

Mark Your Calendars!

- ♦ **Ultimate Scavenger Hunt Regional Event—In Search of Creativity for 7-12th Graders**
May 29-31, 2018 at La Foret, Colorado Springs
- ♦ **GT 101 for All Educators**
June 5, 2018 Register at ecboces.org
- ♦ **Free Summer STEM workshops for students in grades 8-12**
June 6, July 11, August 1, 2018 GT Coordinators have application information

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The Gifted Learner

Spring 2018

News and Updates

State News: Talent Identification

There has been a focus on improving procedures for identification in the talent areas. In the state of Colorado, every Administrative Unit is required to have procedures in place to identify in all areas. At the fall and spring state director's meetings, keynote speakers and break out sessions were centered around resources and best practices in identifying students' talents.

Underrepresented Populations

Educators are invited to attend the Gifted Education Summer Symposium at the Sheraton Denver Tech Center Hotel on June 28-29, 2018.

There is no registration fee.

Colorado Gifted Education Review (CGER)

East Central BOCES will participate in the CGER process November 1-2, 2018

ECBOCES 2016 Regional Gifted Education Updates

This school year we have continued our work with the CDE Twice Exceptional (2e) Team. We worked together to create mini-modules to share with our districts. Each module highlights a 2e element and is meant to be used by GT district coordinators to present at staff meetings. Our goal is to spread knowledge and awareness about 2e across our region.

More districts have participated in Depth & Complexity trainings this year. This training provides strategies to differentiate for students in all content areas in grades K-12. If your district is interested in finding out more about Depth & Complexity, contact Jodi Church.

We have completed the CogAT screenings in 2nd and 6th grades again this year. This assessment is used as a whole grade screener to identify students who may qualify for gifted and talented identification. If scores on CogAT are at or near the 95th percentile, additional data is gathered to make that determination.

The 2016-2020 East Central BOCES Comprehensive Program Plan and the Gifted Addendum to the UIP are both posted on the ECBOCES gifted education website at www.ecboces.org. Click on the Gifted & Talented tab, then look under Reporting.

Ultimate Celebration

Celebrating Space Exploration



Students in grades 3-6 from East Central and North East BOCES' attended a day full of space exploration workshops including Train like an Astronaut, Paper Rockets, Portable Planetarium, Living in Space and Play-Well TEKnologies. Parents were offered a session about over-excitabilities which are common with gifted children. Tips to celebrate and cope with these traits were shared. This event took place at NJC on February 9, 2018.

Ultimate Summit

In Search of Creativity



On February 13th, students in grades 7-12 from East Central and North East BOCES' met at NJC for the Ultimate Summit. The theme focused on creativity, both in the arts domains and in flexible thinking and problem solving. These students were also presented with a session on over-excitabilities.

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GT Coordinators: Don't forget to check out the Gifted and Talented page on the ECBOCES website for:

- GT Networking Meeting Information/ Handouts
- Gifted Programming Ideas
- Gifted Resources for Parents and Educators
- Samples of District Forms and Checklists
- Links to Gifted Websites
- Review of State Documents—AU Plan
- **Many new resources have been posted!**



*Gifted Student
Learning and
Growth*

2017 Ultimate Celebration: *CELEBRATE THE WORLD OF WAVES*



This year's event was held on Friday, October 6th, 2017 at Limon school. Over 90 students and teachers attended this STEM event. This year's program was led by the University of Colorado's Boulder Science Discovery Team.

Each team of students was accompanied by a teacher from their district. The teachers left with some new ideas and resources to use in their classrooms. Each team moved through three rotations that included: Acoustics, Waves, and Human Body Systems; Making Waves in Earth Science; and Waves, Technology and Innovation.

Parents were invited to attend a session on Parenting Gifted Kids: Do's, Don'ts, and the Somewhere In-Betweens, by Adam Hartman. Adam gave helpful advice for strengthening communication, motivating, and helping our gifted children deal with perfectionism and stress.

We would like to thank all of the teachers who helped make this event a success and the Limon School for allowing us to host the event at their school.

PARENTING GIFTED KIDS: DOs DON'Ts & the SOMEWHERE IN BETWEENs

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DON'T PUNISH YOUR CHILD FOR BEING GIFTED

- Be mindful of the fact that your child is growing at different rates in different domains: chronological, mental, physical, emotional, etc.
- Don't let high aptitude slip into an expectation of perfection.
- Don't put all your eggs into one basket.
- Be mindful/patient with over-excitabilities.

