

C-FB AGT Gifted Gazette
Newsletter of Carrollton-Farmers Branch Association for the Gifted & Talented
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Welcome!

Since 1979 C-FB AGT has supported appropriate educational opportunities for all gifted and talented students in the district. C-FB AGT is a voluntary, independent organization of parents, educators and friends of gifted education.

We achieve our mission by:

- Sharing information related to educating high ability learners through meetings and special events
- Informing members of legislative issues impacting gifted education,
- Networking with the Texas Association for the Gifted and Talented (TAGT) and the National Association for Gifted Children (NAGC) and other community groups supporting education.

You are receiving this newsletter because your child has been identified by the district as having exceptional academic ability. After this issue, newsletters for the school year will be distributed via email and posted on our website. If you want to participate in C-FB AGT and connect with parents and children with similar needs, then I urge you to join us. CFB_AGTCommunications@verizon.net should be in your address book to receive the news. C-FB AGT members receive information, support and access to high quality programs, including the Annual Spring Symposium on Gifted Education.

In April 2006, the acclaimed psychologist, Dr. Sylvia Rimm, inspired families. Symposium 2007 is in the early planning stages and we hope you will attend.

A membership form is attached to this newsletter. See you soon! Mary Lovell, President



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Mark Your Calendars

- ✓ **October 26 – 7 – 8:30 p.m. All-Members Meeting**
TLC 2427 Carrick Rd. Farmers Branch
Timeless Tips for Guiding Gifted Students: An Apple Today Helps Achievers Tomorrow

How can I better advocate for my child? What easy, fun activities can we do on our campus for gifted kids? What's ACE really all about? Do AP and pre AP classes have any value (besides more homework?) What is IB? DUKE?

7:00 p.m. Gerry Charlebois presents the state of the district on gifted education – what's new in ACE, IB and more.

7:45 p.m. Panel on Tips for Parents on Advocacy. Things you can do at home and with your campus.

If you have a specific topic or area of interest, it would help us greatly if you can email this to cfb_agt_president@yahoo.com

We will do our best to get the questions answered for you. Child care is NOT available for this meeting.

- ✓ **November 15-18 – Annual Conference – Austin, Texas Association for the Gifted & Talented.**
Resource-rich conference for teachers and parents. See www.Txgifted.org for more information.

- ✓ **Jan 26- Scholarship Clinic and Family Game Night- TLC 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.**

It's never too early to learn about scholarships and tips on writing applications. Following this informative meeting, we'll play family games. Bring a snack/dinner and be prepared to have fun! All children must be accompanied by an adult.



Make a Difference - - Join C-FB AGT And Become Involved!

At McCoy's LEAP orientation I met a young lady who is a "LEAP alumnae" from our district and is now attending Harvard University on a full academic scholarship. She thanked us for all we do, sharing her appreciation for the education CFB-ISD and AGT helped to provide. We are fortunate that our district strives to meet the needs of all its students. Thank you Dr. Griffin, Gerry Charlebois and AAS staff. Thank you teachers and parents. Congratulations Ting Zhang. You are an inspiration to us all and make what we do so worthwhile. Families: **We need YOU** to help us help our children. Please join us and help make a difference to these children who have so much potential!

Laurie Fantine, Vice President

Campus Corner

C-FB AGT encourages G/T students and families to network on your campus. There are lots of activities that can be done with a 'ringleader' and supportive administration! We'll share more ideas on how to start a parent group at our Oct 26th meeting or you can contact me directly at debralynn.santora@comcast.net

DeWitt Perry Middle School

The GT kids at DeWitt Perry Middle School are a busy bunch. Many are members of the World Renowned Robotics Team (Number 1 ranked Middle School Team in the World), Regional and World Renowned Knowledge Masters Olympics (6th Grade Spring Team was 1st in Texas and 7th in the World - with nearly 5000 students competing), Band, Orchestra, Rocketry Club, Athletics, involved in the UIL competition, Strategy Club and Drama just to name a few. (Whew).

Between all these activities, we still squeezed in campus group events last year, such as a ceramic night, movie and game nights. This year we hope to add laser tag, a trip to the Dallas Children's Theater and whatever else the group decides.

If you are a G/T family at DeWitt Perry this year, please join us. We have a lot of fun together. A flyer will be sent home with your student sometime in September. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at cindy.uebele@verizon.net. See you then.

Cindy Uebele - DeWitt Perry Campus Group

Good Gators Love Games!

Good Elementary's G/T families started the year with a family game night in August 2006! It was hot outside but in our cool cafeteria we enjoyed chicken foot, sudoku, and lots of other games. We hope to host another game night this school year, so be looking for the news!

Jo Gardner, Good Elementary

Las Colinas Elementary Mustangs Rock!

Last year Las Colinas Elementary revived its campus group for G/T families. Our chess club has really taken off. Last year we had 32 students and met Mondays after school in our library. This year we are growing and will add guest teachers and a competition. Our ACE kids love the game and getting to know each other!

Debralynn Santora, Las Colinas Elementary

Supporting our Teachers

In 2005 C-FB AGT launched the Suzy Hagar Fund with the C-FB ISD Educational Foundation. This endowment will provide financial support to teachers who pursue training in gifted education. We thought this would be a fitting legacy to honor Suzy Hagar, who retired as Executive Director of Advanced Academic Services. Suzy's passion is helping students be all they can be. We hope to complete this endowment this year and make our first award at symposium. If you are looking for a way to honor a special person, please consider the C-FB ISD Educational Foundation and designate your donation to the Suzy Hagar Fund.
<http://www.cfbisd.edu/pr2/foundation/>

Supporting Our Kids with Summer Scholarships

The generosity of our members and supporters made these scholarships possible! Thank you!

C-FB AGT awarded scholarships to the following students to help them attend enriching summer programs. Congratulations to these accomplished students!

<u>Student Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Program</u>
Jaron Aguirre	Montgomery	2	SAGE
Jasmine Arambula	Farmers Branch	3	SAGE
Amit Banerjee	McCoy	2	UTD Chess Camp
Neeraj Bhatia	Newman Smith	9	Speech & Debate Camp
Shaan Bisht	Tom Landry	1	SAGE
Matthew Estrada-Millican	McCoy	4	SAGE
Raquel Garcia	Farmers Branch	3	SAGE
Areesha Hermani	Kent	1	SAGE
Hector Hernandez	Country Place	3	SIGS Plano
Patrick Hong	McCoy	3	SAGE
Shah Rukh Khimani	Davis	5	SAGE
Ahona Mukherjee	McCoy	3	UTD Chess Camp
Amam Punhoose	Good	2	SAGE
Roberto Rodriguez	Carrollton	4	SAGE
Abbey Sagcal	Good	2	SAGE
Jesus Sosa	Carrollton	3	SAGE
Kaitlin Uebele	Hockaday	10	Spain Summer Program
Hayley Vaughan	Polk	7	Dallas Academy of Texas
Giancarlo Vertti	Bernice Freeman	1	SAGE
Martha Vertti	Bernice Freeman	2	SAGE



"We judge ourselves by what we feel capable of doing, while others judge us by what we have already done."

- Henry Wadsworth Longfellow