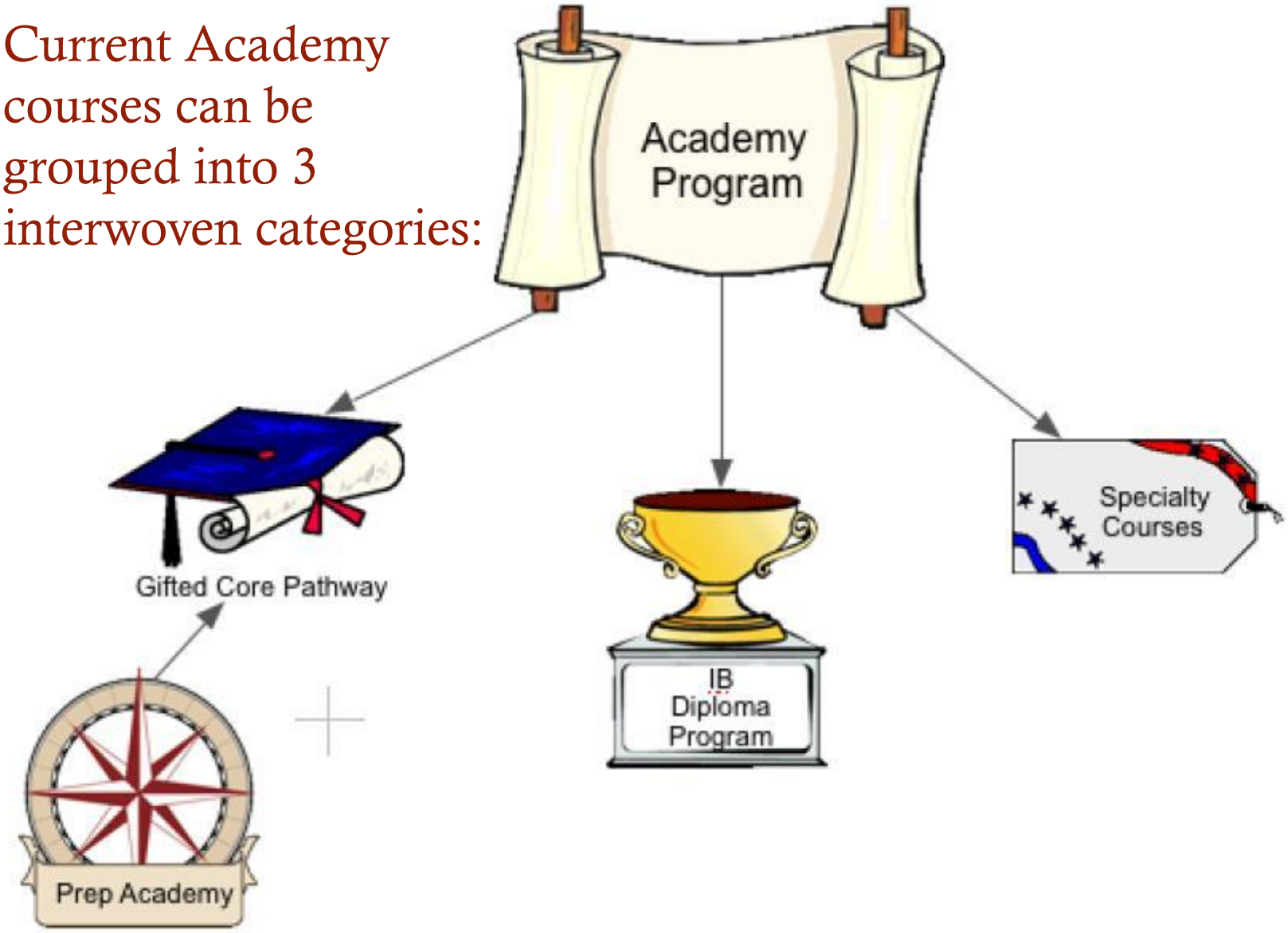
BEING THE 'NATIONAL MODEL' OF ANYTHING

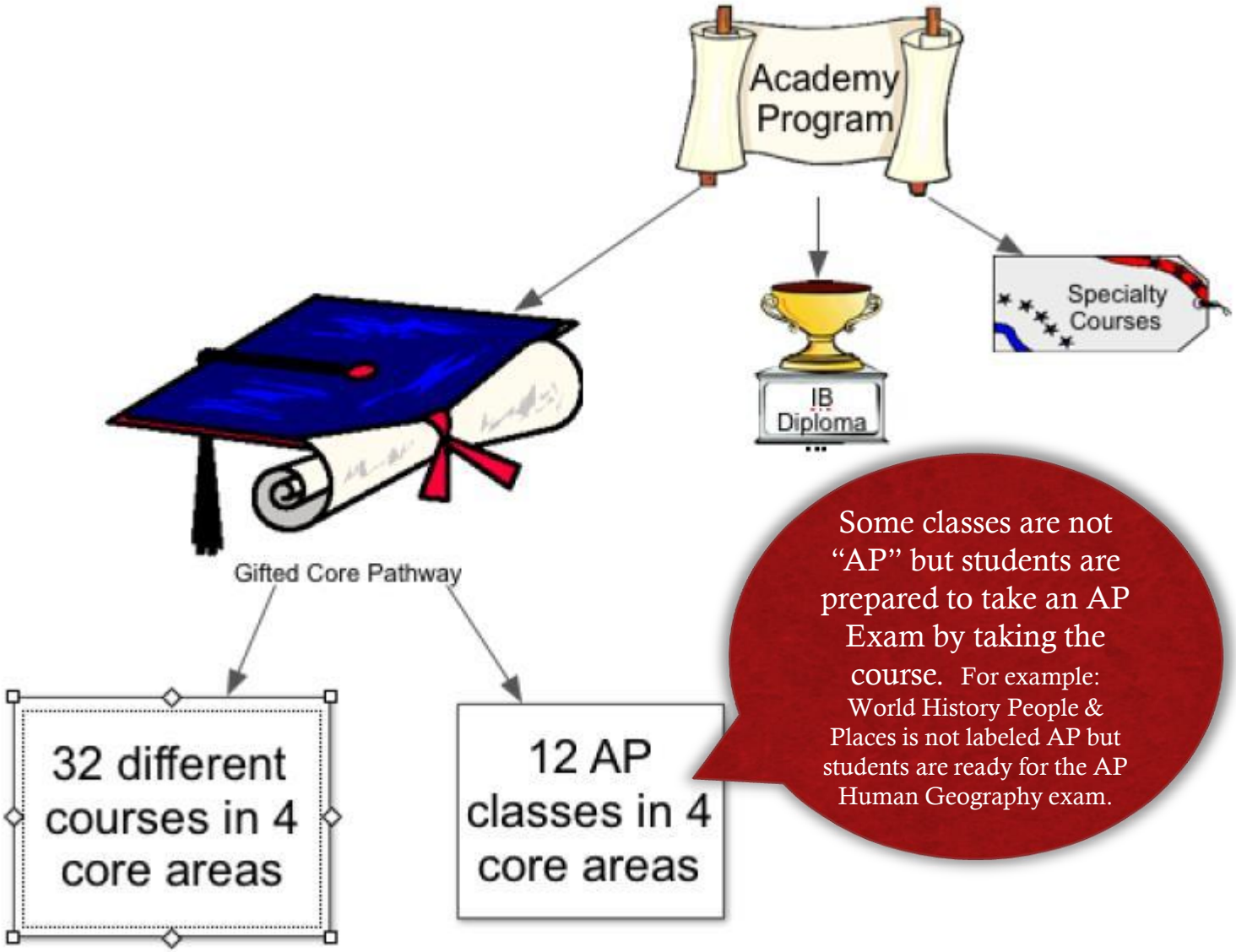
Requires CONSTANT improvement and innovation!

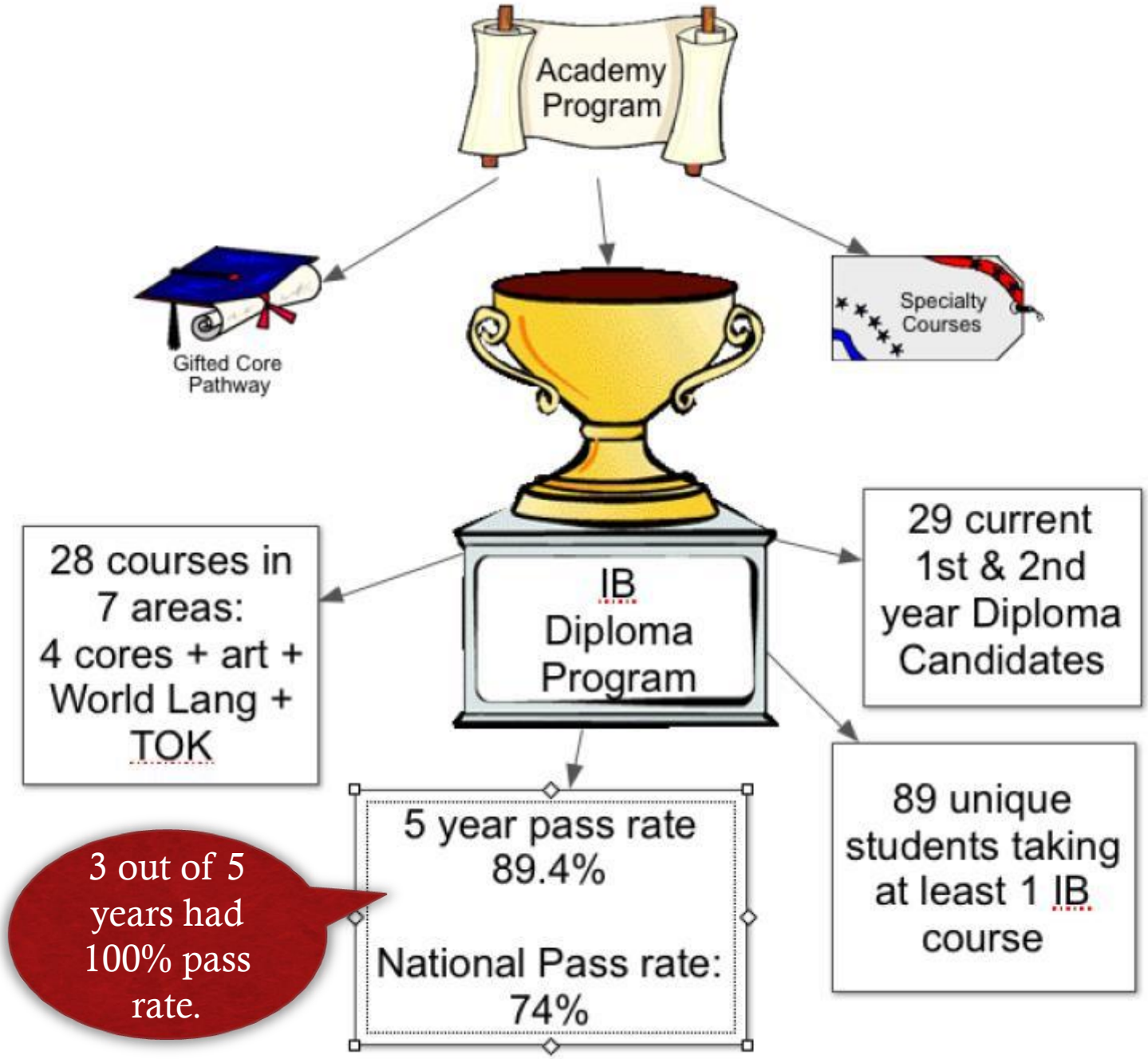
Remember the Blackberry?

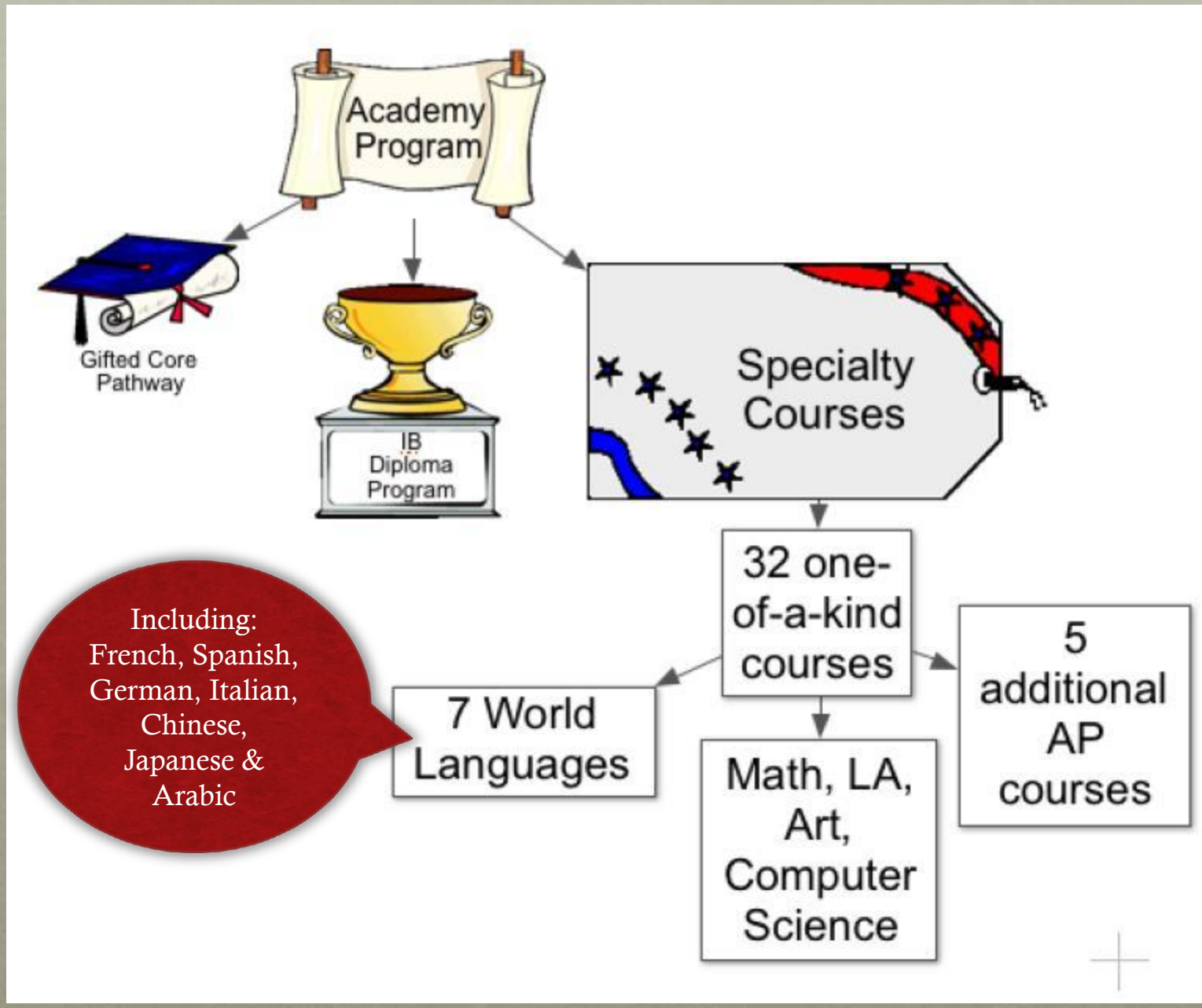
Our First Step is to examine and clarify our current structure.

Current Academy courses can be grouped into 3 interwoven categories:




Academy Program
IB Diploma
Specialty Courses
Gifted Core Pathway
32 different courses in 4 core areas
12 AP classes in 4 core areas
Some classes are not "AP" but students are prepared to take an AP Exam by taking the course. For example: World History People & Places is not labeled AP but students are ready for the AP Human Geography exam.


Academy Program
Gifted Core Pathway
Specialty Courses
IB Diploma Program
28 courses in 7 areas: 4 cores + art + World Lang + TOK
29 current 1st & 2nd year Diploma Candidates
89 unique students taking at least 1 IB course
5 year pass rate 89.4%
National Pass rate: 74%
3 out of 5 years had 100% pass rate.


Academy Program
Gifted Core Pathway
IB Diploma Program
Specialty Courses
32 one-of-a-kind courses
Including: French, Spanish, German, Italian, Chinese, Japanese & Arabic
7 World Languages
Math, LA, Art, Computer Science
5 additional AP courses

IMPROVEMENT FOCUS

Communication

- Parents
- Students
- District & Schools

Scheduler's Guidebook to the Academy

- Curriculum Directors
- 'Home' School Schedulers

Digital Tools

- Infinite Campus
- Social Media

PARENTS & STUDENTS

Improvement in this area include:

- Creating Parent Academy meetings to keep parents up to date with Academy development.
- Developing an active Social media presence with website updates, twitter and flickr accounts.
- Encouraging students to use their Dmschools email to communicate with their teachers and their neighborhood schools.

NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOLS

To improve communication about Academy's program with the Neighborhood schools, Academy teachers, in collaboration with District Curriculum Supervisors are developing:

The Scheduler's Guidebook to the Academy

It will contain information about the nature and structure of the course offerings at Academy to aid neighborhood schools as they work with individual students to design their high school program of study.

COMMUNICATION TOOLS

Infinite Campus

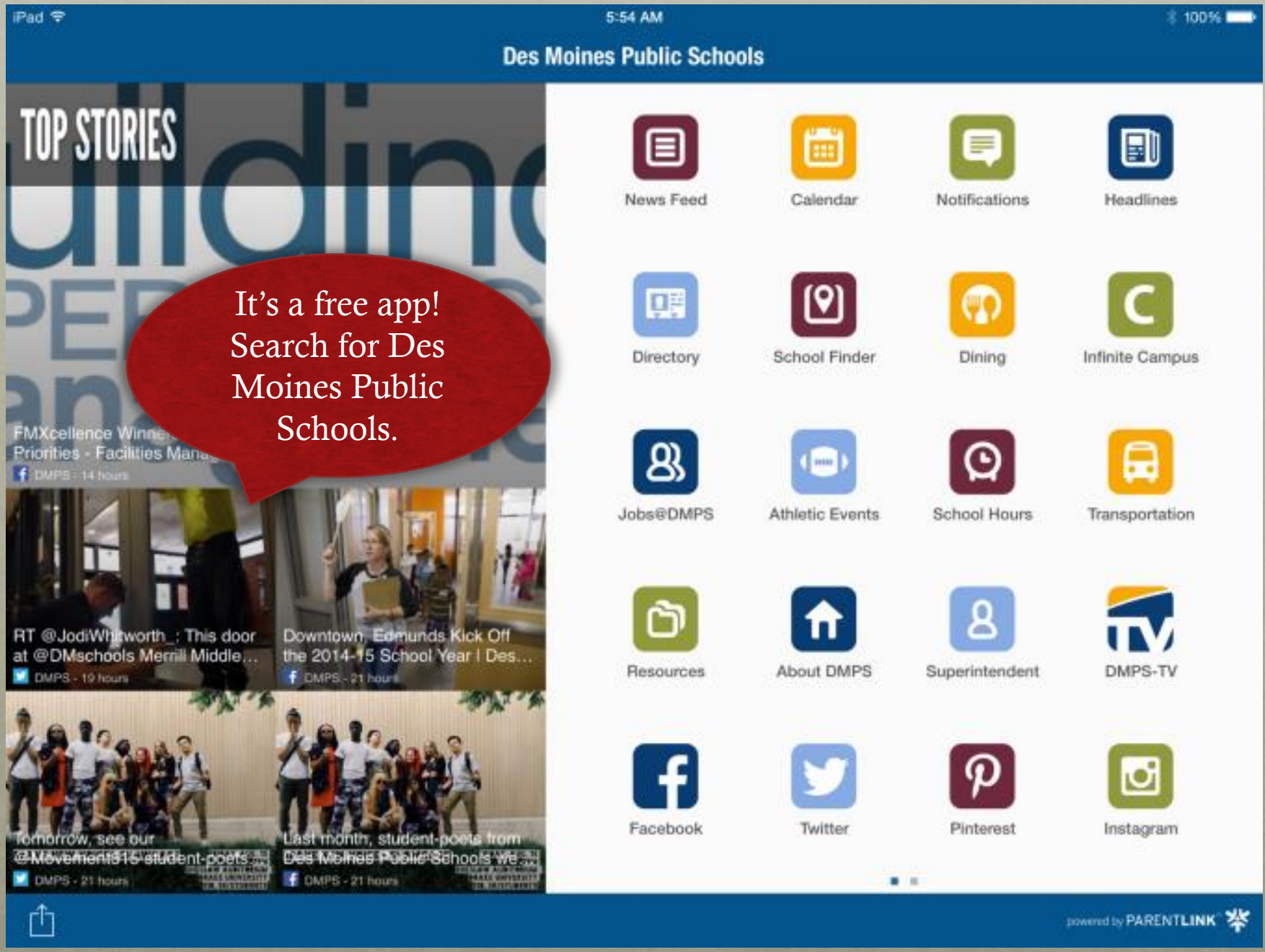
- www.dmschools.org

Website

- http://ca.dmschools.org

Social Media

- @DMPS_Academy (Twitter)
- http://flickr.com/photos/dmps_academy
- DMPS App for iPhone & Android (See next slide)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School Finder
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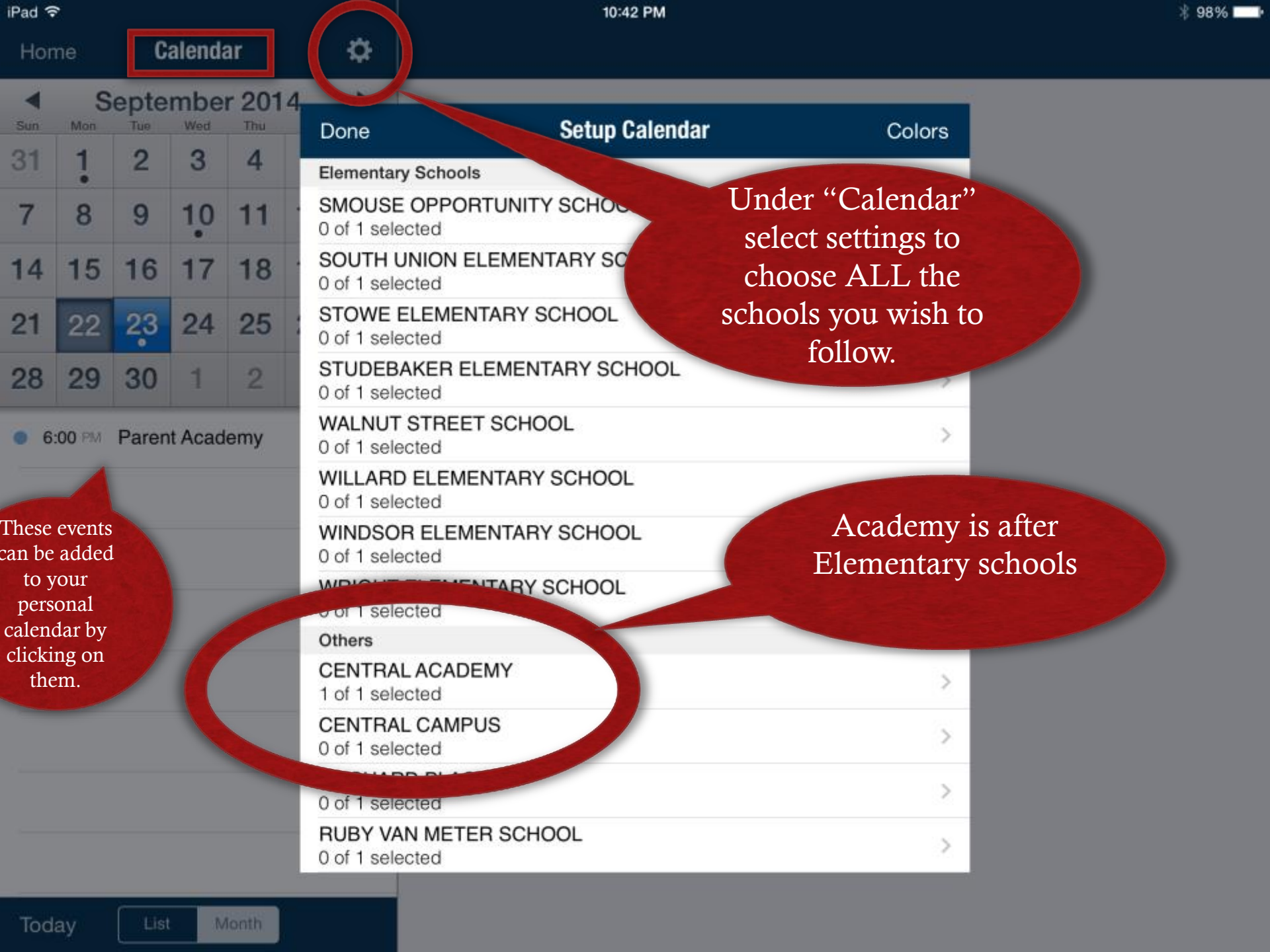
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These events can be added to your personal calendar by clicking on them.
Academy is after Elementary schools

UPCOMING DATES

Parent Academy: *Tuesdays 6 – 7 PM*

November 11

January 13

March 3

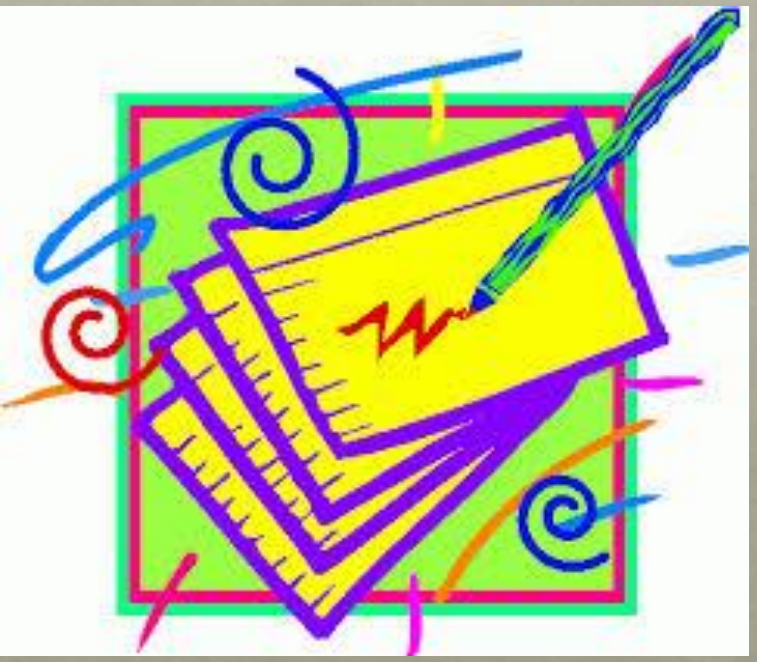
May 12

Parent Conferences:

October 16, 3:30 – 7:30

October 21, 3:30 – 7:30

DIALOG



We're just getting started!

- Important comments
- Questions
- Appointment Request?

Jot it on a notecard and leave it in the basket by the door.

Or email: jessica.gogerty@dmschools.org

YOU MAKE THE DIFFERENCE!