



C-FB AGT Gifted Gazette E-News

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January and February offer LOTS of opportunities for families to learn more about the wild world of 'gifted.'

While we live with our kids every day sometimes we wonder how can we help them achieve their 'potential.'

They change before our eyes- - sometimes so quickly that we wonder if they're the same person!

Other times the changes are almost imperceptible until someone who hasn't seen them for a while remarks on 'how much they've changed.'

Take out your calendars and resolve to attend at least one of the events in January and February. Each offers something different, depending on your interest, need and time.

Book mark
www.cfbgifted.org and
www.txgifted.org

We will be updating the

January & February At A Glance

January 12th - C-FB PTA Council Meeting- C-FB ISD Admin

Building 9:45 a.m.

Dr. Sheila Maher - Shares information on proposed changes to grading practices. Come learn more about this initiative. Check Council website for answers to questions. www.cfbpta.org

January 13th - Middle School UIL Academic Competitions

Newman Smith High School. An evening for our students to 'show what they know' competing in subjects as diverse as math, play, oral interpretation and many more -- connect with parents by volunteering to judge, score or just observe. If you can volunteer during the evening, please email Ruthe Houser at houserr@cfbisd.edu. She is in Advanced Academic Services.

January 25th- C-FB AGT Parent Education Program

Dr. Jacque Gamino of UTD's Center for Brain Health Technology Learning Center. 2427 Carrick Street, Farmers Branch. Doors open 6:45, Program begins at 7:00 p.m.

You'll learn more about current research on the brain, especially teen brains and the Middle School Program research effort. Should be VERY interesting! This program is for anyone, but should be ideal for high school and middle school students and their families and is free.

February 4th - Game Night Returns- Come to DeWitt Perry Middle School 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. It's a Friday night, so we might as well all play! All welcome - bring your favorite games and snacks and play-away! Very informal fun. Adults can play games too. Family friendly, but please do not drop off elementary school (or younger) students. This is a time for socializing, learning new games and having some fun!

February 5th - C-FB ISD AAS Assessments for students

residing in the district, but not enrolled in C-FB ISD schools. Every year Advanced Academic Services provides screening/assessment for gifted services to families who reside in C-FB ISD, but whose children are not yet in C-FB ISD schools. Registration is STRONGLY encouraged to provide appropriate resources. See

C-FB AGT website with news about Symposium soon. Texas Association for the Gifted & Talented will share news about its Parent Conference (register) and about the Texas state legislature initiatives that affect gifted education. The State's budget crisis is expected to affect every aspect of education and vital services to our children are not immune. We may call on you to become more active advocates if TAGT advises us that this would be helpful.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

Alex Sagcal, President
Timothy Isaly, Vice President

**Recognize a
Supporter of
Gifted
Education!**

**SWAN Award
Nominations are
OPEN!**

Each year C-FB AGT recognizes special supporters of our high-ability students through the Swan Award. Last year educators Lena Gicheru and parent Mary Lovell were the honorees. If you know an administrator, educator

<http://cfbstaff.cfbisd.edu/cfbgiftedandtalented/>

February 10th - "Boot Camp" for Families with Students in C-FB ISD Gifted Programs. TLC 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Do you wonder what ACE or LEAP means? Curious about what is cluster grouping? What is different about differentiation? What are middle and high school services for our kids? Advanced Academics will answer these questions and explain services for our kids from grades K through 12.

The evening will begin with a 'group' welcome and orientation. Then families will break out into rooms related to grades to learn about services and meet other parents from across the district. Spanish language translation will be provided. Childcare is not provided, so please use your good judgment before bringing very small children. Students in middle school may find this useful, but your judgment in bringing them is appreciated. Program is free and open to ALL families who want to learn more about how C-FB ISD serves gifted students.

February 19th - TAGT Parent Conference

Hurst Conference Center 8:45 a.m. - 3:45 p.m.

You'll meet parents from across the state and participate in top-notch workshops/seminars geared to parents of gifted kids. Breakfast provided, lunch on your own.

Keynote by Lisa Rivero, on Growing With Intensity looks at the role intensity plays in giftedness so parents can better help their children with issues such as perfectionism, stress and 'not fitting in.' She's a noted author and member of SENG's board and an engaging speaker. Complete details at www.txgifted.org

SAVE THESE DATES: Symposium April 8 & 9, 2011

Symposium provides a day of learning, resources and networking for parents and children!

Friday will be an evening event for all - no registration required. **WHAT THEY'RE LOOKING FOR IN COLLEGE ADMISSIONS.** College admissions representatives will share insights on the admissions decisions.

Saturday "**The Journey of Raising Gifted Kids**" offers families, caregivers, teachers and children a day of enrichment. Keynote by Kathleen Fischer: "The Giggle & Braid Society meets the Burp the Alphabet Club" How gifted girls and boys differ (and how they may be similar). You'll enjoy Ms. Fischer's practical insights and advice. **REGISTRATION REQUIRED.** Complete information will be distributed soon.

If you are a C-FB AGT member and send in your registration by the early-registration date, your entire family can attend free as a benefit of your membership!

Watch your emails and check out www.cfbgifted.org for information as

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or parent who goes
'above' the call of 'duty'
- you may nominate
him/her. See [SWAN](#) for
complete information.

Swan awards will be
announced at the
Annual Spring
Symposium.

2011 starts with LOTS of Resources !
details are known.

If you have ideas for stories, things you want to know more about,
questions, please let me know.

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