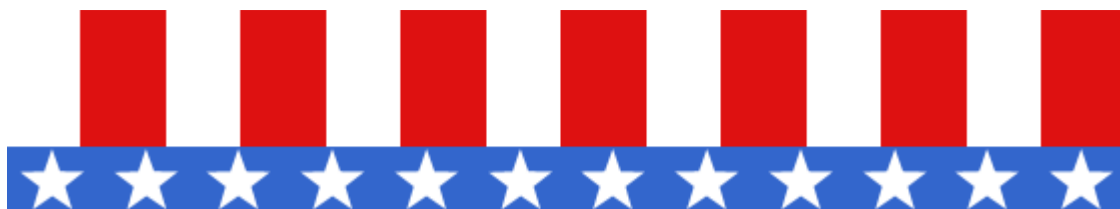


**Summerfun for Adult & Children !**

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## C-FB Association for the Gifted & Talented Gifted Gazette E-dition

### **Summertime and the Learning is 'Easy' ???**

Tie dying t-shirts, painting with feet, movie-making - these are just some of the activities already completed by SAGE students in the first two weeks while at Blalack Middle School . Critical thinking activities abound with Hands On Algebra Equations, making volcanoes and reading about earthquakes too! Students in grades 5-7 have been visited by Superintendent Bobby Burns, Carrollton police chief Rex Redden and CFB Media Director Angela Shelley while learning about Citizenship and sharing of Power in various community settings. After hectic campaigning and using a real ballot counting machine from Dallas County Elections office, two lucky students were elected to be Principal and Vice-Principal for the day! SAGE second graders say "I like it because we learn different things here" and "We meet new people and we explore new things." Have your ACE students tried SAGE yet? Put this on your calendars for registration around April 2011. You'll be glad you did (and so will the kiddos).

### **Teachers Keep On Learning!**

Shortly after the grades were entered and classrooms tidied up, over 441 C-FB ISD teachers went back to 'school.' Our own Department of Advanced Academics created a the Gifted Summer Institute which consisted of a full series of programs for educators. This illustrates the professional commitment to life-long learning and striving to better meet our students needs.

What were they learning? Sessions from Gifted U included: Six Thinking Hats, Using Thinking Maps, The Creative Mind, Building Portfolios, Get Connected, Renzulli Learning Systems and Texas Performance Standards Project. These are just a few of the sessions!

### **Teachers Become Students!!**

Our teachers enjoy life-long learning opportunities -- from time to time we'll share some of their favorites. This is from Mrs. Lisa Runyon of McCoy Elementary:

The most important thing I do during the summer to prepare for the coming year is have individual meetings with my incoming parents and their child, my future student. It is a wonderful opportunity for us to begin building relationships which are so important for student achievement. Plus, we start the new year as friends instead of strangers!

In addition, I will be taking part in The College of William and Mary Professional Summer Institute at the Center for Gifted Education. The course will focus on the development of students' skills in literary analysis and interpretation, persuasive writing, linguistic competency, and oral communication. After completing the class, I will tour many historical sites and museums in the area as well as Washington, D.C. I expect I will be tired after all this!

Towards the end of July, I will participate in an intensive week of study at the AP Summer Institute at the University of Texas at Dallas. My studies there will focus on Pre-AP Middle School Language Arts curriculum, which will enrich the literary analysis and writing in my classroom. In August, between parent and child conferences, I will attend several district trainings relating to science and technology. All in all, I will spend about four weeks involved in meetings, classes, and travel that will directly impact my students. The best part of summer for a teacher like me - being a student!

#### **First Suzy Hagar Grant Awarded to C-FB ISD Teacher!**

Thanks to many generous donations from C-FB AGT members and the community, the C-FB ISD Educational Foundation was able to make its first award from the Suzy Hagar Endowed Fund for Gifted Education. Congratulations to Mrs. Toni Underwood. Mrs. Underwood teaches Inter Disciplinary Studies and other Language Arts classes at Ted Polk Middle School. She will take a course called "Museum Forum for Teachers: Modern and Contemporary Art" this July.

C-FB AGT started funding this endowment in 2005 to honor Suzy Hagar, the former Executive Director of Advanced Academics upon her retirement. Suzy had a strong passion for our students and for our teachers, and this seemed a fitting way to honor her and the teachers. Through regular donations by C-FB AGT and our members and friends we reached the \$10,000 requirement in late 2009! The C-FB ISD Educational Foundation administers this endowed fund. Donations to build the fund are always welcome. See <http://www.cfbiseducationalfoundation.org/funds.htm> for more information.

#### **Parents Becoming Net-Savvy -- (You Know Your Kids Are!)**

SENG is offering two technology oriented webinars in July.

July 20th: Making The Internet Safer For Gifted Children & Teens

July 22nd: Great Internet Links For Gifted Kids & Families Appropriate For The Entire Family

July 20: The internet is a powerful tool that has become an ally in our efforts to meet the unique social and emotional needs of our gifted children. Our kids are growing up in an age where "Google" is a verb, school homework commonly requires internet access, and social networking is the way many kids communicate. To help gifted kids thrive in the internet age, parents and educators can learn and share these internet safety skills, including:

- How to protect your PC best with free virus and spyware protection
- Interactive and fun sites that teach children and teens how to safely use the internet
- Important tips to teach your kids how to interact safely in an online global community.

July 22: Help your gifted child enjoy the internet in safe and wonderful cyber-places that nurture his/her social and emotional needs. For children and teens of every age, there are great websites full of fun and learning, even games to protect your child online and get your child outside to play!

This program will will introduce vetted sites that are safe, exciting and free or low-cost!

- The most entertaining and educational sites!
- Games that teach teens how to protect themselves online!!
- Even games that get your child - or teen - outside to play!!!

Kids of all ages love the internet! Families can enjoy web play together! Join us to learn many of these great websites, from wordless fun for preschool children to a teen game of social networking pitfalls, from great fun and educational pages to a site that gets kids and their parents off the computer and out into the world.

For complete information see [www.sengifted.org](http://www.sengifted.org)

### Summer "Brain Food" for Adults!

Do you like learning about good books and hearing what others think of them? Highland Park United Methodist Church offers FREE book reviews throughout the summer. Known as the Rejebian Reviews, the upcoming schedule includes:

Dinner: 5:30 p.m. in Great Hall,  
Reviews: 7:00 p.m. in Wesley Hall

June 23 -The Big Rich by Julie Alexander  
June 30: William S. Covington, The Constitution  
July 7: Nancy Ashley, Ladies of Liberty  
July 14: Joy Davis, The Jerusalem Diamond  
July 21: Jimmie Kennedy, Robert Wagner: Pieces of My Heart  
July 28: Rose Mary Rumbley, A New Literary History of America

For complete information see: [http://www.hpumc.org/pages/09\\_Rejebian](http://www.hpumc.org/pages/09_Rejebian)

## LEGO Contest 8/2 deadline

The 2010 LEGO Smart Creativity contest is open. It requires a LEGO Smart Kit (which is free). For more information go to: <http://www.legoeducation.us/about/item.aspx?art=3465&bhcp=1>  
Contest is open to K-12 teachers and home school educators. If you are a teacher, check it out for this year. If you're a parent, put this on your calendar to visit with your teachers about for NEXT YEAR!

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