



August 2009 Newsletter

CASE for Gifted Children

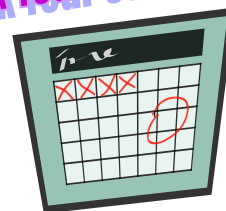
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CASE Meeting

CCISD GT Services Overview & GT Parent Coffee Talk

Thursday, September 17th, 7:00 PM
Westbrook Intermediate School
302 W El Dorado Blvd., Friendswood, TX 77546

Mark Your Calendar!



For this first meeting of the year, CASE will provide two separate informational presentations.

For parents of newly identified or unidentified GT students, Advanced Academic Specialist Linda Michael will present an overview of the CCISD GT program. This presentation will include a description of the options available for GT students elementary through high school as well as information about the identification process.

For parents of identified GT students, CCISD District GT Coordinator Debi Taylor will lead a parent coffee talk discussion. Topics for discussion include CCISD's vision and the 5-year GT plan, how the CCISD system works and current best research practices for gifted education. Bring your coffee mug!



Texas A & M University Chemistry Open House

Saturday, October 17, 2009

10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas

<http://www.chem.tamu.edu/openhouse/>

Every year the Texas A&M Department of Chemistry hosts a free, open to the public, Chemistry Open House and Science Exploration Gallery to celebrate National Chemistry Week. The Chemistry Open House features the popular [Chemistry Road Show*](#), guided lab tours, hands-on and computer activities, door prizes and science goodie bags. The [Chemistry Road Show*](#) is recommended for all ages and includes demonstrations of popular science. Several departments including Physics, Engineering and Biochemistry are represented at the Chemistry Open House.

Academic Adventures in the Museum District

The Health Museum, in partnership with Duke University Talent Identification Program, proudly presents Academic Adventures in the Houston Museum district. Open to 5th and 6th grade students who have participated in Duke Tip 4th/5th Grade Talent Search, these day long courses provide challenging, hands-on learning experiences that promote creativity and critical thinking and allow students to explore topics not typically covered in school. Classes cost \$140 and take place on Saturdays throughout the fall. Financial aid is available.



<http://thehealthmuseum.org/otherdisplay.aspx?pageid=289>



Whatever your role, wherever your location, the TAGT Annual Professional Development Conference is your premier opportunity to learn how to meet the unique needs of the gifted and talented children in your life, and to connect with thousands of your peers.

Register before **October 9th** to get the Early Bird Discount, a savings of \$50 on the two-day conference.

<http://www.txgifted.org/tagt09/registration>

Keynote Address Thursday, December 3

Jan Davidson, founder, Davidson Institute for Talent Development

Thinking Big About Gifted Education

Age-based learning is not working, particularly for the gifted. In today's world of individualized services, the education system should fit the curriculum to each student, rather than making each student fit into an age-based curriculum. Learn how to think big with unique approaches and strategies.

Featured Sessions Friday, December 4

Dr. Dona Mathews, University of Toronto and Psychoeducational Consultant

What Does The Research Say? Current Views on Best Practice with High-Ability Learners

Gifted education is in the midst of a paradigm shift, integrating research about developmental psychology, neural development, and the interplay of cognition and emotion. New findings will be discussed that have practical implications for parents and teachers of gifted learners.

Stephanie Tolan, author

Change Your Story, Change Your Life

Gifted kids face challenges with academic and social/emotional issues, and will deal with them using their own mental capacities. We can't always change what happens in our lives, but it is always possible to change our stories. Learning to recognize the negative stories and focusing them in a more positive direction allows children to become heroes rather than victims, no matter how imperfect their world.

TAGT Is Seeking Corporate Sponsorship

TAGT is looking for corporate sponsors for this year's conference bags. More than 3000 attendees from schools across Texas usually participate in this convention and TAGT's investment of more than \$17,000 can be shared by only one vendor for only \$1 per bag...

total **\$3,000** for 3000 bags. If your business or employer is interested in being a corporate sponsor, please contact Connie at the TAGT state office at **512-499-8248 X204**.



Join Texas Association for the Gifted and Talented

*Parents and Educators Dedicated to Meeting the
Unique Needs of Gifted and Talented Students*

TAGT is the nation's largest state advocacy group of its kind, providing nearly 3,500 members and friends of gifted youth a forum for exchanging ideas and information about the education of gifted and talented students. TAGT recognizes the unique social, emotional, and intellectual needs of gifted and talented students and provides educational services to meet these needs. Show your support for the TAGT mission and become a part of our statewide community of active, involved parents and advocates for only \$25*!

- Tempo Quarterly Journal and TAGT E-Newsletter
- Members-only website access and email updates

<http://www.txgifted.org/about/membership>

*A professional level membership of \$49 is required to receive a member discount to the Professional Development Conference.



Join CASE Today!

Your CASE membership helps to support gifted & talented training for the teachers in CCISD. The more CCISD teachers understand about gifted children and how they learn, the better education we can offer our children. Last year CASE members dues contributed to a **\$600** donation to the CCISD GT Department for teacher training.

CASE is a support and advocacy group for parents, teachers and other supporters of gifted education within the Clear Creek Independent School District (CCISD). The parent, teacher and community membership of CASE has been instrumental in not only maintaining the valuable gifted programming within CCISD but in contributing to the expansion and improvement of these services in a time when financial constraints have cut gifted programming in Texas and across the nation.

Membership in CASE is a great investment in gifted education at only \$10 per school year for the entire family.

Communicate –

CASE communicates current news and events that impact gifted children within CCISD through the CASE website, meetings, and parent/teacher network.

Advocate –

CASE is the parent interface with the district to advocate for gifted programs throughout the district. CASE was instrumental in the development of the WAVE program as well as contributing to other positive changes in gifted programming within the district. CASE also helps to equip parents to more effectively advocate for their children.

Support –

Raising a gifted child is no easy task. There are social, emotional, and educational challenges at every stage. CASE serves as a support group to provide parents a venue to interact and learn from other parents of gifted children.

Educate—

CASE endeavors to provide educational benefits to parents, educators, and students. Valuable information and resources are available through regular meetings and the website. In addition, teachers across the district are supported with funding for continuing gifted education.

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Date: _____ New Membership _____ Renewal _____ Check Number _____ or Cash _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Student Name(s)/Grade Level(s)/School(s) Attending: _____

To join please complete the form below and mail it, along with your check for \$10, to:

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