

LEARNING ABOUT
GIFTEDNESS THROUGH
THE POWER OF
PHOTOGRAPHY

HOT SHOTS

ECU AIG CAMP 2013

JULY 8-11, 2013

POINTS TO PONDER:

- Photography is a **POWERFUL** tool to capture mood and feelings.
- All gifted people are good at the same things.
- All good photographs need to be edited.

What do you think?

Do you agree or disagree?

Can you explain your position?

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Welcome Parents and Students

Welcome all you “Hot Shots”! We are excited to have the opportunity to work with you this week at the ECU/PCS AIG Camp. During camp, we will learn about digital cameras, the art of photography, how to take better pictures and how to edit pictures. We will learn basic photography composition techniques such as; perspective, fill the frame, rule of thirds, and picture orientation. We will also learn to edit our photos using iPiccy (an online photo editor website). As we take pictures this week, we will capture emotions, feelings and mood

to help define what it means to be gifted to each of you. You will spend the week with a camera in your hand! Your



Get ready to take your best “shot”!

final photos will be shared with your family and friends on the last day of camp. In addition, we are so excited to

share that your best photograph will be displayed at EMERGE Art Gallery in Greenville, NC! Just like a real photographer would showcase their work. (Check out the: *Photography Partnership* section for more information.) Get ready to learn the joy of photography together.

“You don’t make a photograph just with a camera. You bring to the act of photography all the pictures you have seen, the books you have read, the music you have heard, the people you have loved.”
— Ansel Adams

Photography Partnership

We have teamed up with two local partners to provide our students with the opportunity to showcase their best photograph.

ASAP Photo and Camera in Greenville, NC has agreed to donate a free 8x10 photograph for each student and will provide your teachers with a discount on the frames and matting.

EMERGE Art Gallery in Greenville, NC will display each student’s favorite photograph.

Exhibit Dates:
July 22—Aug. 29, 2013

Location:
EMERGE Art Gallery
404 S. Evans St., Greenville
(252) 551-6947
(Uptown Greenville)

Student photographs will be on display for a month. Be sure to stop by and see your work.

Parents: Please help us thank these gracious partners by paying them a visit.

ASAP PHOTO & CAMERA

**PITT COUNTY
ARTS
COUNCIL AT
EMERGE**

Mrs. Castro will deliver all original works to the students at their school during September.

Staying Connected



Parents and Students:

We are excited to get to know each of you personally during AIG Camp. To help keep the lines of communication open, we have set up a website and an Edmodo page. Please visit us daily to see what we are doing during class, join in on the conversations, and post photographs you take at home. We look forward to seeing all the creative photographs you are taking at home on our Edmodo page!

Weebly Website:

www.hotshotpictures.weebly.com

Edmodo Page:

www.edmodo.com

Edmodo Directions:

**Note: If you already have an Edmodo account, you do not need to create a new account to join our group. You can [join multiple groups](#) with a single account.*

1. Create an account by going to www.edmodo.com
2. Click "I'm a student".
3. Fill out the registration form with the **group code**, a unique **username** and **password**.
An email address is not required for student sign up.
4. Select the **"Sign up"** button to complete the sign up process. You will then see the **group** you created on the left sidebar.
5. ***AIG Hot Shots group code = 5gh827***

"A Picture is
Worth a
Thousand
Words."

-Chinese Proverb

What will your
pictures say?



Mrs. Snyder & Mrs. Castro at the ECU AIG Conference.

Photography is a POWERFUL tool to capture mood and feelings. What do you think?

The POWER of Leading Lines

Your teachers love using leading lines in their photography to capture mood and feelings. Leading lines are lines within an image that draw the viewer's eye to another place in your image or to your subject. This is a great way to add POWER to your photos.

Stop and look around—you will see lines everywhere!

Examples of leading lines:

- walls
- walkways
- stairs
- furniture (when subject is placed on opposite side)
- fences
- benches
- railings
- railroad tracks

Get out there and capture mood and feelings using leading lines!



Meet Your Teachers

Mrs. Snyder

Mrs. Snyder is a 2nd grade teacher at Johnson Primary School located at Camp Lejeune. She has been teaching elementary students for 14 years. She enjoys teaching science and exploring technology. Learn more by visiting her gifted website at:

www.mrssnyderlovesgifted.weebly.com

Mrs. Castro

Mrs. Castro has taught with Pitt County Schools in Greenville, NC since 1999. She received her National Board Certification in 2003 and successfully renewed in 2012. Currently, she is working as the Lead Instructional Coach for the TQP (Teacher Quality Partnership) Grant with ECU and Pitt County Schools. Learn more by visiting her gifted website at: <http://castroaig.weebly.com/>



Click It Up a Notch

You can also easily search **YouTube** for tutorials on how to create a **Weebly** site.

To create a free **Weebly** web-site go to: www.weebly.com

To search **YouTube** for tutorial videos go to: www.youtube.com and type in: *Weebly Tutorials for Students*

Photographers also create slideshows displaying their best work. You can easily create a slideshow of your photos. There are many programs you could use: **PowerPoint, Movie Maker, iMovie**, etc. To spice it up a bit, you can add your favorite music. Invite your family to their own personal viewing.

Please share your photography creations with Mrs. Castro & Mrs. Snyder on our Edmodo page. We would love to link your products with our class Weebly site.

EXTENSION ACTIVITIES:

Many photographers display their photos on their own web-site or blog. You can easily create your own **Weebly** web-site for FREE. Make sure to ask your parents for permission.

“It takes a lot of imagination to be a good photographer. You need less imagination to be a painter because you can invent things. But in photography everything is so ordinary; it takes a lot of looking before you learn to see the extraordinary.”
-David Bailey

Gifted people are good at the same things. What do you think?

Get Out There & Shoot

Practice, practice, practice! We know you have heard this from your parents, teachers, and coaches. Well, the same is true for photography. The best advice we can give you to help improve your photography is to *get out there and shoot!* Capturing the perfect photo can be challenging and frustrating. Stick with it and it will come.

Practice Ideas:

- Set up objects to shoot in your backyard
- Invite a friend over that is willing to be your subject
- Practice taking pictures of your family and pets
- Have a fashion show and be the photographer

- Photograph your friends playing sports, riding bikes, skateboarding, etc.
- Ask your parents to take you to some fun locations in Greenville to practice such as: parks, playgrounds, ECU campus, downtown Greenville, schools, backyards, by the Tar River, etc.

All good photographs need to be edited. Do you agree or disagree?

POWERFUL Editing

Learning to edit your photos can be a tricky skill to master. However, it is one that can help improve your photos greatly. In camp, we will learn about using iPiccy Photo Editor. Our challenge to you is to continue practicing using iPiccy to edit your photos at home. Keep in mind that some photos may turn out “picture perfect” and may need little to no editing. We want you

to feel comfortable making the decision to edit or not to edit. You may also find that some photos lose their POWER when they are over-edited. Photographers keep all these things in mind when making their final edit choices.

There are many advanced editing applications in iPiccy that we will not be able to cover in camp. We

challenge you to explore these editing options. Please share your edited photos with us on our Edmodo page so we can learn from each other.

iPiccy Photo Editor:
www.ipiccy.com



Start Editing!



POWER

2013 ECU / PCS AIG CAMP

Camp Location

Ridgewood Elementary School
3601 South Bend Dr, Winterville, NC 28590
School phone number: (252) 355-7879

July 8-11, 2013

Camp Schedule:

Monday—Wednesday (July 8-10)

7:45—12:00

Thursday (July 11)

7:45—5:00

For a complete schedule and list of events/activities please visit the ECU/PCS AIG Camp Website:

<http://aigcamp.weebly.com/>

If you have any questions/concerns, please feel free to contact your student's photography unit teachers:

Krys Castro: castrok@pitt.k12.nc.us

Melissa Snyder: melissasnyder11@gmail.com

Photography On The Web

As you embark on your new journey of becoming a photographer, we thought it would be helpful to share a few photography websites.

Learn how to become an animal photographer from the pros at National Geographic Kids:

<http://kids.nationalgeographic.com/kids/activities/moreactivities/photography101/>

Perfect website for students learning photography. Includes: tips, resources, projects, photo galleries for inspiration, biographies of famous photographers and so much more.

<http://www.betterphoto.com/photography-for-kids.asp>

Learn more about photography with free online classes for kids, history of the camera and photographers, iMovie tutorials, tips, and how to make a pinhole camera.

http://homeschooling.gomilpitas.com/explore/photography.htm#Ubf4U_mcds

Cool website that teaches students how to do photography projects. We will also learn all about the science and history of photography.

<http://www.biglearning.com/treasure-photography-for-kids.htm>



Want to learn about super secret photo projects just for kids? Make sure you have your photographer superpowers activated before visiting:

<http://content.photojojo.com/photo-projects/photo-projects-for-kids/>

This comprehensive website is your go to for all your photography questions. Topics include: history of photography, tips and techniques, types of cameras, photography definitions and fun photography projects.

<http://dealnews.com/pages/articles/best-photography-resources-kids->