



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

## **GT PARENT NEWSLETTER – JANUARY 2014**

### **ADVANCED LEARNING PLANS**

I have begun emailing completed versions of Advanced Learning Plans (ALP's) to families and hope to have all of them completed within the next couple of weeks. As you receive them, please double check that the information is accurate and then sign and return a copy of the last page of the document. These plans will remain in effect until they are officially updated next year. Please know that these plans are living documents and can be modified at any time.

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

### **ACT TEST DATES**

**All juniors will take the ACT free-of-charge on April 23 at Greeley Central.**

Additional testing dates in Colorado are April 12 (Registration Deadline March 7) and June 14 (Registration Deadline May 9).

### **LEGISLATIVE DAY AT THE CAPITOL 2014: CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE (February 20<sup>th</sup>)**

***Sponsored by Colorado Association for Gifted & Talented***

On Thursday, February 20, 2014 gifted students and adults from across Colorado will gather early in the morning at the **Scottish Rite Masonic Hall (1370 Grant St)** to begin an extraordinary day absorbed in the process of political debate and lawmaking with members of the **Colorado General Assembly**. The **Colorado Association for Gifted and Talented (CAGT)** will mark its **15<sup>th</sup> year** sponsoring this annual event to celebrate excellence in the presence of exceptional learners, their teachers, their parents, their advocates, and those elected to represent Colorado's future.

Teachers from each district may recommend a **FEW outstanding 8<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade students** to shadow a state legislator for this exceptional day. Applications must be completed online ([www.coloradogifted.org](http://www.coloradogifted.org)), including the **required essay**, before students will be considered for the shadowing program. **Deadline for completing the student applications and registration is January 31, 2014.**

For additional information see the attached documents.

### **FREE WEBINARS (February 18<sup>th</sup>)**

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.

Upcoming sessions:

Tuesday, February 18<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-5:30 PM, ***Acceleration: Colorado's New Guidelines***

Tuesday, February 18<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 - 8:00 PM, ***The Power of Advocacy*** (NAGC WOW pre-recorded session) with Del Siegle.

If you are interested in participating in either of these webinars, please let me know, and I will get the login information to you.

### **PARENT WORKSHOP (February 21<sup>st</sup>)**

#### **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

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 or to register, go to <https://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?llr=ljdxngab&oeidk=a07e8e7anvf2e16f2b9>.

### **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. For more information go to [http://www.unco.edu/cebs/gtcenter/creativity\\_quest.html](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](http://www.central.greeleyschools.org).
- Click on the Counseling tab on the header.
- Under Counseling Office, click on Counseling Resources/Links.

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