



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

**GIFTED EDUCATION PARENT NEWSLETTER – NOVEMBER 2015**

**Dear Families~**

I hope you all have a wonderful Thanksgiving break. I can't believe that once we return, we only have three weeks left in the semester! I've attached a copy of this semester's finals schedule for your information.

As always, please let me know if you have questions, ideas, or concerns.

~Amy

**COLLEGE PLANNING GUIDELINE**

After a conversation with the Josephs at the last conferences, I thought it might be helpful to send information out to everyone about college planning for gifted students (attached). These are guidelines and will not apply in every situation, but you may find portions very helpful. This was taken from the book *College Planning for Gifted Students* by Sandra Berger.

**GIFTED & TALENTED ADVISORY COUNCIL**

The Greeley-Evans School District is seeking new members for the Gifted and Talented Advisory Council. The function of this Council is to gather input from parents, teachers, administrators, and community members and to inform and advise the Gifted and Talented Department in matters relating to gifted and talented and academic challenge programming in the district.

If you are interested in serving in this capacity, please see the attached document for more information.

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS**

**SUMMER ENRICHMENT PROGRAM (SEP)**

2015 marks the 38th year of SEP serving children and youth who are gifted, talented, and/or creative in a supportive academic and social setting. Designed for students entering 5th grade through 10th grade, this residential program offers high interest, hands-on, brains-on courses developed by specialists in gifted education and/or in specialized content areas. On the day they arrive, students select courses for their two week session. Courses meet daily during four 75 minute periods. After classes are done for the day participants choose a variety of "options" varying from active sports and recreation to craft activities and time to visit with new and old friends. Students come to SEP from approximately 25 states, provinces, and foreign countries. Dorm counselors who are college age and older supervise students during all hours that the students are not in class. There are also programs available for younger children 4 years old through 4<sup>th</sup> grade and for older children entering their junior and senior years in high school.

Visit the following site for more information: <http://www.unco.edu/cebs/sep/>

## **OPPORTUNITIES FOR PARENTS**

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

Are you interested in learning more about the best practices in gifted education? Join CDE's Gifted Education Tuesdays for webinars on rigorous instruction, concept-based learning, and acceleration.

**Upcoming:** December 1, 2015 (Rigorous Instruction)  
More information is attached.

### **SUPPORTING EMOTIONAL NEEDS OF THE GIFTED (SENG) WEBINARS**

SENG webinars (SENGinars) provide convenient access to many of the top experts in the gifted field discussing issues related to the social and emotional needs of the gifted. The 90-minute webinars are designed expressly for parents, educators, and mental health professionals who work with gifted children. You'll have an opportunity to ask questions at the end of each live webinar.

**Upcoming:** December 17, 2015 (Motivation and Underachievement)  
Visit the following site for more information: <http://sengifted.org/programs/senginars>

### **SAVE THE DATE!!**

Greeley-Evans Gifted and Talented Department will host the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Gifted & Talented Parent Institute on **Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup>**. More information will be coming soon!

## **OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUNGER STUDENTS**

### **CREATIVITY QUEST**

The University of Northern Colorado hosts a Creativity Quest one Saturday each month for students in grades 1-6. Cost is \$25 per session or 3 sessions for \$60. For more information, visit: [http://www.unco.edu/cebs/gtcenter/creativity\\_quest.html](http://www.unco.edu/cebs/gtcenter/creativity_quest.html)

### **YOUNG CHILD SUMMER ENRICHMENT PROGRAM**

The Young Child Summer Enrichment Program for high-ability learners is sponsored by the Center for the Education & Study of Gifted, Talented, Creative Learners at the University of Northern Colorado. It serves children ages 4 and 5 and those entering grades 1-4 who show unusual talents and abilities. The program was initiated in 1980 for high-potential, high-ability students and continues to be a successful program each year.

The curriculum incorporates creativity, problem solving, and the development of high level thinking skills based on student interests and passions. Classes will be offered in the areas of science, math, world languages and cultures, art, physical activities, music, and literature/language arts.

For more information, visit: [http://www.unco.edu/cebs/sep/young\\_child/index.html](http://www.unco.edu/cebs/sep/young_child/index.html)

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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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