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## Gifted Gazette E-dition

### Learn How to Combat Underachievement Syndrome: An Educational Epidemic

Many capable children in our classrooms don't work up to their abilities. Patterns that cause underachievement occur in the home and in school. Parents and teachers may overlook or misinterpret the symptoms or may be manipulated by children. Dr. Sylvia Rimm's TRIFOCAL model provides guidelines for accelerating learning, changing expectations and engaging parents in regular or gifted school programs.

Dr. Rimm is a best-selling author, a noted psychologist and a television and radio correspondent. She has authored many books, including "How to Parent So Children Will Learn" and "Why Bright Kids Get Poor Grades." Both books were 2008 National Best Books award winners from USA Book News. Her book "See Jane Win" was a best-seller and was featured on the "Today" program, on "Oprah Winfrey" and in People magazine.

Her presentations are educational, entertaining and insightful!

**Come see why she is one of the nation's leading psychologists!**

**7- 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 19**

Program begins promptly; please arrive early for parking and seating. C-FB ISD Technology and Learning Center, 2427 Carrick St., Farmers Branch

Presented by C-FB ISD Department of Advanced Academic Services. Free and open to all families. Spanish translation available.

### Resources for you!

#### 10 social/emotional needs of gifted students

While gifted students may look "perfect" on paper, teachers know that in the classroom, they are not all the "academic angels" and stellar scholars who some assume them to be.

Successful teachers of the gifted require a special understanding of their students' social and emotional needs.

Here are a few:

1. Strengths and potential problems can be different sides of the same coin.
2. Physical, intellectual, emotional and social growth are not even.
3. Students may doubt they are actually "gifted."

Read more [HERE](#).

#### Quick links

Metroplex Math Circle  
C-FB AGT  
Texas Association for the Gifted and Talented  
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#### Calling all young artists and authors!

Is your 7th-through-12th-grade student a talented artist or author?  
Is he or she willing to compete for national awards and recognition?



## GT forum strikes a chord!

### *Standing room only*

Thank you to the many parents, students and educators who participated in Sept. 22's GT Fall Forum.

Thank you to Gerry Charlebois and the dedicated professionals of Advanced Academic Services who provided insights on how the district and families can partner for student achievement!

Congratulations to the first winners of "Dream Link":

**Conall Hawkins**, McCoy Elementary, third grade

**Samuel Cantu**, Polk Middle School, sixth grade

**Marlee Vandergrift**, Ranchview High School, 11th grade

Their names were drawn at the Sept. 22 all-member meeting before the forum. AGT and AAS will help them connect with community mentors to experience the jobs of their dreams!

### *When you need a 'refresher' course*

Even Bill Gates' kids need help sometimes. And when they do, they consult \_\_\_\_\_ (hint, not their dad).

They turn to Khan Academy, a free, online resource with

LOTS of tips and easy to understand tutorials.

Perhaps you need a refresher on ... maybe the slope and y-intercept equations? Or diffusion and osmosis? Or something simpler, such as plate tectonics?

Yep, it's all here.

And it's all free. (Tip: Families with elementary-age students ... keep this bookmarked for middle school!) Just visit [www.khanacademy.org](http://www.khanacademy.org)



## Games and 'Brains'

### *Because you wanted to know!*

If the answers are "yes," then ...

check out the Alliance for Young Artists & Writers. The national competition deadline is in December!

Find out more at [ART](#).

### **DUKE TIP time**

Duke's Talent Identification Program provides opportunities for our students to participate in lower-stakes assessments that are like the SAT tests they will take later in life.

When they participate in these practices, they get exposure to these simulations and know more of what to expect as they mature.

Parents and students receive detailed information on the test results, and if they score high enough, students are eligible to participate in additional Duke opportunities.

More information is at [www.tip.duke.edu](http://www.tip.duke.edu)

### **Teaching life lessons through tinkering**

We know that there are other seasons besides summer, fall, winter and spring.

So as we enter the "science fair" and "DI" seasons, we thought you'd enjoy this creative take on tinkering from Gever Tulley.

As founder of the Tinkering School, he loves to build things with kids and offers TED talks that teach life lessons on the benefits of tinkering.

## **GAMES**

C-FB AGT is connecting with other area parent groups that support "GT" students/educators in their districts. As a result, a GAME NIGHT is available to all C-FB AGT members!

**Date:** Saturday, Oct. 8

**Time:** 5 - 8 p.m.

**Location:** Dallas Games Marathon -- Plano

930 W. Parker Road, Suite 530

Bring your dinner or snack. Snacks also will be available for purchase.

More than 200 games are available, or bring your favorites. Meet families from other school districts and discover some new games! Event is FREE, but donations to defray expenses will be appreciated.

## **BRAINS**

National Geographic's October issue contains a cover feature on the TEENAGE BRAIN! The discussion on NPR this week was fascinating!

Read more at [TEENBRAINS](#)

Visit

[Life Lessons](#)

The C-FB Association for the Gifted and Talented is a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting parents, students and educators of high-ability students. Visit us at [www.cfbgifted.org](http://www.cfbgifted.org) and on Facebook at [Carrollton-Farmers Branch Association for the Gifted and Talented](#)

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