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Gifted & Talented Newsletter



October

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Did you know...

Parents don't have to just accept what schools are offering as their only option. They have the right and responsibility to advocate for their student's educational opportunities.

NoCo Gifted Family Community Meeting

The purpose of the NoCo chapter is to foster an understanding of all gifted children and their exceptional needs and to advocate for appropriate education through partnerships with educators, parents, administrators, and more.

Join us at [Starbucks](#), Oct. 3
6:30-7:30 pm

Individual School
Science Fairs

Welcome to the October GT eNewsletter. I hope you enjoy our new format, features, Quick Links, and more. If there are topics and resources you would like to see here, please do not hesitate to let me know. I look forward to supporting your students and family.

Cheers,
Michelle

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Enrichment Programs

Our district GT office coordinates 7 enrichment programs throughout the school year. If you have interest in coaching and/or getting your child involved, please contact the program coordinator listed below or your GT teacher for more information.

[Robotics](#) has a wide variety of opportunities available for kids grade 3-12. Contact [Melissa Sellers](#).

[Odyssey of the Mind](#) is a creative competition for students in K-12. Teams work together to craft unique solutions to questions and scenarios posed by the OM organization. Contact [Melissa Sellers](#).

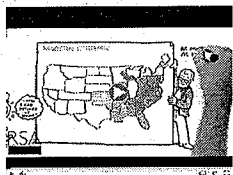
[MATHCOUNTS](#) is a national math competition for middle school students, involving students in team and/or individual competitions. The top five competitors at state win a half-tuition scholarship to DU or the Colorado School of Mines. Contact [Cheryl Gillpatrick](#)

[Chess](#) hosts two competitions that are district-sponsored each year for students K-12. Contact [Brian Lindsey](#).

[Spelling Bee](#) competitions are held at each school. Top finishers move on to compete in district elementary and middle school

If parents are interested in organizing a Science Fair at their school, please contact Carol Swalley or attend a brief meeting Thursday, October 3 at 9am at Starbucks. **RSVP**

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RSA Animate -
Changing Education
Paradigms

Suggested Reading

Beginning Readers

The Giving Tree
by Shel Silverstein

Chapter Books

Magic Treehouse Series
by Mary Pope Osborne

*From the Mixed-Up Files of
Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler*
by E. L. Konigsburg

Misty of Chincoteague
by Margaret Henry

Preteens

*Surely You're Joking, Mr.
Feynman!*
by Dr. Richard Feynman

Young Adults

Bluebeard
by Kurt Vonnegut

Parents

How Children Succeed
by Paul Tough

Gifted Adults

The Joy of Imperfection
by Enid Howarth, Jan Tras

competitions. Contact Lisa Paradise.

Shadow in the Arts consists of nominated students, grades 5-12, who gather at a local school for a workshop sponsored by a local artist. Students learn about the medium in which their artists specialize. Contact Michelle Stout.

District Science Fair welcomes projects from students K-12 in categories such as Animal Sciences, Behavioral & Social Sciences, Chemistry, Earth & Space Sciences, Energy & Transportation, Engineering, Environmental Sciences, Mathematics & Computer Sciences, Medicine & Health, Microbiology, Physics, and Plant Sciences. Contact Carol Swalley.

Brown Bag Lunch Talks

"Parent/Teacher Conferences: Advocating for Your Gifted Child"

Fall is in the air and soon conference slips will be coming home. No matter what the age of your child, we will, or course, attend! We want to support our students, right? But how, as parents of GT kiddos, can we get the most from the conference without leaving feeling as if we didn't get what we needed, or perhaps came across like "that parent"? Be it elementary, middle or high school, we will share tips and strategies that help us effectively advocate for our child, build the parent/teacher partnership we desire, and walk away with the information we need to support our student.

Thursday, October 10 12:10-1:10PM Lucile Erwin Middle School
Register

NoCo Mini Maker Faire

Saturday, October 5, 2013
10AM-6PM

Rocky Mountain Center
for Innovation & Technology

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Come to the Rocky Mountain Center for Innovation at 815 14th Street, NW, in Loveland and learn how to tinker with SparkFun soldering, make and see great art, ride crazy conveyances, experience a 29 Second Film Festival, learn about 3D printing, see a robotics scrimmage, and much more!

For more information, click here.

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