**Welcome to the 2011-2012 school year, GT Parents/Families!**

You are receiving this email as part of the Thompson School District's Gifted and Talented Community Email List. If you have been entered onto this list in error or no longer wish to receive e-news and other notifications as part of this list, please email jennifer.solt@thompsonschools.org and request Mailing List Removal.

**HELLO, GOODBYE!**

Where is Danel Lins, and why is this email not coming from her? Over the summer, Danel and her family moved to Georgia. She had served as the Gifted and Talented Parent Liaison and Enrichment Coordinator for Thompson School District for many years and will be greatly missed in the Loveland GT community and in the Thompson School District.

I have big shoes to fill, but I look forward to getting to know those of you in the GT programs of TSD. If you have ideas, comments, concerns, or a need for help, please don't hesitate to contact me: Jennifer Solt, jennifer.solt@thompsonschools.org, 970-613-5057.

**BAG IT UP AND MOVE IT OUT**

Join other parents and staff members at our **GT Brown Bag Lunches.** These lunches are held about once per month at different host schools in the district. You are welcome to attend any or all of these casual get- togethers to network with other GT families, share ideas, and ask questions regarding gifted education in the school district.

Our first Brown Bag Lunch of the new school year will be held at Ivy Stockwell Elementary School (Berthoud) on Wednesday, **September 28,** from **12-12:45 p.m.** No matter where your child attends school, please join us! A complete schedule of dates and locations for the remainder of the school year will be posted soon.

**BUILDING BLOCKS OF THE FUTURE**

You are invited to attend the **Colorado Association for Gifted and Talented's (CAGT's) 2011 Parent Institute,** "Connections: Building the Future for Your Gifted Students." This event takes place at the Marriott Denver Tech Center on **Monday evening, October 10.** Please see the attached flyer for more information or go to <http://www.coloradogifted.org> and click on the link "Parent Institute Information." The registration is $60 for an individual and $100 for two adult family members and can be completed online. The fee includes not only the registration for the institute but also a CAGT Membership and a subscription to Kaleidoscope emailings for one year.

CAGT is a non profit advocacy organization with a 30 year history of providing leadership and support to students, parents and educators of gifted young people in Colorado.

**ARE YOU NEW TO GT?**

**Welcome!** Please do not hesitate to contact me for educational/enrichment resources or with questions you have regarding your child’s GT education. I am here for you!

**2010-2011 Enrichment Opportunities**

* Robotics: Fourth grade through high school
* Spelling Bee: Elementary through middle school
* Chess: Kindergarten through twelfth grade
* MathCounts: Middle school
* Odyssey of the Mind: Kindergarten through high school
* Shadows in the Arts: Fifth through twelfth grade

**Resources for Families of the Gifted and Talented**

* Resource Enrichment Center: Our district Gifted and Talented Office has numerous media resources available for both **parents** and teachers in topics such as creativity, critical thinking, mathematics, reading/language arts, science, social studies, gifted issues, social/emotional concerns, attention deficit disorder, making friends, dealing with homework, parenting, and much more.
* How can you use it? Pick the method that works best for you:
* Call me at 613-5057 and share your specific need or interest. I’ll work with you to locate resources.
* Resources can be picked up at the Administration Building or can be sent directly to your child’s school for pick-up.
* Thompson School District Gifted and Talented information: <http://thompson.k12.co.us/Divisions/Learning_Services/student_support/gt/gifted.html> (more resources are found at this site)
* Hoagies' Gifted Education Page: <http://www.hoagiesgifted.org/> (an award-winning site consisting of over 1000 pages of information on gifted children and adults)
* The National Association for Gifted Children: <http://www.nagc.org/>