

CGA Upcoming Events



Fall 2010 Kick-off Speaker Series Event Todd Kettler, CISD Dir. of Adv. Academics "Characteristics of Gifted Learners and How to Educate Them"

Sometimes there is more myth than reality surrounding gifted learners. They might be quirky and humorous. They might be outgoing and quizzical. They may read fast and memorize details like an electronic scanner. Truthfully, there are very few characteristics that are true about all gifted students, but we will talk about those characteristics and how they translate into educational needs. How might gifted learners develop similarly yet differently compared to their peers?



Location: **CHS Lecture Hall** (located near the school cafeteria, we will have signs posted. Park on the west side near the practice field, or on the east side near the horseshoe)
Date: **Thursday, September 30th, 7 pm**
Cost: \$5 for non-members, FREE for CGA members

You're Invited.....to the **CGA Welcome Picnic** featuring the magic of Christopher Lyle!



Welcome Picnic!
Sunday, October 3
5 pm - 7 pm
Town Center Plaza
South Pavilion

Please join us for a fun and magical evening with plenty of cool treats. Bring your blankets & picnic dinner and relax. Event is FREE & open to the public!

Save the Date!

September

30th - 7 pm, Speaker series:
Todd Kettler. Cost: \$5 for non-members, FREE for CGA members.

October

3rd - 5 - 7pm: CGA Welcome Picnic. Cost: FREE.

TBD - MOSAIC Rocketry:
Water (K-3rd) & Model (4th - 7th)

November

11th - Speaker Series: Jim Delisle

14th - Chess with Dr. Alexey Root.

December

1st - Deadline for CGA Creative Writing Competition

January

TBD - Creative Problem Solving.

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What is the Coppel Gifted Association (CGA)?*

The Coppel Gifted Association is a non-profit parent and student group committed to:

- Promoting awareness of and provide information about the education and social/emotional needs of GT students
- Supporting the CISD and its teachers in their efforts to meet the needs of GT students
- Identifying unmet needs and champion solutions to address them

*To learn more about the CGA, please visit our website at www.coppellgifted.org.

Parents of Gifted Kids Receive Insight, Support for Unique Parenting Challenges

WHO: Any Interested CGA Member

WHAT: SENG (Supporting Emotional Needs of the Gifted)

WHEN: Tuesdays, 9 - 11 am; Sept. 28 - Nov. 16

WHERE: Coppel First United Methodist Church

COST: \$100 includes book: *A Parent's Guide to Gifted Children*



Why does my child seem so sensitive? Why is my child such a perfectionist? I know she's smart; why isn't she making better grades? My child isn't interested in what other kids are interested in. How can I help him find his niche?

Participating in the SENG parenting group provides parents a safe haven to discuss the unique issues that come with having a gifted child. Some parents feel uncomfortable discussing these unique challenges with friends. Others know that the concerns they have are atypical for other children. It's here that parents can receive education, support and advice to help their gifted child succeed at home, as well as advocate for them at school.

A Parent's Guide to Gifted Children, written by James T. Webb, will be the basis of this fall's SENG (Supporting Emotional Needs of the Gifted) Parenting Group, which will begin Tuesday, September 28th. In the book Carol Strip and Gretchen Hirsch summed up what the parenting experience can feel like: "Parenting a gifted child is like living in a theme park full of thrill rides. Sometimes you smile. Sometimes you gasp. Sometimes you scream. Sometimes you laugh. Sometimes you gaze in wonder and astonishment. Sometimes you're frozen in your seat. Sometimes you're proud. And sometimes the ride is so nerve-racking, you can't do anything but cry." To register for the SENG parenting group, please visit www.coppellgifted.org.