"Each day of our lives we make deposits in the memory banks of our children."

Charles R. Swindoll

November-December 2014

I wish I could say my toes were in the sand on a tropical beach while you were eagerly awaiting November's eNewsletter. Alas, I was here in Loveland, diligently working on the gifted and talented website. Although still a work in progress, resources have been added, such as social media links, research and articles, Ted Talks, websites and blogs. There are a plethora of great resources for parents of gifted children. I hope you can carve out a little time during your winter break to take a spin around the website.

Take a Peek!

"First we'll make snow angels for two hours, then we'll go ice skating, then we'll eat a whole roll of Tollhouse Cookie-dough as fast as we can, and then we'll snuggle." - Buddy the Elf

Aww, the holidays. Family, friends, treats...what's not to love? Now that you mention it, there are days that the kids just have to find something to do!
Resources for parents are not the only items added to the website. Send your kids to Cool Places on the Web! There's a whole lot of everything for kids to watch, play and explore.

But wait.....there's more!

Did you know that the Gifted & Talented Department has over 400 titles in our library? Parents and teachers may check out books on topics such as:

- Affective needs,
- Instructional differentiation,
- Perfectionism,
- GT Boys / GT Girls
- Twice Exceptionality
- and so much more!

Try our new online library search to find that perfect resource!

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Personalized Learning for Students

- Is your child looking for more out of his or her education?
- Does you child need time and space to pursue personal interests?
- Does your child possess a passion that a school class can't address?
- Would your child enjoy and benefit from learning with expert mentors in the community?
- Would online options for basics allow your child to move at his or her own pace?
Would your child relish interesting online elective courses with teacher and mentor support to expand that topic?

Visit E3 Learning

TSD Students Look for Ways to Improve Learning Experiences Through FIRST LEGO League

Thompson School District students have been tasked with researching real-world learning styles and designing and building an original robot in the FIRST® LEGO® League (FLL) "World Class Learning Unleashed™" Challenge. The World Class Learning Unleashed challenge is a two-part challenge based on how we learn that requires research to complete the project phase, and science and engineering to master the complex missions of the robot game phase. Read more

The mission of “Spotlight on Students” is to showcase the great kids of the Thompson School District. Videos and photos created for this site can be professionally produced with assistance from the video production department or submitted by teachers or students. It is a small sampling of the great things happening within the schools of the district. Please contact us if you have an idea for a story about any of the great things happening in our schools. Email: info@thompsonschools.org Phone: 613-6077

Call for Guest Bloggers

We are looking to recruit guest bloggers to join our team of expert bloggers. This is your chance to be part of our site. Do you have what it takes to write for the GT community?
Please see our list of blog dos and don'ts. Then, contact me with your outline and a writing sample, so I can see if your writing style is a good fit. Put "Guest Post Idea" in the subject line and submit your ideas here.

Do you ever wonder if your experience as a parent of a gifted child is unique to you and your family? Have you ever wanted to connect with your GT parent peers, but schedules prevent attending GT Meetups and events? Share your ideas, questions, experiences and strategies through our network of GT Forums.

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