

**Special Edition-A Week for Parents!**

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## **C-FB AGT Gifted Gazette E-dition!**

### **It's National Parenting Gifted Children Week!**

A week devoted to helping us help our kids! This special e-dition will provide some resources you might find helpful, and some 'quick shots' of news. There may or may not be an August e-news due to editor's vacation.

We hope you are enjoying the summer and find this helpful. If so, please forward to a friend. They can get their very own copy by joining C-FB AGT.

Parenting Gifted Children's Week was launched in 2008 by a collaboration of SENG and NAGC. This week SENG is providing daily email news of resources for parents. You can get SENG's news directly by joining the free (and privacy protected) email news at [www.sengifted.org](http://www.sengifted.org)

**These articles are provided by SENG (Supporting Emotional Needs of the Gifted)**

#### **Identifying and Recognizing Giftedness**

Did your child begin reading before the first day of preschool? Do you know a child who is

extremely talented in the visual and performing arts? Does your godchild exhibit an in depth understanding of math and science? Are you an athletic coach for a highly talented swimmer, golfer, or basketball player? Do you have a student in your classroom who manifests the type of leadership skills required to negotiate peace around the world? Answering yes to any of the above questions most likely means you have been in the presence of a gifted child. [READ MORE](#)

### **Making Sense of IQ**

IQ tests measure a broad range of problem solving skills. The scores are fairly useful in predicting academic and job performance, as well as physical health and income. However, IQ tests are intrinsically incomplete. "The number" leaves out intellectual courage, creativity, motivation, empathy, sense of humor, curiosity and kindness. If we are defined by our IQ only, then the metric is problematic. After all, the Unabomber was once a gifted child who went on to earn a degree from MIT. He is the poster child for the need to look beyond intelligence. The rest of the story is [HERE](#).

### **The Challenges of Parenting a Gifted Child**

It is summer. Time for some quiet fun, late mornings, relaxed unstructured days, and NO HOMEWORK. Right? Not if you are the parent of a gifted child. Whoever said parenting was easy, especially parenting gifted children?

As a mental health professional and the mother of two gifted children, I can attest to the fact that parenting gifted children poses unique challenges.

Gifted kids are on a different timeline from the average child. They generally process information at a different rate and in a different style from their peers. They react differently in social situations and tend to be highly emotional and easily frustrated. As a result, they are easily bored. [Continue](#)

**Colleges that Change Lives (CTCL).** CTCL is a non-profit organization dedicated to the advancement and support of a student-centered college search process. CTCL supports the goal of each student finding a college that develops a lifelong love of learning and provides the foundation for a successful and fulfilling life beyond college. The program will be in Dallas August 15, 2010. <http://ctcl.org/events/dallas10>

### **From the Davidson Institute:**

#### **Tips for Parents: Executive Functioning at Home and School**

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regulating attention, mood, and behavior, in order to get complex tasks done well. We can think of EF as being like the little CEO in the frontal lobe. EF begins to develop in earliest infancy, and continues throughout childhood and adolescence. Although we cannot expect all gifted children to develop evenly across all domains, we must remember that being gifted and asynchronous is not a "blank check" for not learning to get along in the world. Particularly if a child's EF skills are lagging behind those of his non-gifted age peers, we need to help him learn. Continued at [DAVIDSON](#)

**Congratulations to Mr. Joe LaPuma - Creekview's new principal!**

Watch the C-FB ISD news for the selection of the new DeWitt Perry principal. Joe and his team have done great things at Perry for all the students, including our LEAPers.

**S A V E THIS DATE:**

**September 25th - C-FB AGT Fundraiser at Applebee's**

What could be more fun than BREAKFAST?? We are scheduled for a Breakfast Fundraiser at Applebee's Saturday, **September 25, 2010 from 8 AM to 10 AM.**

Breakfast consists of eggs, hash browns, bacon, sausage, fruit, biscuits and beverages. Please place this event on your calendars.

**We will need volunteers to staff the restaurant throughout the two hours.**

**Timothy Isaly will develop two teams (A - 7:30 - 9:00 AM, and B - 9:00 - 10:30 AM).**

Who can say now that they are available? email [isalyt@verizon.net](mailto:isalyt@verizon.net)

The other important factor besides staffing the event is getting people to purchase tickets. Tickets are only \$8 and benefit a GR8 cause! YOUR HELP IS IMPORTANT!

**C-FB AGT is seeking campus reporters.** Share news from your campus with our families!

We are seeking parents or students to volunteer news stories for the Gifted Gazette! email the editor at [cfbagtnews@yahoo.com](mailto:cfbagtnews@yahoo.com)

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