



GIFTED AND TALENTED PROGRAM NEWSLETTER

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Program News

By Ben Hunsanger

The program is finishing its second year with the Advocacy model in place. The model has four components: GT Advocates at the elementary level, middle school seminars, GT Coordinator office hours at high school and the GT Parent Advisory Board.

GT Advocates are liaisons for parents, students, teachers, GT Coordinator and building administrators. They also handle the paperwork for nominations to the program and provide assistance with differentiation.

Middle school seminars are held every quarter. 7th and 8th graders explore various topics: self advocacy, creativity, 21st Century Skills, rigor and careers. This is also an opportunity for GT students to have peer interaction.

The GT Coordinator holds office hours, one day per quarter at each of the high schools. GT students can schedule an appointment and talk about various topics which include course selection, planning for post secondary education, and advocacy.

The GT Parent Advisory Board meets quarterly and advocates for students and programming. They are currently working on a survey for GT students in grades 5-12.

Next year the program will include the addition of Advocates at middle school and expanding assistance with differentiation in the classroom. Also, GT students in grades 6 & 7 will be clustered and clustering will continue at the K-5 level. For more information about the program, the Program Guide can be accessed @

<http://www.waukesha.k12.wi.us/CurriculumInstruction/GiftedTalented.aspx>

GT Parent Advisory Board News

By Becky Cooper, Advisory Board Parent Facilitator

The GT Parent Advisory Board is now entering its third year and we invite you to become involved. Meetings are held quarterly at the Lindholm Building, and we'd love to have a parent representing each school. There are plenty of ways to help: answering questions from parents of newly identified students; maintaining ongoing communication between parents, attending Board of Education and/or Curriculum & Instruction committee meetings; volunteering to help with specific programs at your child's school or acting as a liaison in the larger Wisconsin GT community.

For any questions about the GT Parent advisory board, please feel free to contact Becky Cooper at racoper@wi.rr.com or 391-2705.

Summer Opportunities

Here are a few suggestions for summer experiences for students. All of these classes are for upcoming 2nd thru 9th graders. Science, Math, Language and the Arts are represented.

UW-Waukesha www.waukesha.uwc.edu/ce

Education Innovations for Kids

www.inov8ed.com

Carroll University

<http://www.carrollu.edu/prospective/carrollacad.asp>

Please check our website for other resources and have a great summer.

“Actions Speak Louder Than Words”