

Carrollton-Farmers Branch Association for the Gifted & Talented  
C-FB AGT  
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## Welcome Back!

If your experiences are like ours, we enjoyed a hot summer away from school, but are excited to have our children return to the classroom (and for us to get back to a 'regular' schedule). Much is happening in C-FB ISD and C-FB AGT. We hope you can take a few minutes to put your feet up, pull out your calendar and make some notes! C-FB AGT is an all-volunteer organization which serves the entire school district of six cities and beyond. Our goal is to provide resources to parents, educators and students that will help them understand more about 'giftedness'.

Bookmark the new website! We hope to have an updated calendar and post new events regularly.

Reminder: You are receiving this e-news because you are a member of C-FB AGT during 2009-2010 and/or 2010-2011 school year. Until November 1 we will send this e-news to last year's members as a courtesy (and to encourage you to renew!). If you need a little more 'encouragement' to renew/join, family dues will increase November 1 from \$20/family to \$25/family. So don't delay.

In November we will send you a 'you are a member' email to confirm that we have you on our roster.

With that official business, please get your calendars out and plan to attend some events this year and make connections with other families and the staff of Advanced Academic Services!

Warmly,  
Alex Sagcal, President ([president@cfbgifted.org](mailto:president@cfbgifted.org))  
Timothy Isaly, Vice President ([vicepresident@cfbgifted.org](mailto:vicepresident@cfbgifted.org))

## Annual PICNIC Sept 23

Come to Gussie Field Watterworth Park in Farmers Branch with your family and picnic for an informal get-together. This park has lots of parking, a pavilion, rest-rooms, playground, rose gardens and a creek with ducks and geese. Near nightfall we may even see fireflies in the woods!

**Date:** Thursday Sept 23 (Rain date 9/30)

**Time:** 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. An informal, come/go event

**Location:** 2610 Valley View Lane (across street from Oran Good Park)

C-FB AGT will provide light desserts, door prizes.



## You are Getting Hungry...very, very Hungry...

for a Flapjack Breakfast

We've never had a big fund raiser, but this year we want to provide more parent education programs and summer scholarships.... we also LOVE breakfast!

So, we are partnering with **APPLEBEE's Neighborhood Grill on Frankford at Marsh Lane** for a Breakfast Buffet fundraiser.

**SATURDAY SEPT. 25**  
**8:00 a.m. til 10:00 a.m. ONLY**  
**\$8 for adults**  
**\$6 for children (ages 12 and under)**

Tickets are available from any C-FB AGT Board member or come early to Applebee's and get one at the door (limited availability). Tickets will be available at the 9/23 picnic. Applebee's is not normally opened for breakfast. This breakfast is a fundraising service they provide to community organizations, hence the need for tickets. **THIS EVENT IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC... Encourage friends and neighbors. Remember, breakfast is the most important meal of the Day!**

**Breakfast includes eggs, sausage, bacon, hashbrowns, fruit, juice and MORE! YUMMMMM!**

## How Do Parents of Gifted Children Spell RELIEF??

### SENG MODEL PARENT GROUPS!

This is a series of 8 or 9 weeks for parents to connect to share experiences using Dr. Jame Webb's book: A Parent's Guide to Gifted Children as a guide.

A Fall session is beginning October 5 at 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. at the Community Learning Center on Pearl Street.

SIGN UP is requested by September 22.  
 Trained facilitators Melissa Marsh and Mary Lovell will guide the discussions.  
 Fee: \$125 includes the book

Please email Melissa at [fishermarsh@verizon.net](mailto:fishermarsh@verizon.net) or Mary at [mslovell@yahoo.com](mailto:mslovell@yahoo.com) to sign up or for more information.

Space is limited and we need a minimum number for this session to occur.



Join C-FB AGT for 2010-11

Go to [www.cfbgifted.org](http://www.cfbgifted.org)

## STAR Parties Return!

Sept 14th - Dusk - 10:30 p.m.

You are invited to join the Texas Astronomical Society and DeWitt Perry Middle School at the Farmers Branch Historical Park.

The park is located at 2540 Farmers Branch Lane, Farmers Branch, Texas 75234. The Park is just north of I635 and east of I35. You do not need to be present the whole time, simply drop in at anytime and view through the telescopes and learn about our amazing universe. Nighttime observations will begin at sundown.

Targets include Jupiter, the 1st Quarter Moon, star clusters and other deep sky objects. Come see the cloud belts and moons of Jupiter, craters and mountains on the moon, rich star clusters, and much more! In addition, the personnel running the scopes will be more than happy to help you identify stars, constellations and learn some science!

## AAS Launches Elementary ACE Advisory Committee

At the end of the last school year, AAS initiated a 'task force' of parents, educators and administrators with the goal of improving services provided to students enrolled in the ACE program on the elementary school campuses across the district.

Members of the committee include:

Walter Thompson-Principal, Freeman Elementary  
Marci Matlock- 4th Grade Bilingual teacher, Carrollton Elementary  
Kim McAnally- Teacher, Kent  
Jamie Smith-Counselor, Rainwater  
Beth Martini- Parent, Las Colinas  
Michelle Kidson- Parent, Strickland  
Vernon Steitz-Parent, Strickland  
Carole Blythe-Parent, Rosemeade  
Cherin Escher-Parent, Strickland  
Tammy Williams-Parent, Riverchase  
Alex Sagal-Parent, C-FB AGT

One outcome is that each elementary campus principal will be sending a letter to parents advising them how the campus will serve those students. If you have an ACE student on an elementary campus, please watch for this

letter. If you don't receive this letter, please check with your student's teacher of record, or the AAS Specialist assigned to your campus.

## AAS Specialists and Campuses They Serve

The Department of Advanced Academic Services is led by Executive Director, Gerry Charlebois. This 'small but mighty' team serves students at all C-FB ISD campuses. There have been some staffing changes, due in part to budget constraints. Here is the current list of Specialists and their campus assignments. Each is responsible for MANY other activities in addition to these assignments. The department website can be found by going through this link:

<http://cfbisd.edu/pages/deptsCurAdvAcadServ.cfm>

### **Staff & Assignments:**

Pat Cole: Rainwater, Riverchase and performs assessments.

Tina Flatt: Elementary campuses: Blair, Blanton, Carrollton, Central, Davis, Farmers Branch, Good, Landry, Las Colinas, Thompson and Bush Middle School.

Jettie Lemon: Freeman, Furneaux, LaVillita, McKamy, McLaughlin/Strickland, McWhorter, Rosemeade, Sheffield Intermediate and Primary, Stark.

Patti Parker: Early College High School, Grimes/Salazar, Creekview, Newman Smith, Ranchview, R.L. Turner.

Dr. Carol Schelp: Blalack, Field, Long, Perry, Polk MS and Kent & McCoy elementary,

Jeanne D'Amico is the Department Manager,  
Ruthe Houser is the Secretary for Professional Records/Specialists.

Michelle Sacramento: Clerk

## When Your Kid Hurts, You Hurt...

SENG (Supporting Emotional Needs of the Gifted) was founded by Dr. James Webb over 25 years ago. Many of you were touched by Dr. Webb when he was a keynote speaker at symposium. SENG is competing for a \$250,000 PepsiRefresh grant. This grant will train more parents to become SENG parent group facilitators, especially in communities which are under-served and where families speak English as a second language.new, etc. BUT...votes are needed...**DAILY IN SEPTEMBER**....on the web, facebook and texting.

**WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO VOTE AND TO ENCOURAGE OTHERS** to as you are able. Go to [www.sengifted.org](http://www.sengifted.org) for complete information. SENG's website also has many other resources that help parents, educators, health professionals.

## October 14 - Spotlight on High School Academies

This evening for parents and students is returning because YOU ASKED FOR IT! Last year the informal evening introduced parents and students (primarily families with students in grades 5-8) to the C-FB ISD options for high school. Details are still in progress, but save this date!

## Cool Halloween Fun for Ghouls 'n Ghosts!

Come to Dr. Pepper/Stars Skating Center October 31 and SKATE with other families during the **OPEN SKATE TIME**. Wear costumes, if you dare. This will be another social and fun(d) raiser. C-FB AGT will receive a portion of the fees as a donation from the Center! So bring all your friends and have some cool fun.

**Date:** Sunday October 31

**Time:** 1-3 p.m.

**Location:** Dr. Pepper Stars Center  
12700 N Stemmons Frwy (I-35 E and Valley View Lane)

**Cost:** \$9

## TAGT Annual Conference in Ft.Worth!

One of the largest (and we think best) conferences on gifted education will come to Ft.Worth **November 10-12**. Texas Association for the Gifted & Talented advocates on behalf of our children, provides resources to educators and helps parents. C-FB AGT is a parent-affiliate member of TAGT. If you want to learn more first hand, this is a great opportunity. There will be sessions for educators, parents, counselors and administrators. Complete information is at

[www.txgifted.org](http://www.txgifted.org)

Don't delay as **early registration rates expire September 29th**.

## Fall Campout November 5-7th

C-FB AGT families are invited to go camping at Lake Ray Roberts State Park. This has been a fun event organized by the Fearless Camp Director: Timothy Isaly. Space is limited. Email [isalyt@verizon.net](mailto:isalyt@verizon.net) for more details.



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