



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

**GT PARENT NEWSLETTER – JANUARY 2015**

**Dear Families~**

I hope everyone had a wonderful break and that the new semester has gotten off to a great start. As always, please let me know if you have questions or if I can help in any way.

~Amy

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS**

**STUDENT TRIP TO JAPAN IN SUMMER 2015**

Did you know the City of Greeley and Moriya, Japan have been celebrating and fostering a Sister City relationship for more than 20 years? Every odd year summer the City of Greeley sponsors (\$1,000 scholarship) approximately ten high school students to visit Moriya, Japan as part of a student exchange. During even years, Greeley students host Moriya students. Planning has already begun for Greeley youth to visit Moriya, scheduled for June of 2015.

The Sister City Student Exchange Program is a wonderful opportunity for students from both cities to explore each other's country and learn more about their cultures, traditions, and way of life.

We are looking for students that excel in academics, are residents of Greeley, are interested in fun and adventure, and are excited about the possibility of developing life-long friendships with people from across the Pacific Ocean.

Students grades 8 through 12 are encouraged to apply if interested. **DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS IS JANUARY 16, 2015.** Application is attached.

**YOUNG CHAUTAUQUA**

Students interested in participating in Young Chautauqua this year need to contact Mrs. Graefe as soon as possible. This year's theme is "The American West: Hope and Heartbreak." For general information on Young Chautauqua, visit:

<http://www.coloradohumanities.org/content/young-chautauqua>

**BOOM! THE PHYSICS OF SOUND AND MUSIC**

January 17 9:30 - 10:30am (CU Boulder in Duane Physics G1B30): CU Wizard Presentation. Professor Michael Dubson presents "Boom! The Physics of Sound and Music." CU Wizard presentations are free public presentations geared for kids grades 5-9, but all ages are welcome!

**WESTERN ACADEMIC TALENT SEARCH** offers gifted and talented children (through freshman year) a chance to take above-level testing. Results of this testing may help with advocacy, entrance into various programs, and a better understanding of your child's strengths and weaknesses. For more information, visit: [Center for Bright Kids](#).

## **LEGISLATIVE DAY**

Colorado Association for Gifted and Talented (CAGT) will be hosting their annual Legislative Day on Thursday, February 19, 2015. This event allows students (grades 8 – 12) a unique opportunity to shadow a state legislator for the day. The application process opens the first week of January. There is also an adult component to the day, where gifted advocates have an opportunity to learn about current legislative initiatives that affect our gifted children. Registration information is available [here](#).

## **COLORADO TEEN LITERATURE CONFERENCE**

Saturday, April 11 from 8 AM - 4:00 PM at Tivoli, Auraria Campus, Downtown Denver

Registration for the 2015 [Colorado Teen Literature Conference](#) is now open. This year's Keynote Authors will be Wendelin Van Draanen and Andrew Smith.

The past few years have filled up quickly so make sure you register as soon as possible.

Registration is \$35 for students and \$65 for adults. Grants are available for adult and teen participants.

## **TEDXYOUTH@MILEHIGH**

TEDxYouth@MileHigh) is scheduled for April 7, 2015 at the Ellie Caulkins Opera House in Denver and is an ideal educational and leadership development opportunity for students in grades 6-12. In a single event, students will be exposed to a dozen big ideas from the state's most brilliant thinkers and accomplished doers. The program challenges audience members to think critically about their lives, communities, and own leadership and is designed to inspire attendees to be more creative and innovative in their own lives. Topics include education, science, health, technology, entrepreneurship, and sustainability.

We will again be taking a group of about 30 students to this event. More information will follow.

## **OPPORTUNITIES FOR PARENTS**

### **ELEVEN KEY PARENTING ISSUES**

January 15, 2015

Presenter: James T. Webb, PhD

There are eleven key issues that are common concerns for parents of gifted children. Hear about these and the four major factors that influence them.

*Every registered participant will receive a link to the recording and slides approximately one week after the live event, regardless of attendance.*

### **GIFTED EDUCATION TUESDAYS (G.E.T.)**

G.E.T. is a series of live seminars on selected Tuesdays designed specifically for parents of gifted children. G.E.T. is a collaborative project between The Colorado Department of Education (CDE) & Colorado Association for Gifted and Talented (CAGT).

#### **February 3, 2015: Creating & Facilitating Gifted Student Discussion Groups Grades 3-12**

Healthy social and emotional development doesn't always "just happen". For many it is encouraged through a supportive, caring environment specifically designed to foster such growth. This session addresses the needs of gifted and talented students, 3-12, whose social and emotional development may be qualitatively different from others their age. Step by step details will direct educators and professional support staff on how to effectively facilitate discussions.

**Speaker: Terry Bradley**

To join session use this URL: <http://connect.enetcolorado.org/getfebruary2015/>

Optional Reminder Request: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/GetRemindFeb3>

Information on upcoming webinars is attached.

BEYOND GIFTEDNESS XXII 2015 CONFERENCE

**Keynote speakers: Dr. Joseph Renzulli and Dr. Sally Reis**

Friday Feb 20, 2015 - 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM MST  
Arvada Center for the Arts

Parent Mini-Conference: 9am - 1pm - includes parent-focused sessions, lunch and general conference keynote. Parents may opt to attend regular conference sessions during this time instead. Parent conference is \$50 per person or \$90 per couple. (Only 50 tickets will be sold for parent mini-conference).

For more information, got to: [www.ourgifted.com](http://www.ourgifted.com)

**SAVE THE DATE!!**

Greeley-Evans Gifted and Talented Department will host the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Gifted & Talented Parent Institute on **Saturday, April 18**. More information will be coming soon!

**ADDITIONAL PARENT OPPORTUNITIES** (Thanks to the January CAGT Newsletter)

**March 7, 9AM-5PM:** (Gifted Development Center, Broomfield): Gifted Development Center and Lumineux Institute present **“Creating Sanctuary for Gifted Empaths, A Lab for Parents and Educators.”** \$85

**April 7: “Advocacy—The Elephant in the Room-‘It takes a village.’”** Gifted students need advocates throughout their lives both at home and at school. Meet one student who has faced tremendous challenges, yet through the support and advocacy of a system has a positive story to tell. Explore the various avenues for educator and parental advocacy and how a team of the two is effective and dynamic in making a difference in both the academic achievement and affective well-being of gifted learners.

Speakers: Sharon Duncan, Dr. Joanna Haase

To join the session use this URL: <http://connect.enetcolorado.org/getapril2015/> Optional Reminder Request <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/GetRemindApril7>

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**48 ESSENTIAL LINKS FOR THE PARENTS OF GIFTED CHILDREN**

Every parent hopes for their child to be smart and to excel in school, but sometimes parents just don’t know what to do with a child who is especially exceptional. Keeping him or her challenged, interested, and engaged can be tough, as can dealing with an educational system that doesn’t always focus on helping out bright students. Parents of gifted children should know that they’re not alone and that there are hundreds of resources on the Web that can help every step of the way. [Here](#) are some we think stand out from the crowd, offering advice, information, support, and educational resources to help you support and encourage your child’s special abilities.

**THE BRILLIANT BLOG**

Annie Murphy Paul researches, reports, and reflects on “what it is that makes people smart.”  
[The Brilliant Blog’s Most-Commented-On Posts of 2014](#)

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## **SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION**

**Did you know that there is a list of additional 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 prior newsletters and additional gifted and talented resources, go to [Greeley Central Gifted & Talented](#).*

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