



May 2009 Newsletter

CASE for Gifted Children

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CCISD Gifted Students, Families and Educators
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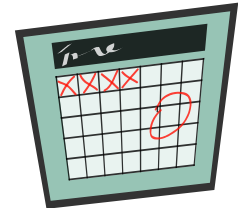
Dr. Joyce Juntune

Parenting the Gifted: Trials and Triumphs

Wednesday, May 6th, 7:00 - 8:30 PM

Cancelled

Mark Your Calendar!



DON'T MISS

Elementary Game Day at the Library

Clear Lake City-County Freeman Branch Library, Community Room

16616 Diana Lane, Houston, TX 77062

Thursday, **June 11th**, 12:30 – 2:00 PM

Bring your favorite board or card game to play with friends.



News & Information

Appreciation Luncheon Held for CCISD Advanced Academic Specialists

CASE held a luncheon on Friday, May 1st for the Advanced Academic specialists in appreciation for their work with the children of CCISD. CASE officers and teachers discussed how to continue building an effective partnership to bring the best support and educational opportunities to CCISD students.

Duke TIP Academic Adventures in the Museum District

The Health Museum, in partnership with the Duke University Talent Identification Program, proudly presents Academic Adventures in the Houston Museum District. Open to fifth and sixth grade students who have participated in the Duke TIP 4th/5th Grade Talent Search, the 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.

<http://thehealthmuseum.org/ExportedSite/Education/Duke%20TIP%20Academic%20Adevntures.htm>

For more Summer Camps and Enrichment Opportunities for GT students see

http://www.casegiftedchildren.org/Summer_Opportunities_09.pdf.

GT News from around Texas

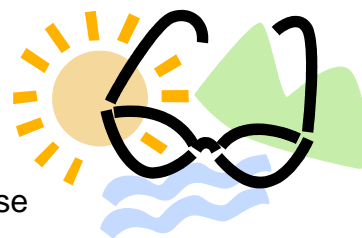
Kennedale schools to change instruction for gifted and talented students

"Last month, the board approved an administration plan to end the practice of pulling gifted and talented elementary and intermediate school students out of class for at least 150 minutes a week for separate instruction. The replacement program will group those students in a regular classroom where they will receive specialized instruction from a teacher trained in gifted and talented education."

Read entire article at http://www.star-telegram.com/arlington_news/story/1334028.html .

Please email ideas and suggestions for the CASE newsletter to CASE_gifted_children@yahoo.com. Please type "CASE newsletter" in the subject line.

Frugal Fun for the Family



Need to keep the family busy this summer, but the electricity bills are cutting you're your recreation budget? Try some of these free local activities.

- **Miller Outdoor Theatre.**

Miller Outdoor Theatre offers the most diverse season of professional entertainment of any Houston performance venue, and it's all FREE! Classical music, jazz, ethnic music and dance, ballet, Shakespeare, musical theatre, classic films, and much, much more are included in this year's outstanding line-up. Relax in the covered seating area or enjoy a pre-performance picnic on the hillside. All performances at Miller are family-friendly!

www.milleroutdoortheatre.com

- **Friendswood Concert in the Park**

All concerts except where noted will take place at Stevenson Park, 1100 S. Friendswood Dr., in the Gazebo. Concerts begin at 7:00 p.m., and end at approximately 9:00 p.m. Bring your blankets, lawn chairs, refreshments, dinner and/or a snack and sit back and enjoy an evening of fun and family entertainment sponsored by the City of Friendswood, Community Services Department.

www.friendswood.com/COF/parksrec/Concerts

- **Visit Maas Nursery in Seabrook**

Maas Nursery specializes in the unusual and the unique. Right off of Toddville road which is the road that runs along side Galveston bay from Kemah bridge. This nursery is really an interesting place to explore. It's hard to explain but it's well worth a visit. Afterwards, on the same street, is a great park on Galveston bay. This park has pretty nice trails, a pier, playground equipment, picnic tables and is a fun place to explore.

www.maasnursery.com/

- **Free Days at the Museums**

The Children's Museum is free on Thursdays, 5 - 8 pm.

The Health and Science Museum is free on Thursdays 2 - 5 pm.

The Museum of Natural Sciences is free on Tuesdays after 2pm (Main Exhibit Hall only).

The Weather Museum is free on Thursdays 12-4.

The Printing Museum is free 10-5 Tuesday-Saturday.

The Museum of Fine Arts is free Thursdays 10-9 pm.

- **Downtown Houston**

Park at Sam Houston Park near downtown, visit the Heritage Society Museum

(www.heritagesociety.org) for free and then explore the downtown tunnels to the JP Morgan Chase Tower building at 600 Travis and to the Wells Fargo Building at 1000 Louisiana.

The Chase Tower is the tallest building in Houston and the 4th tallest in U.S. Its' sky lobby (observation deck) is located on the 60th floor and can be accessed via the express elevators located in the main lobby. The Wells Fargo Plaza is the 2nd tallest building in Houston and has an observation deck on one of its' floors. Both buildings are open to the public during the working hours of 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Monday-Friday.

- **Houston Symphony – Sounds Like Fun!**

The centerpiece of the Houston Symphony's Education & Outreach program, Sounds like Fun! offers children an entertaining first encounter with classical music and lays the groundwork for further classical experiences. All concerts are free, and no tickets are required. Be sure to come 30 minutes early so the kids can play musical instruments at the Instrument Petting Zoo!
www.houstonsymphony.org/education/sounds_like_fun.aspx

- **Nassau Bay Farmers Market**

The Nassau Bay Farmers Market is every Saturday 10am-2pm rain or shine. Located at 18045 Upper Bay Road Nassau Bay in front of Erma's Nutrition Center, the market offers local organic produce, herbs, plants, goat & sheep dairy products & meats (subject to availability) and grass fed meats. They also have organic baked goods, jams, fresh & locally roasted coffees, natural Himalayan bath salts, handmade soaps, Organic cotton & earth friendly hand painted clothing, as well as handmade magnetic jewelry and much much more!
www.localharvest.org/farmers-markets/M16053

Book Corner



For Students:

Art Treasury by Rosie Dickins

This delightful treasury combines dazzling art from around the world with exciting projects to do that will inspire every young artist. It includes famous European paintings, delicate Japanese prints and traditional African masks, and each work of art is followed by a project influenced by the artist's methods or ideas.

The Complete Book of Origami: Step-by-Step Instructions in Over 1000 Diagrams by Robert J. Lang
Create nearly 40 striking paper figures with clear, step-by-step instructions and helpful diagrams. Features simple to advanced objects: cube, parrot, rabbit, seagull, cuckoo clock, rocket, mouse, elephant, violinist, Viking ship, and many more...

Imponderables : The Solution to the Mysteries of Everyday Life by David Feldman
the first of the Imponderables series... Why is a mile 5,280 feet? Which fruits are in Juicy Fruit' gum? Why does an X stand for a kiss? Why don't cats like to swim?

What Shall I Do Today? by Ray Gibson et al.

Great project ideas, easy to use, fun to create... ages 4 to 8

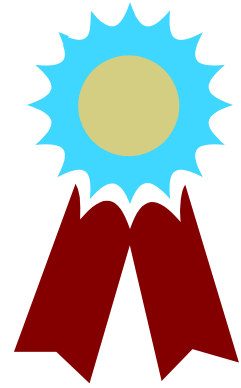
For Parents:

The Survival Guide for Parents of Gifted Kids: How to Understand, Live With, and Stick Up for Your Gifted Child by Sally Yahnke Walker

The ultimate guides to surviving and thriving in a world that doesn't always value, support, or understand high ability...

Parenting With Love and Logic: Teaching Children Responsibility by Jim Fay and Foster W. Cline
A common sense approach to raising children, with lots of humor and positive suggestions for dealing with negative situations. Great parenting resource!

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS



Matthew Kopra, winner of the 2009 CASE Brochure Art Contest

Galveston/Chambers County Spelling Bee
WAVE students **Harsh Gupta**, representing SCIS, 1st; **Anne Zhou**,
representing WIS, 2nd runner up

Regional Winning MathCounts Team:

Allen Hu , **Eric Ho**, **Steven Mao**, **Patrick Pan**, **Daniel Ho**, **Michael Tian**, **William Wu**,
Elaine Weiss

MathCounts Regional Countdown Winners: **Patrick Pan**, 1st, **Steven Mao**, 2nd, & **Allen Hu**, 3rd

MathCounts, 9th in the State of Texas!!!

Allen Hu, **Eric Ho**, **Daniel Ho**, **Steven Mao**, **Patrick Pan**

Houston Youth Symphony, **Patrick Pan**, 1st first-chair violinist & concert master.
Patrick Pan, Houston Young Artists Concert piano competition Winner

Rohan Ramchand, classical Indian music competition in Cleveland

Texas General Land Office, Save Texas History Essay Contest Winners:

1) Grand Prize:**Ariel McFalls** (Caddoan Mounds); 2) **Patrick Pan** (Washington on the Brazos); 3) **Patrick Harold** (Anahuac)

Daughters of the Republic of Texas Historical Regional Essay Competition: **Marley Foster**
(Angel of Goliad) – 1st Place

Sharn Syal, Junior Statesmen Summer School, Stanford University

Texas State Chess Tournament: Nathan John, championship division: Tied for 57 out of 100

Westbrook at Exxon/Mobil Texas State Science/Engineering Fair in San Antonio

Special Awards

American Meteorological Society - **Pratyusha Pilla**

American Psychological Society - **Karen Yen**

Discovery Channel Young Science Challenge top 10% - **Erika Storli**

Place Awards- Junior Division

Computer Science - **Rishi Suresh** - 4th place

Medicine/ Health - **Erika Storli** - 3rd place

Know a GT student who has earned special recognition, please send the details to CASE_gifted_children@yahoo.com for submission to the next CASE newsletter.



Join CASE today!

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:

CASE for Gifted Children, Katie Raterink, Treasurer, 5306 Kingsmill Rd., Friendswood, TX 77546