



January 2011 Newsletter

CASE for Gifted Children

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Dr. Webb's Talk was a Success!

Over 200 parents attended Dr. James Webb's presentation on "Parenting Successful GT Children" on January 4. A special thank-you goes to Debi Taylor, CCISD Coordinator of Gifted & Talented Services, for helping make the evening with Dr. Webb possible. His presentations to parents and to district teachers and counselors have been uploaded to the CASE website, www.casegiftedchildren.org.

Dr. Webb fielded many questions about gifted children during his presentation, but perhaps you still have unanswered questions. What are some topics of interest for you? Please email your suggestions to www.case_gifted_children@yahoo.com. CASE will use your suggestions to bring in speakers to address your questions about your gifted child.

Important News & Information

SAVE THE DATE

Feb. 10 CASE meeting, 7 p.m. Westbrook Intermediate School

ELEMENTARY PARENT LUNCH SOCIAL January 19 (Wednesday), 11:30 am

Please join us for an elementary parent luncheon to discuss all things GT!
Meet other parents and CASE officers at an informal luncheon to discuss Dr. James Webb's recent talk and other topics of interest.

La Madeleine

929 West Bay Area Blvd., Webster TX, 77598
281-316-6135

SECONDARY PARENT LUNCH SOCIAL

Friday, Jan 28 at 11:30



Join parents of intermediate and high school children and CASE officers for a lunch social. Class registration for the next school year begins soon. Let's discuss class options, Dr. Webb's recent talk and other areas that interest you.

Gain some new insights while having a relaxing lunch with other parents experiencing the joy and challenges of raising a GT pre-teen or teenager. We hope to see some new faces!

Friday, Jan 28 at 11:30
The Egg and I
557 West Bay Area Blvd, Webster, TX 77598



Summer Program Expo –A Parent Information Opportunity

January 13, 2011

5:30-8:00 P.M.

Rice University - Rice Memorial Center

(Grand Hall in the Student Center) 6100 Main St, Houston 77005

The Houston Area Cooperative on the Gifted and Talented and the Southeast Cooperative for Gifted and Talented are pleased to present this opportunity for parents of gifted and high achieving students to learn more about summer opportunities for their children and applying for a TAGT scholarship (\$400 max for summer programs). Camps for all ages will be present. Many cater to middle and/or high school students. The brochure listing camp participants and the flier with parking information are on the CASE website www.casegiftedchildren.org.

Mark Your Calendar for Explore UT: The Biggest Open House in Texas!"

<http://www.utexas.edu/events/exploreut/>

Saturday, March 5, 2011, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at The University of Texas at Austin
For students K-12, teachers, and families. Everyone is welcome. Free, no sign-up for activities.

Choose from more than 400 learning activities.

Here's a sampling from last year: Watch Aldebaran humanoid robots in action, take part in a trial of "Gold E. Locks" with a real judge presiding, watch concrete cylinders crumble under 500,000

pounds of pressure, deliver the TV news in a real TV studio, learn the Russian alphabet, march with the Longhorn Band, see modern American paintings and sculpture in the Blanton Art Museum. Students may attend with their families on their own, or schools may organize a bus field trip. Contact Barbara Langham, Explore UT communications consultant, at 512-346-2261, blangham@austin.utexas.edu.

Duke University Talent Identification Program (Duke TIP)

The Duke TIP 4th/5th Grade Talent Search provides academically talented 4th and 5th graders and their families resources and encouragement to enhance their educational opportunities. Application deadline is **March 25, 2011**. www.tip.duke.edu

Coming Soon!

SENG-Model Parent Support Group For parents of bright, gifted or talented children

You are invited to participate in a guided discussion group to learn about the social and emotional needs of bright/gifted/talented children, and the parenting issues related to those needs.



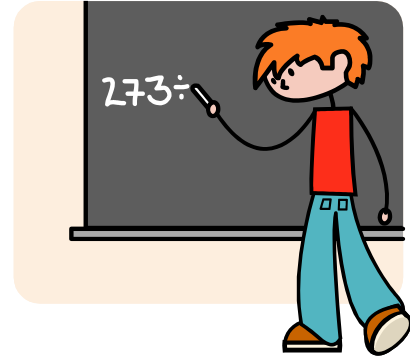
The emphasis is on positive aspects of parenting, avoiding power struggles, and helping these children learn appropriate life skills while enhancing the parent/child relationship.

Topics will include: *Identification/Characteristics, Parent Relationships, Sibling Relationships, Communication of Feelings, Stress Management, Depression, Motivation, Tradition Breaking, Peer Relationships, and Discipline.*

Facilitator: Julie Wilcox
Duration: 8 weeks, Thursdays starting after Spring Break (Date & Time to be announced)
Pre-registration info to come.

Math Enrichment

In this edition of the CASE newsletter, we will focus on resources for mathematically inclined gifted students. If your child can't get enough math, here are some ideas for mathematics enrichment.



Math Clubs

Math clubs are an excellent way for students to stretch their mathematical minds with other students who share their passion. Many CCISD schools sponsor math clubs. If your child's school does not have a math club, consider starting one. There are a variety of math competitions in which students can compete. Here are just a few.

- **Math Olympiads** is a mathematical problem solving competition for students in 4th through 8th grade. www.moems.org
- **MathCounts** is a national math enrichment, coaching & competition program that promotes middle school mathematics achievement. www.Mathcounts.org
- **The American Mathematics Competitions (AMC)** is a competition program dedicated to the goal of strengthening the mathematical capabilities of our nation's youth through math competition for students in 6th through 12th grade. www.unl.edu/amc/



Math Online

There are endless mathematics resources online, here is a sampling.

- **Super Maths World** is a fun website for building math skills. It has one and two player games. <http://www.supermathsworld.com/>
- **ALEKS** is a Web-based, artificially intelligent assessment and learning system with a variety of course products, mainly mathematics courses. They offer a free trial so that you can sample the course. www.ALEKS.com
- **Art of Problem Solving** offers classes, books and an online community for serious math students in grades 6 through 12. www.artofproblemsolving.com/

To find additional resources for your mathematically gifted child, please see the Mathematically Gifted page on Hoagies Gifted Education website www.hoagiesgifted.org/math_gifted.htm.

Book Corner



For Students:

[Challenge Math For the Elementary and Middle School Student](#) by Edward Zaccaro
For the upper elementary and middle school student

[Mathematics](#) by Harold R. Jacobs
Arguably the best mathematics text books available...

[Challenge Math For the Elementary and Middle School Student](#) by Edward Zaccaro
"Math is often taught as all scales and no music. This book contains the music!" I couldn't have said it better myself - tons of fun problems...

For Parents:

[Developing Math Talent: A Guide for Educating Gifted and Advanced Learners in Math](#) by Susan Assouline and Ann Lupkowski-Shoplak
Educators (and parents) guide to educating the math-gifted child...

Games



[Equate](#) by [Conceptual Math Media](#)
Strategic math thinking game, scrabble for mathematical expressions. Don't forget the junior tile set for more integers, or the advanced tile set for negative numbers and exponents. Classroom sets available, too!

[The 24 Game](#)

Create the number 24 from the four numbers on a game card. You can add, subtract, multiply and divide. Use all four numbers but use each number only once. Available from simple addition and subtraction, right up to fractions, decimals and algebra.

[Doctor Walt's CAD for Kids](#) (ages 8 and up)

Provides a dramatic introduction to both basic drafting and powerful solid modeling. Create fancy cars, fascinating creatures, intricate robots, and hundreds of other items with minimal effort...

Spring Break Camps

Houston Arboretum & Nature Center <http://www.houstonarboretum.org/springcamp.asp>
Ages 5-12 years, March 14-18

Texas Association for the Gifted & Talented Summer Scholarship information can be found at <http://www.txgifted.org/> .



Join CASE Today!

Now is the time to renew your membership or join CASE. Membership dues are only \$12 per family annually.

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 \$12 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 \$12, to:

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