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Greetings!

Ah, back to school. It feels good to get back to a normal schedule and start the year with a clean slate, doesn't it? This month, I have assembled lots of resources that can help you create and maintain learning systems in your home and access valuable tools with and for your gifted child.

Michelle Stout - GT Parent Liaison

6th Annual Family Fun Night

We are very excited to feature national & international educational consultant Dr. Tim Kubik collaborating with 2016 TEF Thompson Educator of the Year Kendra Vair to present at our 6th Annual NOCO GTC Family Fun Night.

Our focus this year is on Personalized Learning for GT students and for all students.
Parent To-Do List

It’s August, and that means many families are gearing up for back to school. Here is a list of items every parent can do to make the transition back to school easier for students of all ages. Read More at Evolved Education Company

Remember, Great Preparation = Success!

Self Control

The Marshmallow Experiment -

A Secret to Reaching Goals

Students really need to see the future, otherwise project deadlines and finals sneak up on them. Read More

Extra Curricular Enrichment

There are lots of opportunities for TSD students to engage in enrichment programming. Some examples of district-sponsored programs are:

- Destination Imagination: Team-based, creative problem solving (K-12th grades)
- Robotics: First Lego League, Vex and Arduino (3rd-12th grades)
- Spelling: Clubs, local, regional and state competitions (4th-8th grades)
- Chess: Clubs, grade level and district competitions (K-12th grades)
- Math Olympiads: Math problem-solving contests for teams of students (4th-5th grades)
- Mathcounts: Coaching and competitive mathematics with a series of "bee" style-contests (6th-8th grades)
- Science Fair: Science fair is an opportunity for students to apply the scientific method to conduct independent research (K-8th grades)

Visit Extracurricular Enrichment to learn more.

Khan Academy

Tell Khan Academy which subjects you’re taking and they’ll create personalized study plans you can use all year.

Khan Academy goes far beyond math; we cover US and world history, physics, biology, chemistry, economics, computer science, and more.
Local Advocacy

The NOCO Gifted Community is an affiliate of the CO Association of Gifted & Talented.

The purpose of the NOCO chapter is to follow the CAGT mission to foster an understanding of all gifted children and their exceptional needs, and to advocate for appropriate education through partnerships with educators, parents, administrators, and more. Learn More

Webinars and Podcasts

Loving with Intensity - Gifted Couples
Relationships are essential for anyone, and often challenging for gifted people. This topic explores the challenges unique to gifted couples, and lays out tools they can use to improve their couple relationships.

August 24th, 2017 5:30pm - 7:00pm (MDT)Cost: $40.00

Register Here

Creative Development and the Twice Exceptional: Where Art Thou?
This SENGinar will focus on the issues surrounding the identification and subsequent remedial planning for the typical twice-exceptional student. The prescriptive nature of the IEP (Individualized Education Plan) can have detrimental effects on the creative development of the twice-exceptional learner partly due to the fact that the

How to Manage Your Child's Back-to-School Worries

A parent might ask, "My child gets anxious at the start of a new school year. What can I do to support my child during this transition time?" Read More at Summit Center

How to Make a Plan

Of all the executive functions, planning can be the most challenging for kids. That's because their brains have often not yet developed the ability to manage future thinking. Teachers and parents expect these executive function challenged students to get a report done in time, and are often surprised when the student begins work only the day before it is due. Their brain requires some external support to get it done - and not just a list.

Teaching your child to plan his time and tasks is an invaluable life skill. In my book, 50 Tips to Help Students Succeed, I go into this on a deeper level, but here is a brief summary of how to teach your child to plan, from my blog... Read More at Executive Functioning Success

The Most Important Thing of All

It's not grades, SAT scores, college readiness.

It's not staying out of trouble, perfection, getting a job.

It's not extra-curricular, resumes, letters of recommendation.

The most important thing is... Seth Perler

Is Your House Haunted by the Mayhem Monster?

Many kids, especially those with ADD, AD/HD or who are Gifted, Creative or Highly Sensitive feel the need to stimulate their brains.

For lack of better methods, they create chaos & crisis. Voila! The Mayhem Monster is born
IEP largely ignores the gifts and creative development that is essential to the success of the 2e child.

RESCHEDULED - Date TBA
7.30PM EDT - 9.00PM EDT
Fee: $30.00 for SENG Members; $40.00 for Non-Members

Creating An Environment Of Well Being with Dr. Paula Wilkes
Dr. Dan welcomes Summit Center colleague Dr. Paula Wilkes to discuss how to create well-being for ourselves and our families. Dr. Dan and Dr. Wilkes discuss how we can help all children discover their true nature and find their inner peace. This episode also devotes time to the particular challenges of gifted and spiritually sensitive children.

Listen Now

Twice Exceptional
New teachers, classrooms, expectations, and classmates - and that's only a few of the changes! Sights, sounds, specialists, and a full day school day for my daughter are all new as well.

First, begin by encouraging yourself that all will be well because it will be. I believe and trust that it will! Then, ask yourself a very important question: Am I stressed thinking about back-to-school? If your honest answer is yes (to any degree), let the following actionable steps be your guide...Read More at Exceptional Lives

Taming the Homework Monster
Anyone with children knows that homework never ends! While many students consider it the toughest part of the school day, homework also can be a painful aspect of parenting—especially for those whose children have learning difficulties. However, that need not be the case. Read More at Smart Kids with Learning Disabilities

Homework Checklist

Maintaining Motivation

Where parents of tweens and teens learn, share and connect.
Parenthetical is a blog, website and social network for parents of tweens and teens. What YOU contribute to the site and grows bigger each time it's activated.

Unfortunately, the Mayhem Monster wrecks havoc on family harmony, homework assignments, friendships, and life in general. Once it takes over, even the best of parents can feel helpless to get rid of it. Read More
Sharon Barnes
through questions, comments and advice is the most important part of Parenthetical. The goal is to make Parenthetical a place where you regularly share your parenting thoughts and questions, connect with other parents who are experiencing similar issues, and receive trustworthy information on parenting and teen development. Learn More

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**Educational Sites for Kids**

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**It's a Marathon!**
In this article, Stephen R. Balzac explores some strategies for helping your child maintain motivation when faced with stress or boredom. It's a must-read before school starts! Read More at SENG

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**Bullying and the Gifted: Welcome Back to School**

Most teachers use cooperative learning, small group, activities during the first week of school as their way of having the students get to know each other.

Classmates become confused when Johnny uses difficult and advanced vocabulary as he interviews his tablemates. By the time he has corrected the spelling of the group members for the fourth time in five minutes—or insisted that they vote on who gets to do the writing—Johnny has effectively singled himself out. Read More at Psychology Today

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