

# November: Parenting Your GT Child

East Central BOCES Gifted & Talented Parent Newsletter 2021

## Gifted Readers

Is your child a gifted reader? Does she finish a book quickly and then immediately start searching for a new one? Reading is one of the academic areas that Colorado recognizes for gifted identification. Gifted readers often learn to read very early, read voraciously, have advanced vocabularies, and use language in creative ways that their age level peers do not, often crafting complex sentences with ease. Gifted readers are not always the top scorers on fluency assessments like DIBELS (Dynamic Indicators of Early Literacy Skills) because they read at a pace that allows deep comprehension. In other words, gifted readers are thinking about the words and how they relate to the story as they read, rather than simply reciting the words seen on the page.

How can you support your gifted readers? Encourage them to find challenging texts about topics they find interesting. Help them search for stories with complex plots or books that allow them to broaden their knowledge and feed their curiosity. In some cases, this may be easier said than done, especially for the youngest gifted readers. It may be challenging to find higher leveled books with topics that are age appropriate.

Lisa Van Gemert has a [youtube channel](#) with resources for parents and teachers of gifted children. She currently has four episodes dedicated to books for bright readers.

Here are a few resources from [davidsongifted.org](#):

- Hoagies Gifted Ed Reading Lists [https://www.hoagiesgifted.org/reading\\_lists.htm](https://www.hoagiesgifted.org/reading_lists.htm)
- Johns Hopkins Center for Talented Youth Reading List <https://cty.jhu.edu/resources/reading-list-good-books-bright-kids>
- MENSA for kids Excellence in Reading Program <https://www.mensaforkids.org/achieve/excellence-in-reading/>
- A Mighty Girl Book List <https://www.amightygirl.com/books>
- Scholastic Book Wizard <https://bookwizard.scholastic.com/>
- Lexile Level Search <https://hub.lexile.com/find-a-book/search>

Of course, as the parent, it is a good idea to preview any books your child chooses.

Find more reading resources from Davidson Institute at <https://www.davidsongifted.org/resource-library/support-during-covid-19/>



## Student Regional Events

### **Celebrate Character**

In October, gifted and talent pool students in grades 3-6 were invited to our annual regional event called Celebration. This year's event was *Celebrate Creativity* and four teaching artists from Think 360 Arts came to our event in Limon. Students learned about puppets and ventriloquism, poetry in motion, and how to create and perform on stage. Parents were invited to watch a short performance at the end of the evening and also had an opportunity to learn more about supporting their gifted children in a parent presentation. It was nice to host an event in person again!

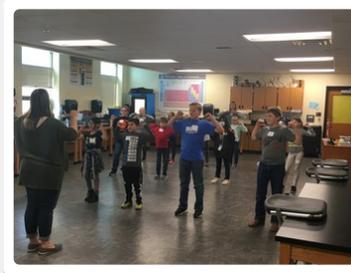
We want to thank the teachers who came to help and the Limon School for use of their building. We appreciate the opportunity to provide events for our students and could not do it without this help.

Northeast BOCES will host a Celebration event in February, so watch for a registration flyer from your child's school.

### ***Coming up:***

#### **Ultimate Summit**

Students in grades 7-12 have been invited to the Ultimate Summit event on November 16th in Sterling or 17th in Limon. The Summit events usually have a career focus and lead up to our spring event, Scavenger Hunt. This Summit will feature Garner Holt Productions. I'll tell you more about it next month!



## Parent Resources

Here are some general resources to support you in parenting your gifted child.

### [National Association for Gifted Children \(NAGC\)](#)

This website has free, timely resources available to all, and an option to join for a fee to receive additional members-only publications. If there a certain topic in gifted education that you would like to learn more about, this is the place to go.

### [Hoagies' Gifted Education](#)

This website has a plethora of information, and as long as you don't mind navigating through what first appears to be a messy website, you will find numerous helpful resources. Hoagies also has a page for gifted children and teens.

### [Colorado Association for Gifted and Talented \(CAGT\)](#)

CAGT is a local organization whose website offers some great resources and opportunities for parents. Each October, CAGT hosts a conference and includes a parent session. This year, the NAGC

conference is coming to Denver, so CAGT did not hold a conference. Be sure to check out the website and watch for the CAGT conference next fall.



## Random, Weird, and Interesting Links for Gifted Students

The following videos were suggested by Ian Byrd, from Byrdseed.com

[Run, Octopus, Run](#) Have you ever seen an octopus run?

[Two forgotten Russian Spacecraft](#) Can you imagine stumbling upon this in the desert?

[Lego's Robot Factory](#) Watch to see how Lego kits are put together.



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