



C-FB AGT Gifted Gazette
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Activities in JANUARY 2008
Opportunities to Connect and Learn

We are starting the year off with MANY opportunities to connect and learn more about helping our gifted kids succeed! Keep checking the website www.cfbgifted.org for updates.

January 14th Dr. James Webb, senior author of the award winning book *Parent's Guide to Gifted Children* will speak on this topic at Highland Park Middle School 3555 Granada, Highland Park. Program begins at 7 p.m.

January 15th Training for facilitators for SENG Model Parent Groups – limited openings for trainers may still be available – contact Janet Hale with Park Cities TAG at Actenamit@aol.com. Pre registration is required and cost is \$265 which includes materials (there is also advanced required reading material).

January 15th 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. Sixty parents are needed for parent discussion groups so that those being trained can get some first hand experience while the training is fresh and experts are still here. Location is Highland Park Middle School. You'll meet parents with gifted students from across the North Dallas Metroplex and beyond. Contact Alex Sagcal at assoc@aol.com if you want to participate. More details below

January 25th - 6:30 – 9:00 p.m. Technology Learning Center 2427 Carrick Street. **Summer Scholarship opportunities and family game night.** It is time to think about summer programs! TAGT and C-FB AGT offer scholarships for gifted students attending enriching summer programs. Come learn about these opportunities and winning scholarship applications. Get a start on writing one. Game night will occur in Room 120 and roughly run concurrently with the scholarship session. Bring a snack, a game and prepare to have fun. Meet other families of gifted kids.

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Supporting Gifted Education
Suzy Hagar Endowed Fund for Gifted Education

In 2005 a champion of C-FB ISD's programs for gifted education retired. Suzy Hagar's passion and vision lives on the current staff and in the programs that affect our children every day. To provide a lasting legacy to gifted education, C-FB AGT launched the Suzy Hagar Endowed Fund for Gifted Education within C-FB ISD Educational Foundation.

Our goal is to fully endow this fund this year. As of this writing the fund totals \$8,605 and needs approximately \$1,900 to reach the level needed to make an award this Spring. This endowment will support teachers who pursue training in gifted education and special programs for gifted students.

If you are looking for a way to honor a special person, the C-FB ISD Educational Foundation Suzy Hagar Endowed Fund for Gifted Education provides a wonderful tribute. <http://www.cfbisd.edu/pr2/foundation/>

C-FB AGT Incorporates as Not-for-Profit
By laws update coming

In order to enter the 'new age' for groups such as C-FB AGT, the board took the first step of officially incorporating as a Texas not for profit agency. The next step will be to file an application with the IRS for recognition as a public charity under IRS Code section 501(c)(3). This will make donations to C-FB AGT tax deductible to the maximum extent permitted by law. We encourage donations to C-FB AGT and to C-FB ISD Educational Foundation as noted above. You can also make donations to C-FB ISD Educational Foundation and note that they are restricted for C-FB AGT. Donations made to the Educational Foundation are also eligible for your corporation's matching gifts, if your employer has such a plan, so do this TODAY.

"Giftedness is not something you do, it's something you are"
Jim Delisle

More Details on Model Parent Group Facilitator Training

On **January 15 and 16, 2008**, authors and speakers James T. Webb, Ph.D and Arlene DeVries, M.S.E. will provide training for facilitators for SENG-Model Parent Discussion groups. C-FB AGT and C-FB ISD are collaborating with Highland Park TAG to bring this training to our area.

Parent Discussion Groups are a concept of SENG (Supporting Emotional Needs of Gifted). The concept is that groups of 15-20 parents and 2 facilitators meet weekly for 8 to 10 weeks to discuss [A Parent's Guide to Gifted Children](#) (Webb, Gore, Amend and DeVries, 2007). Topics include issues of discipline, motivation, peer relations, siblings, stress, depression, communication and parent relationships.

See http://www.sengifted.org/articles_publications.shtml. This training would be excellent for those who deal with gifted populations, or who want to know more about the unique aspects of gifted children. You need not be a member of C-FB AGT or SENG to participate. Registration for facilitator training is \$265. Openings are limited so contact Janet Hale, jhale312@aol.com, 214-526-8010, for information, schedule and materials.

In connection with this training, you are invited to an evening discussion group for sixty parents of gifted/talented students to be held **Tuesday, January 15, 2008, 7 - 9 p.m.** at Highland Park Middle School, 3555 Granada, Dallas, 75205. This opportunity is an important part of the two-day workshop training. Those being trained will facilitate evening sessions under the supervision of Dr. James T. Webb and Arlene R. DeVries. Parents will have an opportunity to hear Dr. Webb, senior author of the award winning book, "Parent's Guide to Gifted Children," and then participate in a discussion of such topics as motivation, discipline, stress management, peer relations, sibling rivalry, and tradition breaking, as they relate to parenting gifted children. This will be a great opportunity to meet other parents of gifted from several districts in the area, and gain some insights in guiding the development of your child. If you plan to attend, please contact Alex Sagcal if you are planning to attend from C-FB area so adequate facilities can be provided *** Beat the traffic and join other parents of TAG students before the session at **Cantina Laredo**, 165 Inwood Village, Dallas 75205, from **5:00 - 6:30 p.m.**

"Brain-food" --Do You Want to Read and Share Books About Giftedness?

Some C-FB AGT members would like to have a book group. The concept is we'd read a book and come together to discuss it. The first book we'll read is ***Mindset: The New Psychology of Success*** by Carol Dweck. There are copies in the AAS library and it is coming out in paperback in January. Mindset addresses the difference between "fixed" and "growth" mindsets. The author's research indicates that there are ways to change and achieve better results for ourselves and with our children. She addresses giftedness and how these mindsets can cause kids (or adults) to embrace new opportunities or to shut down.

There are soooo many good books out there to help us help our kids. This seems like a wonderful way to get to know each other and get some 'brain food' for ourselves! Contact cfb_agt_president@yahoo.com to get on the group email list about date, time, and location for our discussion. **If you have suggestions on a place to meet, please share. Those who contact the email will get an e-vitation with more details.**

Spring Symposium April 12 Gifted Kids: A World of Possibilities

Keynote speaker: Jim Delisle noted educator, author on parenting and educating gifted children.

"Parenting Gifted Kids: Tips for Raising Happy and Successful Children" Parents of gifted children and teens have many questions about how best to meet their intellectual and emotional needs. Parents of gifted kids need to know what giftedness is (and what it isn't). They want to know how to set expectations that are balanced and attainable. They want to know how to help their children find true friends who share similar interests and abilities. Dr. Delisle addresses these and other issues that "come with the territory" of raising gifted children. His book will be available for purchase.

Spring Symposium consists of several workshops geared to parents with gifted children of all ages. Watch for pre-registration materials in February. C-FB AGT members who pre-register as noted receive complimentary registration. Newman Smith High School Robotics Team will also present a Robotics camp which will run concurrently (registration is separate and an extra fee is required). More details coming soon!

Web Resources: Supporting Emotional Needs of the Gifted (SENG) www.sengifted.org
Texas Association for the Gifted and Talented – www.TXgifted.org
Hoagies Gifted Education Page – www.hoagiesgifted.org