



*Weld County School District Six
High School
Gifted and Talented Program*

GT PARENT NEWSLETTER - DECEMBER 2013

ADVANCED LEARNING PLANS

I have completed the first round of updates on all of the Advanced Learning Plans (ALP's). I am currently working on entering all of this information (as well as additional required information) into the official Advanced Learning Plan form on Enrich (this is also where last year's ALP's are located). Every teacher in the building has access to these documents.

Over the next couple of weeks, I will be emailing you a copy of your child's student-generated ALP update. This information includes goals they have chosen for the year, as well as information on strengths, interests, activities, and challenges/concerns. **At this point, I need you to please look at the update I will email to you and provide any additional information you would like to see on the ALP (for example, strengths from your point of view). Also, if you have not completed and returned a Parent Involvement Form this year, I have attached it. This also becomes part of your child's Advanced Learning Plan.**

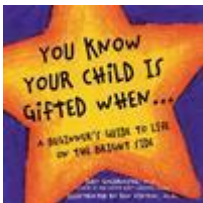
Please let me know if you have questions or if you would like to schedule a time to meet.

GT PARENT HANDBOOK

The Gifted and Talented Advisory Committee, under the direction of Linda Johnson, has recently compiled a handbook for parents. This resource provides information on many topics relevant to gifted students. I have attached a copy. If you would like a hard copy, please let me know.

FREE RESOURCE FOR PARENTS

[Download](#) the complete version of
You Know Your Child is Gifted When...



WEBINAR ON MOTIVATION (December 10th)

The Colorado Association for Gifted and Talented (CAGT) is proud to announce *G.E.T.: Gifted Education Tuesday*, virtual programs for parents, teachers, and community members across the state of Colorado.

The next session is Tuesday, December 10th from 6:30 - 8:00 PM, [The Problem with Praise: Encouraging Effort and Motivation in Children](#) (NAGC WOW pre-recorded session) with Kathy Jones & Cindy Sheets.

To join us log in to <http://connect.enetcolorado.org/cagt-get-problem-with-praise-12-10-13/> . Enter as a **Guest**, typing your first and last name, and click **Enter Room**. The program will start promptly at 6:30 and will include a **live** Question & Answer session afterwards with our Colorado host, Dr. Stuart Omdal.

So whether you are watching with friends or by yourself in the comfort of your own home, we hope you will join us as we launch this new free service to our Colorado community.

PARENT WORKSHOP (February 21st)

Enduring Advocacy Issues for Parents of Gifted Students

A Beyond Giftedness mini-conference with Dr. Stephen Schroeder-Davis

Friday, February 21, 2014 at the Arvada Center (Arvada, CO)

In virtually every educational setting in America there are aspects of giftedness that **must** be understood if gifted students are to thrive, including:

- Precocity and asynchronicity
- Over-excitabilities
- The "selective consumer"
- Difficulty vs. Complexity
- Introversion
- Mindsets and Perfectionism
- Envy
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This presentation will focus on each of these issues in turn and will provide parents with strategies to use as they support gifted children.

It will be followed by lunch and Dr. Karen Rogers' Keynote Presentation: Planning Educational Options for Gifted & Talented Learners: Inside and Outside of School.

Cost is \$49 per person or \$85 per couple. Space is limited. For more information, see the attached flyer, or to register go to

<https://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?llr=ljdxdngab&oeidk=a07e8e7anvf2e16f2b9>.

Early registration has been extended through the end of this week.

OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUNGER STUDENTS

For those of you who have younger children in the family, UNC offers monthly Creativity Quests to develop creative and critical thinking skills in students grades 2 through 5. The sessions focus on integrating these skills into many different areas, including mathematics, music, and history. See the attached document for more information or go to http://www.unco.edu/cebs/gtcenter/creativity_quest.html.

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Did you know that there is a list of scholarships on the Greeley Central website?

- Go to www.central.greeleyschools.org.
- Click on the Counseling tab on the header.
- Under Counseling Office, click on Counseling Resources/Links.



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BY THE NUMBERS: Gifted & Talented Program

1,010: Number of District 6 Gifted & Talented students

200: Number of students who participated in Young Chautauqua at Centennial Village

100: Percentage of GT facilitators who have a Master's degree and beyond

41: Percentage of GT students who are Non Caucasian

33: Percentage of our GT students who are both verbally and mathematically gifted

25: Percentage of our GT students who are gifted in music, art, leadership, or visual/spatial

24: Percentage of GT students who are mathematically gifted

22: Twice Exceptional students

20: Young Chautauqua students who presented to Rotary, UNC Event, PERA event, Kiwanis, Greeley Museum

18: Percentage of our GT students who are verbally gifted

2: Number of Colorado Association of Gifted Administrator of the Year Award Recipients in the last 5 years

1: GT Advisory Member who is President-Elect of National Association of Gifted Children

(Compiled by Linda Johnson, Gifted & Talented Facilitator)

For additional resources, go to <http://www.central.greeleyschools.org//site/Default.aspx?PageID=4946>

Have a wonderful holiday season, and please let me know if you have questions or if I can help in any way.

~Amy

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