GT Meetup

We’ve all heard the term, but do you really understand what IB is? Is it a curriculum? Is it AP? Is it GT?

Join Charmagne Braden, TSD’s International Baccalaureate (IB) Coordinator, and your parent peers to learn more about IB and determine if it’s the right choice for your child.

Where: Winona Elementary School
When: December 10, 2013 ~ 12-1pm (bring lunch if you like)
Who: Parents interested in learning about secondary IB.

Register Here

December GT Meet Up:
Is IB Right for My GT High Schooler?

Here's sample of what we will be discussing.

Education for a better world: IB Diploma Programme

Although globalization impacts many facets of our lives in America, many of our gifted and talented children...
TSD Spelling Bee  
January 25 - 7:30 am - 5:30 pm  
Walt Clark Middle School

TSD Mathcounts Tournament  
February 1 - 8:30 am - 1:00 pm  
Conrad Ball Middle School

TSD Chess Qualifier Tournament  
February 1 - 8:00 am - 12:30 pm  
Lucile Erwin Middle School

Beyond Giftedness Conference XXI  
Parent Institute  
February 21 - 9:45 am - 2:00 pm  
Arvada Center for the Arts

Creativity Quest  
A Saturday program for students in grades 2 - 5 that develops creative and critical thinking tools in a hands-on, brains-on workshop setting.  
December 7:  
Creative SCIENTISTS Solving Problems  
Time: 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
(Kids please bring a lunch)  
Cost: $20 each  
Location: McKee Hall, lower level, on the UNC Campus  
Details and to Register

GT Library  
Did you know that the TSD GT Department has a library of books, resources and tools for parents and teachers? Email or call Michelle Stout at 613-5057 to schedule a time to come peruse these wonderful tools for use with your students or for your own learning as a GT parent.

Good Holiday Reads  
Beginning Readers  
The Snow Day  
by Komako Sakai

are unfamiliar with the rapid changes in our country related to globalization.  

Are you the parent of a gifted child prone to over-excitability? Many gifted children can be particularly vulnerable due to their emotional over-excitability. Misunderstood by peers, often thought of as emotionally immature or possibly volatile, their gift and extreme sensitivity can be a challenge to nurture.  

Teachable Moments  
Some of our intense GT kiddos might have trouble letting loose on occasion. More importantly, sometimes our child may have strong leadership ideas but lack the ability to confidently lead or accept others in a leadership role. This funny little clip is a creative way to initiate a conversation to explore your child's silly side while analyzing the roles or leaders and followers.

First Follower: Leadership Lessons from Dancing Guy

Intelligence is increasing all over the planet at a dramatic rate?

The Flynn Effect, discovered by James Flynn, suggests that more and more children world wide exhibit visual-spatial strengths and verbal problem solving skills not related to school-based learning. Read more below....

Upside-Down Brilliance: The Visual-Spatial...  
powered by GoBookee.org
Stranger in the Woods: A Photographic Fantasy
by Carl R. Sans II, Jean Stoick

My Father's Dragon
by Ruth Stiles Gannett

Chapter Books
The Chronicles of Narnia
by C.S. Lewis

Ella Enchanted
by Gail Carson Levine

Preteens
What Do You Care What Other People Think? Further Adventures of a Curious Character
by Richard Feynman

Young Adults
Doctor Zhivago
by Boris Pasternak, Борис Пастернак

The Hunger Games Series
by Suzanne Collins

Parents
The Explosive Child: A New Approach for Understanding and Parenting Easily Frustrated, Chronically Inflexible Children
by Ross W. Greene

50 Tips to Help Students Succeed
by Marydee Sklar

Mindset
by Carol Dweck PhD

Famous Quotes:
"Those who say it can't be done should get out of the way of those doing it."
Chinese Proverb

Upcoming Webinars

December 3, 2013
It Takes More than Cheering from the Sidelines: Supporting Gifted Students in Competitions
Discover strategies for supporting gifted and talented students who are competing in academic, artistic, leadership and service-related competitions. More...

December 12, 2013
I Need a Place Where I Belong: The Highly Gifted Child
This session will explore current research and practice regarding the highly gifted student. More...

January 7, 2014
2014 Gifted Adult Series: Giving a Name and a Face to Adult OEs
A discussion of how over excitability can serve as both a driving force and a liability for not only gifted children, but gifted adults as well. More...

TSD Enrichment Program Updates

A special shout out to Melissa Sellers, TSD's District Robotics and OM Coordinator. These two programs span the better part of the school year with numerous schools, teams and tournaments. It takes a dynamo to make these programs work! Thank you, Melissa!

Robotics
Congratulations to Thompson's students for their hard work and successes at the robotics competitions and their unique solutions to natural disaster preparedness.

Odyssey of the Mind
Thompson teams are forming and students are putting on their creative hats! They will work together to solve competition problems that encompass mechanical/vehicle, technical performance, classics, structure and performance.

Mathcounts
empowered to reach their full potential in mathematics. Thompson has 4 competition teams this year and will be competing February 1 at the district tournament. If your middle schooler is a math whiz and interested, please contact Cheryl Gilpatrick for school team information.

**Spelling Bee**

Elementary and middle school students are up, running and spelling! Each school is eligible to send students to the District Spelling Bee Tournament. If your child is interested, contact your school's GT teacher to get more information and your child registered to participate. District Coordinator - Lisa Paradise

**Chess**

From Kindergarten through 12th Grade, TSD's students are welcome to join those already gearing up for Thompson's District Chess Tournament. To learn if your child's school has an established team, contact Brian Lindsey for more information.