

C-FB AGT Gifted Gazette

Newsletter of Carrollton-Farmers Branch Association for the Gifted & Talented

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Mark Your Calendars!

Friday, February 3 – Family Game Night @ Technology Learning Center

Games that enrich and entertain children of all ages. Pack up your family, your favorite games and a snack. Then come to the TLC at 7:00 p.m. for an evening of games. An adult must accompany all children.

Saturday, April 8 – Spring Symposium 2006 Helping Gifted Kids Soar

Workshops for parents and children. Keynote speaker will be the noted child psychologist and author, Dr. Sylvia Rimm. Registration information will be coming home to all students identified as gifted and available on our website. Symposium registration will be free for C-FB AGT members who follow the pre-registration requirements.



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Around the Gifted Community

Area parent organizations often share their information with us and invite our members to attend.

Some websites to check out include:

HEB – www.hebagt.org

Southlake – www.southlakespace.org

Park Cities – www.pctag.org

Texas AGT – www.txgifted.org

January 28 – HEB- AGT Summer Program

Fair HEB AGT is bringing many resources together to provide ideas for summer learning experiences. For more information see www.hebagt.org



Recommended Reads

Please check our local libraries or the Advanced Academics Library (AAS office in TLC). Please follow guidelines for checking out materials.

Empowering Gifted Minds - Barbara Jackson Gilman

With Observations on the Inner Experience of Giftedness - Quinn O'Leary

Brains That Work a Little Bit Differently - Allen D. Bragdon & David Gamon
Recent discoveries about common brain diversities

Guiding The Gifted Child - James T. Webb, Elizabeth A Meckstroth, Stephanie S. Tolan - A Practical resource for parents and teachers

Why Bright Kids Get Poor Grades, and What You Can Do About It – Dr. Sylvia Rimm – Insights into “underachievement syndrome” and how parents and teachers can identify and address it.

Recommended Websites: Davidson Institute for Talent Development — www.ditd.org

Hoagies Gifted www.hoagiesgifted.org –

National Association for Gifted Children – www.nagc.org

Support C-FB ISD Education Foundation – Suzy Hagar Fund!

“It is the supreme art of the teacher to awaken joy in creative expression and knowledge.”

Albert Einstein

C-FB ISD serves its 2,500 gifted and talented students through the vision of those who came before us. One of those visionary leaders is Suzy Hagar, former Executive Director of Advanced Academic Services (“AAS”), whose special talents, drive and dedication helped shape the district’s services to gifted students into the leading program it is today. When Suzy retired in June 2005, C-FB AGT and the Department of AAS found a fitting way to memorialize her legacy by initiating an endowed fund administered by the C-FB ISD Education Foundation.

The mission of the Suzy Hagar Fund is to help teachers of gifted and talented students with the costs associated with continuing education that will enhance their knowledge and teaching skills. These teachers can then continue to appropriately challenge our gifted and talented students, enhancing their educational experiences.

As you consider year end giving, please join me in supporting C-FB ISD Education Foundation’s Suzy Hagar Fund. Any amount will move us closer to our goal of \$10,000. If each C-FB AGT member donates **\$25**, we **would completely fund this endowment!** The fund could help teachers of C-FB AGT students as early as this Spring. Please, support our incredible teachers who work so diligently to challenge our children.

You can support the Suzy Hagar fund through the C-FB ISD Foundation website: <http://www.cfbisd.edu/pr2/foundation/downloads/contribution%20form.pdf>. **Please make sure you write Suzy Hagar Fund in the memo of your check.**

Mary Lovell



News Briefs

LEAP Kindergarten is starting! Students are being identified for placement into a class at McCoy. Students must be aged 5 by September 1st. If you know of a potential candidate please nominate them for testing at their home campus or contact AAS.

TAGT Summer Scholarship deadline is March 1st. It may be cold outside, but it’s not too early to be deciding on summer programs. Texas Association for the Gifted and Talented offers scholarships for students and awards to outstanding teachers. Don’t wait until the last minute to apply! See www.txgifted.org for more information. C-FB AGT Scholarship information will be posted soon. C-FB AGT’s deadline will be after TAGT’s deadline.

October 27th AGT meeting showcased outstanding students and programs. Did you know that students completing the Biomedical Academy are certified EMT’s? We were dazzled by the students representing the 3 academies and the Pathways in Engineering Programs. Thank you to all those who attended. Our high school students are soaring!

Campus Groups are forming! Strong parental support is a hallmark for success in school. The campus group at Perry had some smashing times making pottery! We understand a campus group is organizing at Las Colinas. AGT can provide some ideas and tools, the rest is up to you. Share your news via the C-FB AGT newsletter to help others! Connect with other parents of gifted students and help your students connect with each other. Contact Linda Mahony or Melanie Hooten (campusgroups@cfbgifted.org)